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Diamond Jubilee
of the
Skudesnes Evangelical Lutheran Church

Day County, Pierpont, South Dakota

Sept. 3-4, 1960



*"This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven."*

Gen. 28:17

Pastor: G. E. Udem

Organist: Mrs. Carl Rye



PASTOR G. E. UNDEM

1955—

OUR DEDICATION

To the memory of those pioneer men and women, who labored in Faith to establish the Kingdom of God here, is this Booklet Dedicated.

History of Skudesnes Congregation

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY

Taken from the History compiled for the 40th and 50th Anniversary, by John Enstad and John Eneboe, and translated for the 50th Anniversary by Pastor Distad.

The first meeting which we have a written record of, pertaining to the organization of Skudesnes Congregation, was held July 8, 1885. This meeting was held at the Haldor Hanson home. Pastor L. E. Kjelaas was elected president, T. N. Kjerland secretary. After considerable discussion the Congregation was officially organized with the following as charter members: (24 members in all): Peder Amundson, Johannes Amundson, Amund Abrahamson, A. K. Lockrem, Haldor Hanson, Anton C. Johnson, Knute A. Loe, Hans L. Aadland, Christian Amundson, Ole J. Amundson, T. N. Kjerland, Gjertrud Lockrem, Juel O. Moen, Peder K. Axness, Knute P. Rye, Morton Johanneson, Andrew Paulson, Ole J. Enstad, L. J. Nygaard, Chr. Johnson, Peder J. Alsager, Serena L. Aadland, Edward Lockrem and Johannes J. Lee. A total of 35 adults and to this should be added the children whose names are not listed in the records. The following were elected trustees: Knute A. Loe, Hans L. Aadland, and T. N. Kjerland. They were requested to prepare a constitution to be enacted at a called meeting.

August 23, 1885 a meeting was held at which it was made known that Pastor L. E. Kjelaas had accepted the call as pastor. His salary was set at \$80.00 a year.

At a regular meeting Oct. 24, 1885 the by-laws and Constitution were adopted. The following deacons were elected: P. J. Alsager, A. K. Lockrem and Johannes J. Lee. Each member was assessed 20 cents toward the purchasing of a Ministerial Record Book and a Secretary Book.

The first few years services were held in the sod shacks and dugouts. The houses didn't look very large from the outside but inside there was ample room. (Hvor der er hjerte rum der er det ogsaa hus rum). The new settlers were hearty people, with a faith in the future; people who worked in hopes of better days and larger homes, and they weren't disappointed.



INTERIOR OF SKUDESNES CHURCH

*"O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our maker."
Psalm 95:6*

The school house on the east side of Lynn Lake was used for services. The first large meeting of the Congregation was the Fargo Circuit Convention which met in Nels Williamson's new barn, May 8-11, 1890. The estimated attendance was about 400.

In 1886 preparations were begun towards the building of a church but it was not realized until 1891. The church was 50x30 ft. with a chancel 14x26. The first service in the new church was held July 26, 1891. This church was remodeled in 1903. A tower was erected at a cost of \$1600 and in 1909 the church bell was purchased at a cost of \$392.00.

The first child to be baptized in the congregation was Ida Sophie K. Loe, July 26, 1885. The first confirmation service was held Nov. 14, 1886 when the following were confirmed: Olaf Haakenson, Laurils C. Lockrem, Karl Oscar Johnson, George Elias Stangeland, Hagbert Hanson, Marie J. Lee, Petrina Bergette Pederson, Karine E. Winson, Jeanette Jensine Tofley and Hansine Bang Jensen.

The first marriage was that of Peder J. Alsager and Miss Anna Legreid, Nov. 23, 1885.

The first funeral was that of Hedman Bang Amundson, Sept. 22, 1885, at the age of 1 month, 10 days.

Following pastors have served the Congregation:

L. E. Kjelaas	1885-1896
J. U. Peterson	1896-1905
K. Knutson	1905-1916
T. A. R. Elle	1916-1919
J. F. Melom	1919-1923
L. E. Hammer, P. T.	1923
O. M. Wangensteen	1924-1928
A. E. Distad	1929

The ministerial book has a record of 450 baptized, 95 marriages and 116 funerals.

(The present membership, 1935, is 221 souls, 156 confirmed members and 130 voting members.)

The Congregation belonged to the Old Conference but later joined the United Church, where the membership was kept until Dec. 30, 1896 when it withdrew and joined the Free Church, (where the membership has been retained until the present time). The congregation however continued to support the Kingdom work both at home and abroad.

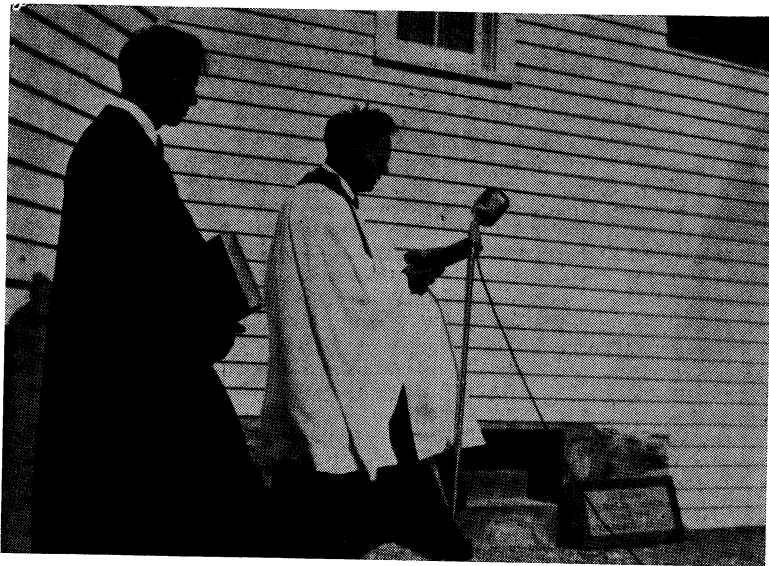
The following 11 charter members were present at the 40th anniversary: J. O. Moen, K. P. Rye, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Enstad, Andrew Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Nygaard, Mrs. C. Young,

P. J. Alsager, Anton Johnson, and Martha Johanneson.

At the 50th Anniversary the following were present: Anton Johnson, Mrs. C. Young, Andrew Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Enstad, P. J. Alsager and Martha Johanneson (Mortenson).

As we look back over these 50 years many changes have taken place, but the blessings of God still remain with us. God the same yesterday, today and forever. Here God has met us with His Word over and over again. Here we have been blessed as we knelt at the Lord's table and received food for our hungry soul. Here we have had the blessing of bringing our little ones to God in Holy Baptism. Many have been taken home to their eternal resting place. With tear stained cheeks we have bidden many a loved one the last farewell. We have sorrowed but not as one without hope, for the living word brings light to all, even to those in sorrow.

As we lay aside our memories of the past 50 years, let us look ahead, remembering that today is our day of opportunity, the day that the Lord has given us to continue in the furtherance of His Kingdom in our midst as well as in other areas where the Gospel is needed. What will your answer be to His call?



DEDICATION SERVICES AT CORNERSTONE LAYING

Shown are: Pastor L. S. Gjerde and former S. Dak. Dist. President,
Dr. L. A. Pierson.

"Let the word of God dwell in you richly" Col. 3:16

History of Skudesnes Congregation

(Continued from 1935, as compiled for the 75th anniversary, Sept. 3-4, 1960, by Mrs. Carl Rye)

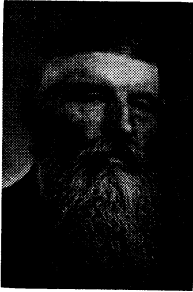
As far back as the winter of 1918 a request was received from Skudesnes Congregation to join the Bergen-Falnes Pastorate. At the annual meeting of the two congregations this was granted and thus the three churches were organized into one parish. This parish continued in this way until in February, 1945 when a meeting was held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont, for the purpose of reorganizing the five churches represented at the meeting, namely, Bethlehem, Skudesnes, Bergen, Falnes and Langford Lutheran. The District President, Dr. L. A. Pierson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, acted as chairman of the meeting and much discussion took place. A committee of three from each of the congregations represented were elected to work out plans for the re-organization. From Skudesnes the following were elected: Arthur Nerland, J. G. Enstad and L. H. Aadland. After several special meetings it was decided that Falnes and Langford should form one parish and Bergen, Bethlehem and Skudesnes form one parish.

For a number of years Skudesnes members had felt the need for more facilities for Sunday School as well as for other activities of the church. In February, 1938, the congregation voted to build a basement. Five men were elected to the building committee: Herman Paulson (chairman), Carl Rye, Isaac Aadland, J. H. Aadland and Edwin Lee. The work began at once with the men of the congregation being divided into groups with one of the committee as captain of his group and doing a greater share of the work. Tractors, pick axes, shovels, wagons and any other device available was used to do the excavating and clearing away of the stone and dirt. The interest was great among all, so by midsummer the basement was completed enough so it was used for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Paulson, June 24, 1938.

With the building of the basement came other needs. In September a different furnace was purchased. Dec. 20, 1938, the light plant was purchased by the Luther League for \$150.00. When the yearly meeting was held in 1939 there was some work left on the basement interior, but we felt as though the project was about completed since it was in use so much of the time.

Former Pastors

"We declare unto you glad tidings."
Acts 13:32



Lorentz E.
Kjelaas
1885 - 1896



John U.
Pedersen
1896 - 1904



Rev. K.
Knutson
1905 - 1916



Theodore A. R.
Elle
1916 - 1919



John F.
Melom
1919 - 1923

The cost of this project had been met except for \$400.00 and this was met by free will donations from the members of the congregation. To add to the many conveniences we now enjoyed, soon there would be better lighting facilities too. In May 1941 the trustees were instructed to sign up for R. E. A. for the church.

August 24, 1942 Pastor Distad tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the congregation. The Distads did not move very far away so we had the good fortune of having Pastor Distad fill the pulpit on many occasions. One of these events was April 11, 1943, when he conducted the dedicatory service for the additional cemetery plot, which was purchased from J. H. Aadland, Jan. 6, 1942, for \$25.00 for the acre plot.

April 8, 1943, it was decided something needed to be done to secure a parsonage in Pierpont. The old parsonage was located in the country not far from the Bergen church. Skudesnes had no part in the ownership of this parsonage but did help with the upkeep. It was felt that it would be more inviting as well as more economical to have a parsonage located in town. Arrangements were made with Falnes and Bergen to purchase the residence of Mrs. Kemp for \$2300.00. When the original parish was dissolved this parsonage was sold for \$4000.00 and the newly formed parish purchased the residence of Mrs. Eric Johnson in 1946. This home serves as the parsonage for the Pierpont Parish at present.

In 1944 the constitution of the congregation was translated into the English language. At the same meeting it was voted to apply for membership into the N. L. C. A., now E. L. C. A letter was sent to headquarters in Minneapolis requesting our admittance, which was granted and Skudesnes congregation became a member of the General church body, now known as the E. L. C. The budget that year was set at \$346.00 but a total of \$404.00 was contributed from the congregation. In 1946 at the annual meeting the constitution was officially adopted.

January 1946 it was voted to remodel the church and the following committee was elected to plan the building: Herman Paulson (chairman), Carl Rye, Isaac Aadland, Ed. Lee and J. H. Aadland. Work began in the spring of 1947 with Ed and Victor Carlson, Roslyn, S. Dak., as contractors. The ceiling was re-shaped, a different front entrance built and a sacristy was provided for in the building plans. New windows were installed in the main building, and the church tower was changed considerably. The pulpit, baptismal font, lecturn and altar rail were built and finished by the Carlsons. The altar from the

Former Pastors

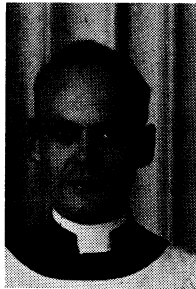
"We declare unto you glad tidings."
Acts 13:32



Olaf M.
Wangenstein
1924 - 1928



Andrew E.
Distad
1929 - 1943



Engebret O.
Midboe
1943 - 1945



Ludolf S.
Gjerde
1946-1950



Aivind R.
Sellevold
1950 - 1955

old church was refinished and used. The picture in the altar is one cherished by the congregation, since it was painted by one of the earlier pastors, Pastor K. Knutson. He attended services in June of 1956 to join the members of the confirmation class he confirmed in 1906.

The church was plastered by Ed. Almos, Eden. In 1947 the building was re-wired. The same year the light fixtures were purchased with the following committee in charge: Mrs. Olaf Aadland, Mrs. Ed. Lee, Arthur Nerland and Arthur Rye. Arrangements were made to have the church painted inside and outside, by Vern Kirschman. This cost \$814.04 and was taken care of by the Aid.

On Oct. 3, 1948 the newly remodeled church was completed and was dedicated, debt free. Dr. L. A. Pierson was present for the dedication service. Many from neighboring congregations as well as former pastors and members were in attendance. Seeing the completed church was a thrill to everyone. It had meant many long hours of hard work but having a beautiful house of worship, was much appreciated. May this house of worship, dedicated to the Lord, ever remind us to re-dedicate our lives to the Lord and the Kingdom work here as well as throughout the church at large.

In Feb. 1955, Rev. A. E. Moe, Aberdeen, took over the pastoral duties and served the parish until the arrival of Pastor G. E. Udem, who was installed in each of the three churches of the parish in July, 1955, and who serves as pastor of Skudesnes at present.

In the past 75 years the Ministerial book has a record of 573 baptisms; 179 funerals; 157 marriages; 379 confirmed and 114 congregational meeting.

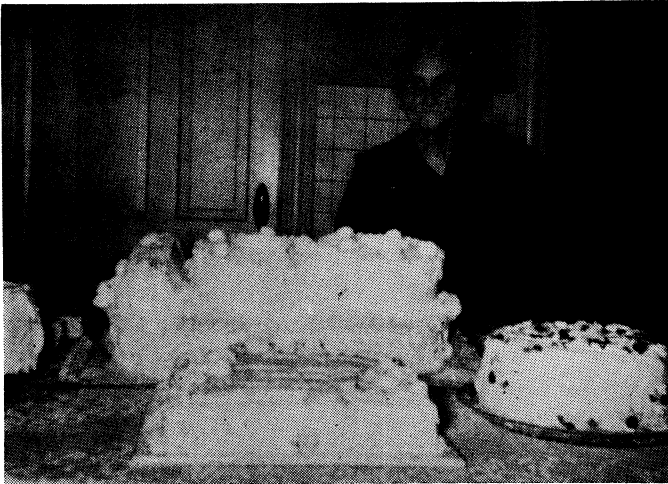
The present membership is 148 souls; confirmed membership is 116.

One of the charter members is still in our midst at this writing, namely, Mrs. Martha Johanneson, who is a resident at the Strand-Kjorsvig Home in Roslyn. Even though her hearing and eyesight have been very poor for some time, she has been very alert for her age. Aug. 12, 1959, Skudesnes W. M. F. helped her celebrate her 103rd birthday. She has loved to join us in the singing of her many favorite hymns, one of which is, "Hvilken Ven Vi Har I Jesus" (What A Friend We Have In Jesus).

Changes in all around we see as we look back over these 75

years. Faces have gone, some homes are unoccupied, the young have grown older, many have moved away while others have been called home to their Eternal reward. Many have experienced trials and temptations, but by the guidance of a loving and faithful Father, Skudesnes Congregation still remains. Today the praise belongs to God. We should be glad and rejoice in this day, because it is the day the Lord has made. May Skudesnes Congregation ever serve as a beacon light guiding many onward and homeward to the Eternal resting place prepared for those who love the Lord. Surely today we must say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits".

Psalm 103:2



Only Living Charter Member, Mrs. Martha Johanneson

"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Col. 4:11

Highlights of Skudesnes W.M.F.

Compiled by Mrs. Henry Lee

In the History, written for the 50th Anniversary of Skudesnes Congregation, John Enstad stated, "The Skudesnes Ladies Aid is almost as old as the congregation; it has been a blessing, not only to the congregation, but to the Foreign and Home Missions as well."

From earliest recollections, memories and records, the first Ladies Aid meeting was perhaps held in 1886 at the Knute A. Loe home. The charter members were Mmes. Hans Aadland, Lars Aadland, Brite Dalager, Ole Enstad, Haldor Hanson, Barbre Haugen, Morton Johanneson, Johannes Lee, Anna Lockrem, Knute Loe, Juel Moen, Tobias Mydland, Lauritz Nygaard and Charles Young. Only one charter member is living at present, Mrs. Martha Johanneson, who was 104 August 12, 1960.

A "Bestyrerinde" or president acted as leader with another member as treasurer. There is some doubt as to who the first president was, but it is believed to have been Mrs. Knute Loe. Other early leaders were: Mmes. Lockrem, Hans Aadland, Hans Nelson and Tobias Mydland. The president or leader was ex-official, either the Pastor or a layman presided until 1931, Mrs. Isaac Nygaard was the first president to preside. No permanent records had been kept until July, 1929, when Mrs. Julian Enstad was elected the first secretary. The first treasurer's record on file was kept by Mrs. Knute Rye, July 8, 1914. Material was purchased by the leader and sewed by the members. This was discontinued and Feb. 5, 1919, the Aid decided that each member should contribute any article she desired, for the annual auction sale and "Fest". In the earlier years it was usually held July 4th. For many years it was held at the Haldor Hanson grove and later at Lynn Lake. Practically no other method was used for raising funds until a charge of 10 cents a lunch in 1910. The first public supper (chicken) and bazaar was held at the Ole Aadland home in 1929. The first lutefisk supper was served in the church November 18, 1930. The annex of the church had been fitted into a kitchen by the Aid and Luther League. The first supper netted \$62.18.

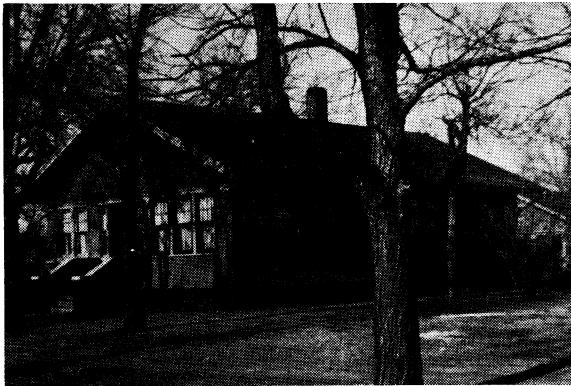
September 17, 1930, the 10 cents charge for lunch was changed to 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children, later it was raised to 25 and 15 cents. About 6 years ago, the free will worship offering for various missions, was begun.

PARSONAGES

"Happy is the people, whose God is the Lord"
Psalm 144:15



Present
Parsonage
1946



Second parsonage, purchased 1943, Pierpont, Bergen, Skudesnes

First parsonage owned by Bergen and Falnes, (not owned by Skudesnes). Skudesnes joined in 1918 and shared the cost of upkeep.



In 1933, Mmes. Isaac Nygaard, Melvin Nygaard and Henry Lee were elected to gather data and write a history of the Aid. An annual history has been written and filed since that time. Mrs. Arthur Nerland was the first elected historian.

Mrs. A. E. Distad was the first delegate sent by the Aid to the W. M. F. District Convention June 23, 1942. The first Parish Workers' Conference was conducted at Skudesnes by Mrs. Distad, the Aid having voted to follow the W. M. F. Program.

In 1942 Mmes. Olaf Aadland, A. E. Distad and Arthur Nerland were elected to make a Christian and service flag, which was dedicated at a special service with the American flag. That same year Mrs. Henry Lee was elected librarian and the W. M. F. reading project was begun. Several old books, filed in the first library, January 23, 1889, were located and again filed with the new church library which now totals 235.

The remodeling of the church was completed in April, 1948, except for painting and varnishing, which was done mostly by the Aid members. July 24, a severe electric and wind storm destroyed the chimney, which partially fell through the choir hall. Repairs were completed for the dedication in the fall. All organizations of the church had a part in completing the church furnishings. The Aid contributed the wool carpet for the chancel, the runner for the nave and the venetian blinds for the annex. The lace crochet, made in 1935 by Mrs. Randolph Peterson, was transferred to a new linen altar cloth. The baptismal font was given by the Ole Enstad children in memory of their parents. Mrs. Severin Snortland (Julia Nygaard) gave two chairs for the chancel. The chancel tables were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee. The brass altar vases in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Aadland. A cash donation was given by the Knute Rye children, in memory of their parents, to be used toward the cost of the chancel furniture. Concordia hymn books were also given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lauritz Nygaard, Oscar Nygaard, Amund Berget and Jacob Aadland by the respective families.

The first Circuit W. M. F. Convention held in Skudesnes was Apr. 27, 1948. That same spring trees were planted in the cemetery and spireas around the church.

June 22, 1950 another storm destroyed the chimney of the church, breaking windows, cracking plaster and causing damage from water. Again repairs were made.

In November a new oil furnace was installed of which the Aid contributed \$1000.

An unusual event, the observance of Martha Johanneson's one hundredth birthday anniversary was observed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Enstad, August, 1956.

A large project completed by the Aid in 1958 was the covering of the basement floor with tile. The main project in 1959 was the painting of the outside of the church. \$400 was also contributed for extensive repairs on the parsonage.

In 1960, preceding the anniversary festivities, the sanctuary and annex floors were repainted and varnished and woodwork throughout the church varnished. The steps, upper and lower landings were tiled and the sanctuary piano completely reconditioned and refinished.

During these many years many members have been honored with Life Memberships. The first members honored were Mmes. Martha Johanneson, Lisbet Nelson and Andrew Paulson, on May 11, 1949.

Home Missions have been supported by the enrollment of our babies into the Cradle Roll. For a number of years the parents enrolled the babies but later on the W. M. F. took over the enrollments. There are a total of 149 babies enrolled in the Cradle Roll. The first babies were enrolled in 1929.

“Handmaids of the Church, are we—
In faith, a glorious company
Of women, working side by side
To spread God's Kingdom far and wide.”

Anita Pleus Nelson

Skudesnes Choir

Music is a spiritual language. It has been said, "The choir is the voice of the church and its song should reflect the Glory of God."

Skudesnes has had a wonderful heritage in song having used many of the inspirational songs from "Fredsbasunen, Frydtoner, Old Concordia, Landstads Salme Bog" and perhaps others. In the early years it was a common sight to see people coming to worship, carrying their own "Salme Bog". Since 1944 and for a few years previous to that year the hymns and liturgy of the N. L. C. A., now known as the E. L. C., have been used. In September of this year the new hymn book of the merged church will be used in place of the "Concordia" which has served as the congregation's hymn book for many years. To date new hymn books have been given in memory of Martin Nelson, Ole Aadland, Merlin and Casper Vermundson, Mr. and Mrs. Omund Forland, Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Aadland, Mr. and Mrs. Albert



SKUDESNES CHOIR — CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 1958

"In the midst of the congregation will I sing praise unto Thee"
Hebrews 2:12

Nelson and one in honor of Martha Johanneson.

A sixteen stop Packard style organ, was the first musical instrument of the church. This was purchased in April, 1899, by the Luther League. Later it was replaced with a piano, the instrument now in use.

The two first organists, and no doubt, song leaders as they were called in the early days were Josephine Nilson, (Mrs. A. Dalager) and Anne Aadland (Mrs. Benny Peterson) respectively. Later in years the singing was led by "Klokkars", some of whom were Peter Lillevand, Jacob Sandbakken, Andrew Paulson and Albert Nelson.

The first choir of which there is a record was organized in July 1899. There have been many choirs through these many years led by student pastors as well as various members of the congregation who have served as organists and choir leaders.

Since 1944 the Skudesnes choir, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Rye, has been active continuously for about 9 months of each year, and has sung for all Divine services, funerals and other services of the congregation.

Since 1944 and perhaps for a few years previous to that year the Male Chorus has been an active group and has added much to the music of the church. It hasn't been uncommon to hear, "Will the men sing for us?" This group has contributed numbers for Brotherhood as well as Circuit activities.

In 1943 a Junior Choir was organized with some 20 members participating. During the years this group was active, it furnished music for Divine services during the summer months and contributed much toward Luther League programs locally and also in neighboring Leagues.

May it truly be said of each member of the choirs past and present, "I have experienced the wonderful feeling of being used of the Father of all, in furthering His Kingdom on earth through song." Song is a gift of God. Let our motto be, "I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being." Psalm 146:2.

Brotherhood

The men of Skudesnes were affiliated with the Bethlehem Lutheran Brotherhood, as social members, for about a year previous to organizing the local Brotherhood.

On Nov. 27, 1946 a meeting was called at Skudesnes, for the purpose of organizing a local Brotherhood. Dr. Cessander, District President of South Dakota Brotherhoods, Aberdeen, was present to explain the purposes and projects of Brotherhood work. Rev. L. S. Gjerde presided and the following officers were elected: Arthur Paulson, President; Ed. Lee, Vice President; Elser Rye, Secretary and Treasurer.

In Nov. 1944 the congregation voted to make some arrangements for the care of the church yard and cemetery. The Brotherhood adopted this as a local project. Regular cleaning is done as the need demands from May until fall.

Funds were needed so it was voted at one of the earlier meet-



SKUDESNES MALE CHORUS — CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1958

"Praise ye the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song."

Psalm 149:1

ings that each member donate 50 cents to the general fund and \$1.00 each for Brotherhood Builders.

In December the usual Christmas party was held and gifts exchanged. This was later replaced with an offering, which was sent to some worthy cause. The later years the offering has been divided between the Strand-Kjorsvig Home and the Bethesda Nursing Home. Contributions have also been given toward the synodical budget. Family night has been observed in December. A special program is arranged and the ladies enjoy being served by the men. For a number of years this was an oyster stew.

In 1949 the Brotherhood voted to pay for half the folding chairs purchased for the church. In October 1949 they sponsored a "Thank You Get-together" for Herman Paulson, the building committee chairman of the two building projects. A platform rocker was presented Herman, for his untiring services on these projects.

Feb. 20, 1951 they voted to sponsor a 4-H Club for the boys of the congregation. Mr. Al O'Connell, County Agent of Day County, was present to explain 4-H projects and purposes. The 4-H leaders elected were: Walter Aadland, Ed. Lee, Henry Hanson and Stanley Boe.

The present officers are: Byron Paulson, President; Colleen Jacobson, Secretary; and Roger Aadland, Treasurer. Adrian Paulson is leader and Luther Mydland, Adviser.

The past three years Skudesnes and Bergen Brotherhoods have met jointly for their monthly meetings from October until May, alternating the meeting place and the programs. The Brotherhood topics have proven to be very interesting as the two groups have joined in the discussions.

"May we undertake our duties for our church and for
our Lord,
With such measure of devotion as accords with His
own word.
If our human obligations thus are recognized
why, then—
Surely God should have our service now and evermore.
Amen."

Sunday School

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

The training of the young was not forgotten. As we read the accounts of the many youth activities held in the homes of the members of the congregation, we are surely inspired by the whole-hearted interest manifest in furthering the Kingdom of God among the young, in their midst.

In the early years, religious instruction was conducted in the three school houses within the congregation's area for one to two months of each year, in addition to the required Confirmation instruction.

In 1929, at the annual meeting, the possibilities of starting a Sunday School were discussed. The following committee was elected to look into the Sunday School situation: Lars Mydland, Carl Rye and Julian Enstad.

June 29, 1930 the Sunday School was organized with an enrollment of 34 in the grades and 14 in the Bible Class.

The following officers were elected: Miss Agnes Lee, President; Mrs. Melvin Paulson, Vice President; Mrs. Julian Enstad, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Fern Nygaard, Pianist.

The first teachers were: Mrs. Melvin Paulson, Bible Class; Mrs. Lars Mydland, Confirmation Class; Mrs. Henry Lee, Primary; Miss Fern Nygaard, Second Grade; Miss Hazel Aadland, Third Grade; Miss Marie Lee, Fifth Grade.

The Sunday School has been active since 1930. The present membership is 19, which includes all the children of the congregation.

The present teachers are: Miss Madeline Paulson, Mmes. Walter Aadland, Stanley Boe, Arthur Paulson, Ernest Rye, Julius Nerland and Jacob Jacobson.

Skudesnes L. D. R.

Compiled by Mrs. Henry Lee

There were 75 girls accepted for membership in Skudesnes L. D. R. during the twenty-two years with eight advisers. Mrs. Julian Enstad was the first adviser and served two years; Mmes. Henry Paulson, 1 year; Olaf Aadland, 2 years; Arthur Nerland, 1 year; Kolben Jordanger, 1 year; E. O. Midboe, 2 years; Melvin Paulson, 1 year and Henry Lee, 12 years.

The first officers were: Judith Paulson, President; Gladys Aadland, Vice President; Agnes Hanson, Secretary and Marie Lee, Treasurer.

The constitution and by-laws were adhered to until 1946, when the membership became so small that the group voted to accept seventh and eighth grade girls. On through the years, grade school, high school and a few married girls worked together to further God's Kingdom.

Many missions and projects were supported by the L. D. R. Support was given the L. D. R. office each year and Treasure Chests were kept by each girl in which she placed her various thank offerings for the year.

For the local church the L. D. R. purchased several books for the library, the Cross, Candle Holders, Missal, Bible, Hymn Book, Candle Lighter, Candle Caps and Candles for the Altar. Pads for the hymn book racks on the pews were made and placed in the racks by the girls. For many years the girls were in charge of lighting the Altar Candles for each service.

The purpose of Skudesnes L. D. R. has always been, first, to lead the girls to know Jesus Christ as their Savior; then to be a means through which their religious life might find expression, to acquaint them and train them for Christian Service in the Church and to unite them for work in the Church.

Because there were not enough girls to continue an active L. D. R. it was voted to discontinue for the present. Sunday, Dec. 25, 1957 Skudesnes L. D. R. met for its annual Christmas party in the church parlors, with the president Clarice Stave, presiding and leading in devotions. "Christmas far and near" was presented by the L. D. R. and Luther League. Gifts were exchanged and a social hour enjoyed. Layer cake, fruit salad, and coffee were served to the many parents, friends, members and honored guests who were the advisers present. They were Mmes. Julian Enstad, Olaf Aadland, Henry Paulson, Henry Lee, A. E. Distad and G. E. Udem.

Luther League

Compiled by Mrs. Henry Lee

The Skudesnes Luther League or "Fremad Ungdoms Forening" of Skudesnes Congregation was organized Jan. 5, 1889, when Andrew Loe was appointed its first president; Josie Aadland, first secretary; Ed. Lauve, Johannes Mortenson and Sarah Aadland the first program committee.

The place of its first meeting isn't mentioned but the next meeting was held at the Hans Aadland home, Jan. 13, 1899. Andrew Loe, Amund Berget and Nils Nilson were elected to the Constitution Committee. It was voted that each man member should pay a fee of 25 cents and every woman member a fee of 20 cents. 42 young people signed the first membership list and with new ones joining there were some 53 members.

The third meeting was held at the Knute Loe home, Jan. 23rd. Pastor Peterson led in devotions. The constitution was presented and adopted. Elections were held twice a year. The following officers were elected: Andrew Loe, President; Alfred Moen, Vice President; Martin Hanson, Secretary; Josie Aadland, Treasurer; Nils Nilson, first Librarian; Knute Loe and Hans Nilson first advisers; (ordens mend indvalgte for at se at alt gik ordantlig). Pastor J. U. Peterson, Ed. Lauve and Nils Anderson on the book committee. The library was named "Concordia" and was kept in the homes until in February, 1902 when it was placed in the church.

The first meeting held in the church was March 18, 1899.

The first picnic was May 17th at the Nels Williamson home. The "fest" began with a program at 11 a. m., followed by a noon meal of "Oyster Suppe, Bread and Butter, Cake and Coffee." The noon meal tickets were 15 cents. Ice Cream (home-made) lemonade, and peanuts were sold in the stand.

In July it was voted to publish a paper "Ung dommens Tankegang" (Thoughts of Young People). Only members were permitted to write articles for the paper. At the August meeting Andrew Loe gave a lecture on "Phrenology."

Nov. 3rd a basket social was held with Hans Nilson as auctioneer. In 1900 an item of interest was a debate on the question, "Is it better to start in town or on the farm if one had \$25.00?" On July 4th a program and picnic was held. The proceeds went toward purchasing lights for the church.

June 1st, the first ice cream social was held at the Knute Loe farm. The ice cream freezer which was purchased for \$2.40 was put into use.

May 11, 1902 it was voted to buy an American flag to display at the 17th of May festival.

After a few years the League members became active in Temperance work so it was more like a "Temperance Society". Nov. 16, 1924 it was re-organized and League activities were resumed again. Rev. Mr. Wangenstein was elected as president; Mrs. Selmer Aadland, vice president; Isaac Aadland, secretary; and Carl Rye, treasurer; Harvey Nygaard, janitor and the following program committee: Emma Rye, Mrs. Theodore Nelson, Bertha Rye, Melvin Paulson and Selmer Aadland.

Rev. Wangenstein urged the League members to assume the duties of the office of the President. The first two elected presidents to preside over the League meetings were Mildred Nygaard (Mrs. Henry Lee) and Alfred Paulson.

One item of special interest to the present League is the fact that the original Treasurer's book, which was started when the League organized is being used at the present time. The first records are in the Norwegian language.

In 1946 the first delegates, namely, Myrene Aadland and Marion Rye, were sent to the International Luther League Convention of the E. L. C. which was held at Milwaukee, Wis. Since then delegates have been sent to both the District and International League Conventions which have been held. A wonderful trip and much fine Christian fellowship has been enjoyed by those who have had the privilege to attend.

Down through the years the Luther League has made many contributions to the work of the local church, and have helped to furnish the church with lights, pianos, choir music and other needed items within the church.

Youth in Action has been supported and for many years Skudesnes League has been on the Honor Roll in this support. Contributions have been given to Ne-So-Dak Bible Camp, Temperance, the Synodical Budget and other projects, whenever the need for same has been voiced.

One fine gesture on the part of the League was a Congregational get-together (surprise) in 1958, when a "Choral Union Pin" and "The International Choral Union Certificate of Life Membership" was presented Mrs. Carl Rye by the League, for her interest and service in the ministry of music of the church.

At present the number of youth of Luther League age are few but with the interest shown among the young and old alike the League continues to meet from one to two times a month and many timely topics are discussed and enjoyed. May we ever strive to carry out the purpose of the League; that of training youth for Christian service within the church.

Confirmed Membership

(* Deceased)

Nov. 14, 1886

*Olaf Haakenson
Laurils C. Lockrem
Karl Oscar Johnson
*George Elias Stangeland
Hagbert Hanson
Jeanette Hensine Tofley

Petrina Bergette Pederson
Marie J. Lee
*Karina E. Winson (Mrs. Knute Severtson)
Hansine Bang Jensen (Mrs. Gust Lockrem)

Nov. 1887

*Madlina L. Odland
*Edvart B. Pederson
*John O. Hanson
*Sophie E. Lockrem
Guri Dalager (Mrs. Julia Chilson)

Sigrid E. Bolland (Mrs. Henry Severson)
*Berthine I. Loe (Mrs. Jens Rye)
*Anna Marie Loe (Mrs. Knute Rye)

Oct. 1890

*Andrew K. Loe
*Arnth E. Bolland
Ole Axness

Elizabeth A. Nilsen (Mrs. Elizabeth Skor)
*Anna B. Moen (Mrs. Ole Haugen)

Aug. 1892

*Nils Nilsen
Nils H. Holden
*Ole Moen
*Ole J. Hammer
Edvart M. J. Aadland
*Johannes J. Mahlen
Peter O. Berget

*Anna Dalager
Jorgine M. Jensen (Mrs. Ole Akre)
*Sarah Sommers
*Elina K. Loe (Mrs. Andrew Aarhus)
Johanna J. Lee (Mrs. Henry Myren)

June 1894

Andrew S. Dalager
*Esten E. Bolland
*Marit Williamson
Josephine Nilsen (Mrs. Andrew Dalager)
*Lisa Syhre (Mrs. Ludvig Aadland)

Anna Sandve
*Petrine E. Davidson
*Elizabeth Mydland (Mrs. A. Berget)
*Josephine Aadland (Mrs. Tom Ottum)

May 1896

Aasmund L. Aadland
Roda Rasmussen (Martin)
*Alfred J. Moen
Johannes Mortenson
*Hans Amundson
*K. Alfred Tofley

Pauline O. Syhre (Mrs. Olous Akre)
*Louisa K. Dalager
Stina Williamson (Mrs. John Swenson)
*Jacob H. Aadland (Oct. 1896)

June 1898

*Emil Loe
*Carl O. Moen
*Lars N. Mydland
*Adolph J. Amundson
*Albert Davidson
*Ole Mortenson
*Henry L. Pederson
*Joseph M. Hanson
Caroline J. Nilsen (Mrs. Emil Loe)

*L. Serena Aadland (Mrs. Alfred Moxness)
Henriette L. Nilsen (Mrs. Isaac Nygaard)
Inga Hammer (Mrs. Carl Moen)
*Anna R. Mikkelsen
*Nordine J. Mikkelsen
*Randine D. Amundson

July 1899 Adult

*Charles Abner Young

*Alonzo Harder

Feb. 1901

Josephine Young (Mrs. Chris Peterson)

Martha Enstad (Mrs. Hagbert Langager)

Anna Aadland (Mrs. Benny Peterson)

Elizabeth Young (Mrs. Wm. Thompson)

Bertha Mortenson (Mrs. Ole Moen)

*Julie A. Williamson
Josephine C. Norby

Anna Nilsen (Mrs. Frank Harder)

Aug. 1901

Millie Harder

*Henry C. Nordness

*Henry T. Lauve

Christine O. Amundsen (Mrs. E. Ramestad)

Hannah M. Hammer (Mrs. John Hilldahl)

*Almina R. Amundsen

July 1902

*Johannes O. Enstad

Anne C. Amundsen (Mrs. Hanson)

*Carl O. Lee

Alma Amundsen (Mrs. Alma Davidson)

Lawrence H. Aadland

Hannah C. Syhre (Mrs. Gust Tastad)

Nora Young (Mrs. William Winson)

E. Marie Mortenson (Mrs. Carl Jacobson)

*Amanda Nilsen (Mrs. Ole Mortenson)

*Enger M. Johnsen

Feb. 1904

Ellen M. Enstad (Mrs. John Langager)

*Sophus Amundsen

Louise G. Gunderson (Mrs. Wm. Stadler)

*Markus Mikkelsen

Louis A. Aadland
Martin M. Mortenson

O. Johanna Blegen

*Peter E. Sommers

B. Christina Aadland (Mrs. Oscar Nygaard)

*Pauline Paulson (Mrs. P. Alderman)

Sena G. Alsager

June 1906

Mina J. Johnson (Mrs. Martin McCarlson)

*Carl J. Johnson

Randi E. Pedersen (Mrs. Jacob Aadland)

Emil E. Gunderson

O. Sammy Gutormson

Herman Paulson

Marie E. Enstad (Mrs. Lawrence Aadland)

*Ole B. Aadland

Helga V. Sommers

*Martin E. Nelson

*Anna O. Mortenson (Mrs. John Enstad)

*Lars C. Amundsen

Soren Hausken

Christine A. Johnsen (Mrs. Johnny Gutormson)

Olaf C. Aadland

Linus T. Mikkelsen

Emma K. Enstad (Mrs. Herman Paulson)

Sept. 1907

Sadie S. Peterson

Sena Aadland (Mrs. Olaf Aadland)

A. Mathilda Rye (Mrs. Ole Aadland)

Hannah A. Aadland (Mrs. Louis Nelson)

Lewis A. Nelson

Lewis M. Mortenson

* Henry E. Enstad

Nov. 1908

Agnes E. Amundsen (Mrs. Oscar Torgerson)

John E. Lee

Nicholas A. Young

Bertha C. Carlson (Mrs. Donat)

*Millie Rye (Mrs. Omund Forland)

Julian G. Enstad

(Nov. 1908 — continued)

Lars Gutormson	Bertina Alsager (Mrs. Oscar Kambestad)
*Hilma Nelson	Hilda B. Amundson (Mrs. John Harkson)
*Laura A. Gunderson (Mrs. Martin Mydland)	Oscar Johnson
*Johan M. Gunderson	
Alma Rye (Mrs. Julian Enstad)	

May 1911

Peder J. Rye	Gena Aadland (Mrs. R. O. Peterson)
*Selmer Mortenson	Petra Alsager
Alfred Nelson	Sarah Young (Mrs. Paul Trapp)
Clara Enstad (Mrs. Simon Langager)	*Jacob Johnson
Petra Rye (Mrs. Anton Dahl)	*Julia Amundsen
Lillie Amrud	*Elida Hausken (Mrs. W. H. Raver)

June 1912

Clara Johnson (Mrs. Benny McCarlson)	Laura Enstad (Mrs. Charles March)
Oscar Amrud	*Hattie Enstad (Mrs. Isaac Aadland)
Elmer Johnson	Ebba U. Paulson (Mrs. Walter Larson)
Lewis Paulson	Isaac O. Aadland
Clara Sandvig	Olaf Syhre
*Oliva Sandvig (Mrs. Emil Gunderson)	Carl Rye

Nov. 1913

Agnette Johnson (Mrs. Jacob Bosmoe)	*Jacob M. Johnson (Bosmoe)
George E. Alsager	Clara M. Rye (Mrs. Chris Vermundson)
*Bennie Paulson	Henry O. Lee
Clara Amrud (Mrs. Clara Carey)	*Omar C. Amundson
O. Randolph Peterson	

Nov. 1914

Anne R. Rye (Mrs. Lewis Mortenson)	Alma M. Gunderson (Mrs. John Tom)
Tilla Berget (Mrs. Arthur Holland)	George Johnson
Clara Young (Mrs. George Moorhead)	Selmer Aadland
Helen Enstad (Mrs. Tom Ankeny)	Ingvald Nelson
	Peder K. Rye
	Theodor Gutormson

Nov. 1916

Melvin Paulson	Myrtle Sandvig (Mrs. John Mork)
Melvin Alsager	Myrtle Berget (Mrs. Martin Holland)
Theodor Nelson	Harriet T. Young (Mrs. A. J. Medhurst)
*Sam Amrud	
Mabel Lee (Mrs. Walter Nygaard)	
Ida Enstad	

Nov. 1917

Ernest Rye	Nils H. Gutormson (Henry)
Walter Aadland	Emma B. Rye (Mrs. Fritz Carlson)
Julius Moen	

March 1919

Arthur Berget	Thilda Enstad (Mrs. Kenneth Hanson)
Melvin Johnson	Edwin C. Lee
Harold Young	*Alma Aadland
Alfred Paulson	

July 1920

Clara Gunderson (Mrs. Eric Christopherson)	Melvin Moen
Mabel Moen (Mrs. Sofus Tokstad)	Julius Moen
Olga H. Moen (Mrs. Jake Sharp)	Roy Johnson
Bertha Rye (Mrs. Walter Aadland)	Reuben Berget
	Hulda Paulson

Oct. 1921

Thelma Jacobson (Mrs. Edwin Monson)	Inga Nelson (Mrs. Ray Wimberly)
Ida M. Axness (Mrs. Conrad Likness)	Sarah Sandvig
	Esther Sandvig (Mrs. Otto Brodersen)

June 1923

Henry Paulson	Agnes Lee (Mrs. A. S. Myklebust)
Andrew G. Enstad	Norma Berget (Mrs. Roy Aadland)
*Kenneth M. Rye	
Harvey O. Nygaard	
Mabel Nygaard	

Sept. 1924

Julius Nygaard	Sherman Jacobson
Jacob Jacobson	Evelyn Jacobson (Mrs. Hilman Williams)
Elmer Berget	Selma Sandvig (Mrs. Howard Dodds)
*Orton Vaardahl	Cora Aadland (Mrs. Cora Idse)
Jerome Nygaard	
*Mabel Axness (Mrs. Irvin Halbersleben)	

Nov. 1926

Ruth Mydland (Mrs. Andrew Strand)	Marie Lee (Mrs. Alvin Flagstad)
Florence Berget (Mrs. Alphonse Wattier, Jr.)	Clarice Vaardahl
Hazel Aadland (Mrs. Harvey Nygaard)	Henry Hanson
	Melvin Sandvig
	Arthur J. Rye
	Marvin G. Nygaard

Oct. 1927

Alice Vaardahl (Mrs. Alyce Roseth)	Alice Aadland (Mrs. Alice Philips)
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Sept. 1928

Agnes Hanson (Mrs. Allan Holmquist)	J. Oriette Aadland (Mrs. Aubrey French)
Mildred Jacobson (Mrs. Ingmor Moe)	T. Irvin Mydland
Agnes Eneboe (Mrs. Bernt Nerland)	Howard Aadland
Clarice Nygaard (Mrs. Jacob Jacobson)	*Fern Nygaard (Mrs. Gordon Treffry)
	Arthur H. Paulson
	Kenneth Axness

Nov. 1929

Evelyn Berget (Mrs. Clarence Nymoen)	*Clarence Axness
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June 1930

Judith Paulson (Mrs. Clarence Nelson)	Irene Nygaard (Mrs. Quentin Miles)
Gladys Aadland (Mrs. Julius Haugen)	Reuben Nygaard
	Morris Jacobson

July 1931

Mavis Paulson (Mrs. Luvern Satter)
Beatrice Aadland (Mrs. James Hanson)
Marvin C. Hanson

Ione Mydland (Mrs. Henry Connoughton)
Lovilla Tollefson (Mrs. Homer Holman)
Gordon Nygaard

July 1932

Alvin Axness

Orlyn Forland

July 1933

Harley Tollefson

May 1934

Joel Hanson
Luther S. Mydland
Burton J. Forland

Clifford V. Paulson
Arthur Jordanger

June 1935

John E. Johnson

Jacob C. Vaardahl

June 1936

Homer C. Mydland
Violet Jordanger (Mrs. Bill Sime)
Harriet Paulson (Mrs. Howard Shornack)

Eunice Nygaard (Mrs. Ray Draeger)
Clarice Johnson (Mrs. Richard Larson)

June 1937

*Elaine Aadland (Mrs. Elan Fitch)
Jerome Enstad
Arlene Johnson (Mrs. Henry Sandve)
*Kenneth Jordanger
Walter Nilsen
Julius Nerland

Delores Nygaard (Mrs. Arthur Paulson)
*Merlin O. Vermundson
Harris Paulson
Mavis Aadland (Mrs. E. W. Montgomery)

June 1939

Dorothy Mydland (Mrs. Lawrence Sousa)
Ruth Jordanger (Mrs. Ray Hartberg)
Walton Nygaard

Evelyn Mortenson (Mrs. Orville Cornelius)
Ione Nelson (Mrs. Peter Marko)
Bernard Vermundson (Falnes Class)

April 1940

Lloyd Aadland
Robert Vermundson (Falnes Class)
E. Arlene Paulson (Mrs. Stanley Boe)

Beverly Tollefson (Mrs. Richard Hawkins)
Mavis Forland (Mrs. Reese Miller) (Falnes Class)

May 1941 Adult

Mrs. Shirley M. Jacobson (Mrs. Sherman Jacobson)
Mrs. Hattie Lee (Mrs. Edwin Lee)

Mrs. Ruth Nygaard (Mrs. Melvin Nygaard)

Sept. 1941

Shirley Aadland (Mrs. Marvin Zoschke)
Luella Mortenson (Mrs. Eugene Tople)

Helen Paulson (Mrs. F. W. Jasper)
Clarabelle Lee (Mrs. Glen Himle)

Jan. 1943

Justin Aadland	Loren J. Espeland
Mertys Aadland (Mrs. Harold Zumm)	Selmer Mortenson
Melvin O. Enstad	LaVonne Nygaard (Mrs. Earl Zumm)
Alice Hanson (Mrs. Marvin Donat)	L. Maxine Rye (Mrs. Arthur Lapham)
Lois Hanson (Mrs. George Sims)	Irvin O. Vaardahl

1943 Adult

Mrs. Tilla (Vaardahl) Ash	Cecil E. Falmer
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Jan. 1945

LeRoy Mortenson	Elser A. Rye
Orlin R. Aadland	Ellsworth Monson

June 1946

Myrene B. Aadland (Mrs. Ervin Hettick)	Marion K. Rye
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July 1947

Alice Lee (Mrs. Lyle Geissinger)	Beverly Aadland (Mrs. James Hemmah)
Jacob Aadland Jr.	Rollin Berget
Ruby Eliason (Member at Bergen)	

June 1948

Lynn A. Lee	David Peterson
Darlene Monson (Mrs. Thomas Huggett, Jr.)	Kathleen Rye (Mrs. Eldon Stavig)
Marlene Nygaard (Mrs. Arthur Hanson)	Burton Stave
	Clarice Stave (Mrs. Marvin Mathiason)

July 1949 Adult

Mrs. Robert Vermundson	Eugene Tople
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April 1950

Wallace Aadland	Marvin Mortenson
Andrew E. Lee	Adrian Paulson
Richard H. Lee	Kenneth C. Rye

June 1952

Harlan Hanson	Lola Lee (Mrs. Dean Fodness)
Marlys Jacobson (Mrs. Carol Knight)	Ronald Nygaard
Burnette Monson (Mrs. Randy Foss)	Loren Rye
	Donald Vermundson

May 1953

Rozella Jacobson (Mrs. Paul Soule)	Ada Rye (Mrs. Harlan Narem)
Ann Marie Haugen (Mrs. Charles Johnson)	Yvonne Nygaard (Mrs. James Ronshaugen)
Annetta Rye	Lucille Aadland (Mrs. Donald Geffre)
Sharon Aadland	Madeline Paulson

1953 Adult

Mae Rye (Mrs. Elser Rye)	
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May 1955

Lorer. Hanson	
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Ardella Ash
Mary Helen Jacobson

June 1956
Mavis Rye

Donald Nygaard

June 1957
Wendell Rye

Mrs. Shirley Jacobson (Mrs.
Oral Jacobson)

Dec. 1958 Adult

Roger W. Aadland

June 1959
Coleen Jacobson

Marlyn Rye

June 1960

CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP OF SALEM CONGREGATION
of which a majority joined Skudesnes Congregation
(* Deceased)

*Gunvald M. Nygaard

Oct. 1896
*Isaac Nygaard

*F. Henry Labour
*Anna M. Labour

July 1901
*Josephine Nygaard (Mrs. Nils
Nilsen)

*Agnes M. Nygaard (Mrs. B.
M. Fagerland)

Sept. 1904
*Oskar A. Nygaard

*Henry Eneboe
Jacob G. Nygaard
*Peder Fagerland

Nov. 1908
Bertina E. Legrud
Isabelle Sampson (Mrs. Jacob
Holland)

Julia Nygaard (Mrs. Severin
Snorteland)
Mathilda K. Hanson (Mrs. Oliver
Totland)

Nov. 1909
Rudolph Eneboe
Christ Hanson
Arnt Hanson

Theodore A. Hanson
Emelia A. Hanson (Mrs. E. R.
Wick)
Sheldon Sampson
Sarah Nygaard (Mrs. Arthur
Nerland)

Nov. 1912
*Josephine A. Peterson (Mrs.
Mont Ostby)
Carl J. Sampson
James G. Johnson
*Anna Eneboe (Mrs. Bernt
Nerland)

Lauris Hanson
Lillian A. Larson (Mrs. Lillian
Sluka)

June 1916
Selmer J. Birkness
Glendora Sampson (Mrs. Haak-
on Holland)

Statistics

The first meeting of Skudesnes congregation: July 8, 1885.

Number of charter members: 24.

The first baptism was July 26, 1885: Ida Sophie K. Loe.

The first confirmation class had 10 members, confirmed Nov. 14, 1886.

The largest confirmation class had 17 members: confirmed in June 1906 by K. Knutson.

The first marriage was that of Miss Anna Legreid and Peder J. Alsager, Nov. 23, 1885.

The first funeral was that of Hedman Bang Amundson, Sept. 22, 1885.

11 members (Charter) were present at the 40th Anniversary.

7 charter members were present at the 50th Anniversary.

1 charter member is living at the 75th Anniversary.

The first choir was organized in July 1899.

The first Sunday School had a membership of 48 souls.

75 girls have been accepted in Skudesnes L. D. R. during the 22 years, (1935-1957).

The first Luther League meeting held in the church was March 18, 1899.

The first library was placed in the church in Feb. 1902.

The first Ladies' Aid meeting was held in 1886.

The first W. M. F. Circuit convention held at Skudesnes was April 27, 1948.

149 babies have been enrolled in the Cradle Roll.

The first babies were enrolled in 1929.

The first Life Membership Certificates were presented on May 11, 1949.

The first Brotherhood meeting held was on Nov. 27, 1946.

The longest service of any pastor was 13 years, that of Pastor A. E. Distad.

The first service held in the church was July 26, 1891.

The first confirmation class confirmed in the church was the class of Aug. 1892 with 12 members, by Pastor L. E. Kjelaas, the first called pastor.

First delegates to the International Luther League convention were Myrene Aadland and Marion Rye.

Membership of Skudesnes Congregation in 1935 was 221. In 1960 it is 148.

The first public supper netted the Aid \$62.18.

There have been 59 confirmation classes. In 30 of these all the members are living. 379 have been confirmed through the 75 years.

Eleven Pastors have been called to serve as Pastors of Skudesnes. Three have served as part time Pastors.



ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pictured left to right, first row: Mrs. Olaf Aadland, Mrs. Henry Lee, Mrs. Carl Rye, Mrs. Arthur Rye. Back row: Walter Aadland, Julian Enstad, Luther Mydland, Lewis Mortenson.

“With Grateful Appreciation”

“Soli Deo Gloria” — “To God Alone The Glory”

To the pioneer men and women who labored in faith to establish the Kingdom of God here in our midst.

To the faithful Pastors and Pastors' wives and members of the Congregation who laid the foundation on which we build to-day.

To the memory of friends and relatives in whose memory gifts have been given for Kingdom work here and abroad.

To those who came to be with us today and helped make this day such a happy occasion.

To all who have helped in their own individual way in planning for this day,— “OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE”.

*“Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house;
They will be still praising Thee.”*

Psalm 84:4

Church Staff

Pastor G. E. Udem
 Organist and Choir Director Mrs. Carl K. Rye
 Sunday School Superintendent Melvin Enstad
 Secretary and Treasurer of Sunday School Mrs. Howard Aadland
 Youth Directors Mrs. Henry Paulson
 Luther League Mrs. Stanley Boe
 Ushers Oral Jacobson, Melvin Stave, Wallace Aadland, Lewis Mortenson

CHURCH OFFICERS

President Pastor G. E. Udem
 Vice President Arthur B. Nerland
 Secretary Arthur Rye
 Treasurer Arthur Paulson
 Parsonage Board Member Melvin Paulson
 Sexton Isaac Aadland

Trustees:
 Harris Paulson
 Henry I. Hanson
 Ernest Rye

Deacons:
 Arthur Rye
 Chris Hanson
 Jacob Jacobson

W. M. F. OFFICERS

President Mrs. Melvin Paulson
 First Vice President Mrs. Marvin Hanson
 Second Vice President Mrs. Christina Nygaard
 Secretary Mrs. Julius Nerland
 Treasurer Mrs. Edwin Monson
 Organist Mrs. Ingvald Nelson

LUTHER LEAGUE

President Stanley Boe Secretary Coleen Jacobson
 Vice President Wendell Rye Treasurer Adrian Paulson

BROTHERHOOD

President Selmer Aadland Secretary and Treasurer
 Vice President Lauris Hanson Jacob Jacobson

4-H OFFICERS

President Byron Paulson Leader Adrian Paulson
 Secretary Coleen Jacobson Adviser Luther Mydland
 Treasurer Roger Aadland

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Julian Enstad	Lewis Mortenson	Mrs. Olaf Aadland
Luther Mydland	Mrs. Carl Rye	Mrs. Arthur Rye
Walter Aadland	Mrs. Henry Lee	



OLD SKUDESNES LUTHERAN CHURCH

1891 — 1948

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever"

Hebrews 13:8

OUR GRATITUDE

I'll pay my debt of gratitude
To those who went before,

By never yielding up my place
Though weary and footsore.

With faithfulness I'll work and walk
The way the fathers trod;

Some day I'll thank the pioneers
In heaven, at home with God."

B. Habel

*"Remove not the ancient landmark, which
thy fathers have set."* Proverbs 22:28

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