

Howard A. Rice

2016 Aldrich Ave. So.

Memorandum

KE 1476 - after 4:30

BR 0224 - before 4:30
(ask for Mrs. Rice)

Rev. A. M. Knudson
860 N. Wabash Ave
Chicago 11, Ill

Rev. E. M. Corbe
231 Madison Ave
New York, 16

RH Garberding
100 E. 22^d St
Mpls. 4, Minn.

Bowling Pt 1 Minn Oct 4-1937

Mr. Fred Larson
Osakis Minn

Dear Friends,

Inclosed you will find a letter from Rev
Sundeen: relative to our calling a Minister.

Our committee met and decided that we would
try to raise the \$25⁰⁰ of the \$50⁰⁰ asked if your two
Congregations can add the other \$25⁰⁰.

If that can be done: will you kindly copy the
call. Rev Sundeen has written out, and then send
it back to Elna Dale for our signatures.

That means that the District
pays \$250⁰⁰ Osakis and Nelson

\$375⁰⁰ and four hours:

Elna Dale \$375⁰⁰ total \$1000⁰⁰

Yours truly
H. A. Hanson

Report for year ending
December 7, 1940

	Church	Mission
Balance on hand	2.76	14.64
Receipts	435.13	27.35
Expenditures		
Pastor's salary	375.00	
Miscellaneous	62.89	
Equalization fund		23.39
District Mission		12.35
Total Expenditures	437.89	35.74
Balance carried forward	—	6.25



Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary
Synod of the Northwest, U. L. C. A.
100 E. 22nd Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 16, 1952

Dear Church Secretary:

Recently your pastor received a letter informing him of the third annual Northwestern Lutheran Seminary Pastors and Students Convocation. Once again your pastor has the rare opportunity to spend three days in studying, by means of lecture and discussion, the latest developments in Contemporary Theology, Religious Education in the Parish, The Second Decade of Lutheran World Action and other stimulating subjects vital to an effective ministry. Your pastor's development along these lines is very important in the life of your congregation. For as your pastor grows, so does your congregation and through this development the work of the Lord advances.

This information is being sent to you, as a leader in your congregation, with the hope that you will find it possible to help your pastor to devote these days, February 12 - 14, 1952, to this Convocation. Whatever you can do to encourage your pastor to attend--whether by personal request or by financial assistance--will be a good investment for your congregation.

If you have any questions concerning this program, we would be glad to answer them for you. We hope to see your pastor here at Northwestern Lutheran Seminary at the Convocation in February!

Sincerely,

Robert S. Welch

President of the Student Body

A. L. M. Allen
Secretary of the Faculty

PASTORS AND STUDENTS

Convocation

Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary

100 East Twenty-second Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

FEBRUARY 12, 13 AND 14, 1952



The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure. —Isaiah 33:5-6.

Whereof I am made a minister according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. —Colossians 1:25-28.

Convocation Speakers

DR. JOSEPH HAROUTUNIAN, Ph.D.,
Professor, McCormick Seminary

DR. A. R. KRETZMAN, Ph.D., Pastor of Saint Lukes
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.

DR. PAUL EMPIE, D.D., Executive Director National
Lutheran Council

DR. CLIFFORD A. NELSON, Pastor of Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

SISTER MILDRED WINTER, Executive Secretary,
Board of Deaconess Work, U.L.C.A.

DR. FREDRIC NORSTAD, Director of Chaplaincy
Services, Lutheran Welfare, Minneapolis, Minn.

Please Register. This will enable us to serve you more effectively.

The Convocation Committee welcomes your reaction to the program presented and the facilities provided. Please fill out the form which will be distributed on Thursday, indicating your reaction to this Convocation and your desires regarding future convocations.

A hearty welcome to our guest speakers and to all who attend. We are grateful to the Pastor and people of Salem Lutheran Church for their help and for the use of their facilities.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14		WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13		TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
9:00 to 10:20	New Hymnal and Liturgy Rev. Clifford A. Nelson	10:30 to 10:40	DEVOTIONS	10:40 to 12:00	Contemporary Theology from the Continent and England Dr. Joseph Haroutunian
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1:30 to 2:50	Religious Instruction in the Parish Rev. A. R. Kretzman	1:30 to 2:50	Primary and Secondary Education under Church Auspices Rev. A. R. Kretzman	2:50 to 7:45	Religious Instruction in the Parish Rev. A. R. Kretzman
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* This meeting will be held at N. W. Seminary Main Building — Informal discussion period. Each period allows for an hour Lecture followed by 20 minutes of discussion, except for the evening sessions. All sessions will be held in Salem English Evangelical Lutheran church, 604 West 28th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Seminary Building and Dormitories are open for your convenience.

November 17, 1944

To the Church Councils and members of
the Holdingford-Elmdale Evangelical
Lutheran Parish.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be unto you from God our Father in
the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord.

Your formal call, properly signed by the members of both
church councils of the parish, and issued in accordance with the ex-
pressed wish of each congregation in regularly called congregational
meetings, is hereby accepted subject to my ordination. I rejoice in
the privilege of beginning my Christian ministry in your parish, and
feel that with the help of God we will be able to work together in
the field of labor that our Lord Jesus Christ has set before us, to
the end that the pure Word and Sacraments may be duly preached and
administered, and a bountiful harvest of souls may be gathered for
His Kingdom.

I gratefully accept your pledges of love, esteem, and co-
operation in the work of the Lord, together with your promises of
temporal support as set forth in the call. I pray that the Holy
Spirit may ever dwell within our hearts, and guide us in this great
venture of faith which we are undertaking together in the Name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wylack J. Scott

Sec - Minutes approved as read.
treas - report accepted as read.
pastor gave a partial report
on

Glen as Vice President

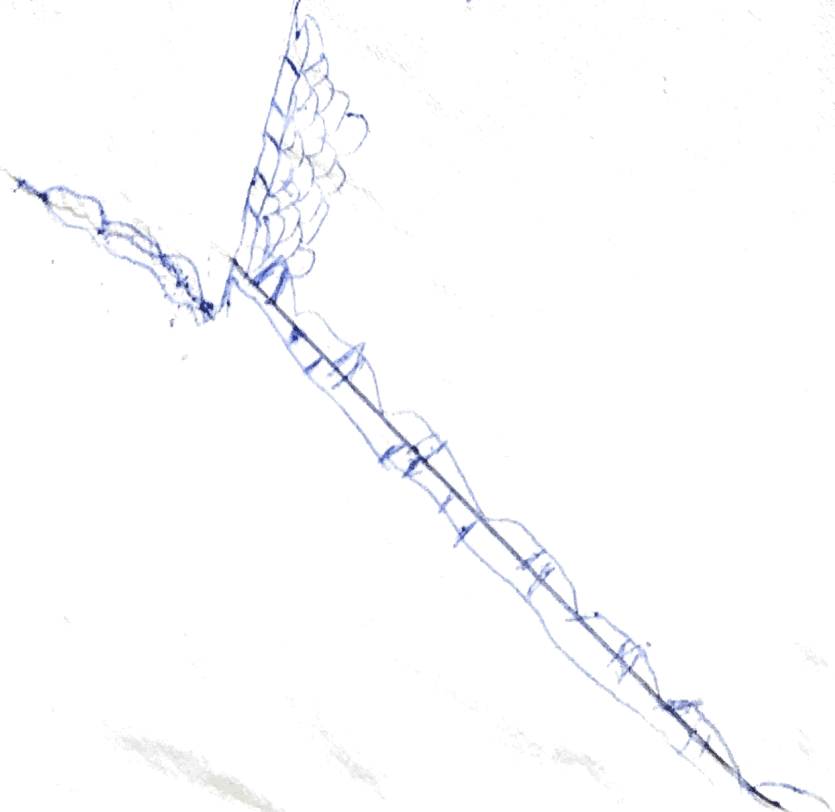
Nels W - Sec.

Ray B. Treasurer

Let Boy Scouts plant
evergreens behind church

Tom Thompson set Scout
Leader.

Donation for summer
camp appreciated



July 9, 1945

Church

Cash on hand Apr. 23	82.63
Receipts (since)	<u>175.53</u>
total	258.16

Pastor's salary ^{plus duty}	84.00
Mrs. Magalee	3.10
Misc. disbursements	<u>15.37</u>
total	102.47

Cash on hand July 9 - 155.69

Missions

Cash on hand Apr. 23	19.21
Receipts	<u>72.75</u>
total	91.96

Expenditures	
Gen. fund ^{Mission}	32.71
Luth. world action	44.00
Carthage	4.00
Foreign Miss.	9.75
	<u>90.46</u>

Cash on hand July 9 1.50

Total 1945

608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls, Minn.
October , 1952

Dear Pastor Stolen,

Will you please transfer my membership from the Eldredale Luth. Church to the Bethel Luth. Church here in town.

You may send this record of transfer to:

Pastor F.E. Bongren
317 N. Broadway

I shall appreciate very much your doing this.

We'd like to have you folks pay us a visit when you can.

Thank you!
(Mrs) Ardis Bongstrom

LAW OFFICE OF
GORDON ROSENMEIER

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

5 January 1948

Mr. Raymond Booth
Route #1
Bowls, Minnesota

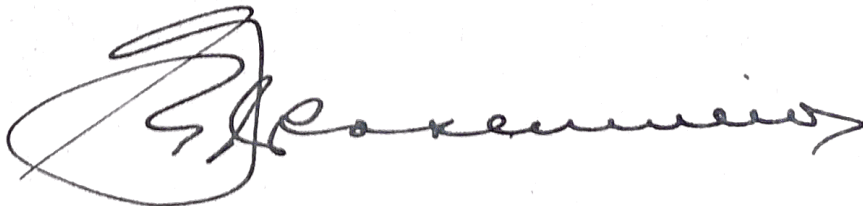
Dear Mr. Booth:

A check for \$250 of Harvey Anderson, as executor of the will of O. A. Wittke, to the order of the Elmdale Lutheran Church is enclosed. This represents full payment of the legacy to the church. Will you have the proper officers of the church sign the enclosed receipt and return it to me?

The purpose of the bequest is set out in the will in these words: "I give, devise and bequeath to the Elmdale Lutheran Church located in the Town of Elmdale, County of Morrison, State of Minnesota, the sum of \$250.00; in the event that the Elmdale Lutheran Church is not a legally incorporated body, capable of receiving bequests, then I give, devise and bequeath the said sum of \$250.00 to the Church Council of said church or its successors to be used for maintaining the cemetery of the Elmdale Lutheran Church of Morrison County, Minnesota."

Mr. Anderson states that Mr. Wittke intended the sum to be used by the church for maintenance of the cemetery and especially the graves of his wife and him. The money should be used, I believe, in the manner which the church believes will best effect the intended purpose of the bequest.

Yours truly,



GR/lma
Encl. 2

A joint council meeting of St. Cloud, Elmdale and Holdingford was held at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Monday, May 28, 1951, at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Pastor Simonds. The existing minutes of the previous joint council meetings were read by Mrs. Sam Rasmussen of Elmdale. The minutes of the meetings of August 7, 1950, at which Rev. Paul E. Bishop, president of the Northwest Synod, was present, and the minutes of the meeting of August 27, 1950, at which Rev. John Simonds, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota was present were approved.

This meeting being called for the purpose of discussing the minutes of the meeting of August 7, 1950, the following discussion ensued:

NOTE: At the August 7, 1950, meeting, it was decided that the three churches would cooperate on a combined basis for six months, at which time St. Cloud was to assume a greater part of the financial load if their growth in membership warranted such a change.

As the meeting was called at the request of the Holdingford congregation, they were asked to explain the state of their church. It was learned from the Holdingford council that no gain had been made in membership. Because of this, they felt that they could not continue to meet the agreed sum of \$495.00 which is paid toward the pastor's salary. Their finances, in receipts from members, is considerably lower than last year.

At this point in the meeting, the council from Elmdale asked if the St. Cloud congregation had made any advance in membership.

Pastor Simonds stated that eight members had been received into the church, but during the same period (7 months), six members had left the church; these six members having left the city.

Elmdale stated that they had lost one member during this period.

The Holdingford council was asked if the members attending church were doing their share. The answer was yes, but that the total membership was not enough to carry the load of \$495.00 per year.

Pastor Simonds read comparative figures for the first three months of 1951.

The Elmdale council corrected the membership figure of their congregation to read 24 instead of 28 members.

The Holdingford council corrected the membership figure of their congregation to read 14 instead of 27 members.

These figures are pending until further examination of the parish register.

The St. Cloud council was asked how they had been faring financially during the past seven months. The answer was that they had been doing favorably and at the present are out of the red.

Elmdale, in answer to the same question, stated that they had been staying even and at present are out of the red.

Holdingsford, in answer to the same question, stated that they are at present in the red.

When asked to give a reason for their bad financial status, the Holdingsford council stated that it was because of the sharp drop in membership.

It was suggested that the Holdingsford council call a special congregational meeting to discuss the state of the church and see if something could be done to better the situation.

Mrs. Sam Rasmussen made the motion that Elmdale would maintain their share, financially, at least until their annual meeting in December. Glenn Gunderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Ed Rietmann made the motion that St. Cloud would maintain their share financially at least until the end of 1951. The motion was seconded by Julius Richter. Motion carried.

Ben Reinke of Holdingsford made the motion that Holdingsford hold a special congregational meeting to discuss this situation. Martin Kerestes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was brought up that Holdingsford had not paid their share of the pastor's moving expenses. The Holdingsford council decided to bring this up also at the congregational meeting.

By common consent, it was decided to have a parish church picnic at Upsala Memorial Park on July 1. Everyone is to bring their own dishes and silverware, and the dinner is to be pot luck. Ed Rietmann of St. Cloud made the motion to hold church services at 11 a.m. at the picnic grounds on this date. Mrs. Vandre seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Allan Heuerman made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Richter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

715 TWELFTH STREET NORTH
SAINT CLOUD, MINNESOTA

REV. JOHN H. SIMONDS, PASTOR
PARSONAGE - 625 EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH
PHONE 4042

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

February 24, 1952

To the members of
Elm Dale Ev. Lutheran Church
Elmdale, Minnesota

This is to officially inform you of my
resignation as pastor of Elm Dale Ev. Lutheran
Church, Elmdale, Minnesota, to become effective
March 17, 1952.

The reason for my resignation is to accept
the call of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Superior, Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

John H. Simonds

Dear Mr. Rasmussen,

This is to notify you that Mrs. Mark Gundersen of your fellowship is joining the Methodist Church here this week.

Thanks,

Clayton A. Oberg, pastor
206 2nd Av NE
Little Falls, Minn.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Rasmussen
~~Elmdale~~, Minn.

Swanville
Minn

THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

PAUL E. BISHOP, D.D.
PRESIDENT
100 EAST 22ND STREET
MINNEAPOLIS 4, MINNESOTA

April 4, 1952

Elmdale Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mr. Nels J. Wolters, Secretary
Bowlus, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wolters:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 2 stating that on March 19, 1952 the congregation of Elmdale Lutheran Church at a special meeting voted to ask for a release from the Synod of the Northwest. I shall be glad to put in motion the usual procedure in dismissing a congregation and accept your April 2 letter as official notice of the intention of your congregation.

The constitution of the Synod of the Northwest provides as follows:

"Should the question of withdrawal from the Synod arise, the church council shall notify the president of the Synod, who shall appoint a committee, of which he shall be a member if possible, to be present at the congregational meeting regularly called according to the provisions of its constitution, in order to confer with and advise the congregation. If at such a meeting two-thirds (2/3) of the legal voters present favor withdrawal, the matter shall lie over at least six (6) months. If, at a second meeting duly called, two-thirds (2/3) of the legal voters decide to withdraw, the president of the Synod shall dismiss the congregation."

It may be unnecessary under the circumstances to wait the six months required by the constitution. That would depend upon the vote for such request. In other words, if the vote is unanimous, then it will be possible for our Executive Committee at its meeting on May 19 to take the proper action to dismiss the congregation. I will therefore await further word

Elmdale Luth. Church

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from you as to the record of the vote. How many for, how many against?

Furthermore, it is always preferable to transfer a congregation to another Lutheran church body. If it is the E.L.C. (Evangelical Lutheran Church) to which you desire to be transferred, please indicate the same in your letter. I feel sure that all of the necessary steps will be taken in the spirit of good faith and fellowship.

Yours very sincerely,

Paul E. Bishop.

PEB/ib

THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

PAUL E. BISHOP, D.D.
PRESIDENT
100 EAST 22ND STREET
MINNEAPOLIS 4, MINNESOTA

November 12, 1952

Mr. Nels Wolters, Secretary
Elmdale Lutheran Church
R.F.D. 1
Bowlus, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wolters:

It is only recently that the Board of American Missions has voted to transfer its equity in the Elmdale Lutheran Church to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I am therefore privileged to send you the enclosed letter of transfer for your congregation with the hope that you will continue to enjoy and profit by the congregational fellowship in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Yours very sincerely,

Paul E. Bishop

PEB/ib

THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

PAUL E. BISHOP, D.D.
PRESIDENT
100 EAST 22ND STREET
MINNEAPOLIS 4, MINNESOTA

November 12, 1952

This certifies that Elmdale Lutheran Church of Elmdale, Minnesota, a congregation of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest of the United Lutheran Church in America is hereby dismissed to make application for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church to whose care and fellowship it is heartily commended.

By authority of the Executive Committee of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest as noted in the Minutes of May 19, 1952.

Paul E. Bishop.
President

Harold W. Gruhn
Secretary

C O N S T I T U T I O N O F E L M D A L E

E V . L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Elmdale, Minnesota

The undersigned certify that the attached constitution is a true copy of the constitution adopted by the Elm Dale Ev. Lutheran Church of Elm Dale, RFD Bowlus, Minnesota, at a properly called congregational meeting held on May 6, 1945, as a substitute for its previously held constitution, and becoming effective upon its acceptance for membership by the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Wylck J. Scott
Pastor
Harold Hanson
Secretary

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF

THE ELMDALE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF
ELM DALE, MINNESOTA

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We, the members of the Elm Dale Evangelical Lutheran Church, in order more effectively to carry on the work and more fully to accomplish the purpose of our organization, set forth in our Charter, hereby establish and adopt this Constitution.

ARTICLE I
Of Faith

This congregation believes and confesses that the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and that the three general Creeds -- the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian -- and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, namely, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Small and Large Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, are a true exposition and defense of that divine word; by which rule and confession all questions of faith and practice shall be decided.

To this doctrinal basis all instruction in the church, the school, and the family shall be conformed.

ARTICLE II
Of the Synodical Relation

Section 1. This congregation is and shall remain a member of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, a constituent synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, unless dismissed by it to another synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

Section 2. This congregation claims for itself all the rights and accepts the duties connected with such membership.

Section 3. Should this congregation disband, or cease to function for a period of two years, the title to all property, real, personal, and mixed, shall vest in the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, its successors or assigns.

ARTICLE III
Of the Membership

Section 1. Constituents: This congregation shall consist of the pastor or pastors and other baptized persons who have been admitted into its fellowship. This Constitution recognizes two classes of members: Child Members and "Confirmed" Members.

A. Child Members are those who have been baptized and are a

- part of the family of this congregation, but who have not yet been admitted by confirmation to the Holy Communion.
- B. "Confirmed" Members are those who have been duly received into full membership of this congregation by Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Certificate of Transfer, Renewal of Faith, or Restoration. They cannot be removed from the membership except by death, Certificate of Transfer, voluntary withdrawal, or excommunication. Should request be made for dismissal to a congregation not of the Lutheran faith, the Church Council may grant such statement of standing as, in its judgment, may seem just and proper.

Section 2. The duties of church members are: to use faithfully the Means of Grace; to endeavor by a holy life to show the grace possessed; to seek out opportunities for growth in sanctification and stewardship; to further by word, deed and financial support, the work of the congregation and the Church at large; and, in general, to strive earnestly in all manner of living to show forth a truly Christian life; avoiding all evil and cultivating all good habits.

Section 3. Adult Members shall be subject to annual classification by the Church council as Communicating or Inactive members. Communicating members are those who have received the Holy Communion at least once within the year, and in the judgment of the Pastor and the Church Council have reasonably fulfilled the duties defined in Article III, Section 2, unless hindered by sickness or other circumstances beyond their control. Such Communicating members shall also be defined as "members in good standing". Inactive members are those who, resident or non-resident, have failed to measure up to the requirements for Communicating Membership, unless hindered by circumstances beyond their control. Such Inactive members shall also be defined as "members not in good standing".

Section 4. The congregation shall adopt by-laws defining the conditions under which the Adult "Confirmed" Members shall have the right to vote at congregational meetings.

ARTICLE IV Of the Pastor

Section 1. The pastor shall be a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He shall be a member of The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest of the United Lutheran Church in America or become a member within a reasonable time. If the Synod refuses to receive him, or if he is deposed from the office of the ministry or excluded from the membership of the Synod, he automatically ceases to be the pastor.

Section 2. The election or the acceptance of a resignation of a pastor shall be by written ballot at a properly called congregational meeting. In these matters, the Council and congregation shall proceed in conference and co-operation with the synodical authorities. The meeting of a congregation for the election of a Pastor should be presided over or attended by the President of the Synod or his representative. In the election of a pastor, the Council shall nominate one person and the vote shall be on his election. Two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary to a decision. When the congregation shall have duly elected a pastor, the official "Pastor's Call Blank" adopted by the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest shall be used to extend the call of the congregation to the pastor-elect.

Section 3. He shall conduct the public worship of the congregation according to the principles and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, preach the Gospel as confessed by that Church, administer the Sacraments, catechize, comfort, and admonish publicly and privately.

Section 4. He shall be ex-officio president of the Council and of the congregation.

Section 5. In order that he may devote himself fully to the duties of his office, he shall receive an adequate salary, paid in regular installments. The amount of his salary and the times of payment shall be specified in the Call. His expenses incident to attending the conventions of the Conference and of the Synod shall be paid by the congregation.

Section 6. He shall keep accurate records of all his ministerial acts in the "Parish Register" provided by the congregation for that purpose, which records shall be and remain the property of the congregation, and he shall also be the custodian of the official seal.

Section 7. Should any charges of neglect of duty or false doctrine or immoral conduct be brought against the pastor such charges shall be presented in writing over the signatures of five voting members of the congregation. When this has been done it shall be the duty of the Church Council to inquire into the truth of the same. The pastor shall have the right to be present and to be heard before the Church Council when such charges are being considered. If the charges be substantiated the Church Council shall admonish the pastor in a Christian spirit, endeavoring to remove all just cause for complaint. Should this prove unavailing the Church Council shall report the same in writing to the President of Synod in order that the case may be dealt with according to the Constitution of Synod. Appeals from the decision of the Church Council may be made to the Synod in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod.

ARTICLE V Of the Council

Section 1. The Council shall consist of the pastor or pastors and the deacons.

Section 2. There shall be six deacons, communing members of the congregation in good standing, at least twenty-one years of age, elected by the congregation at its annual meeting for a term of three years in such manner that one-third shall retire annually. After having served one three-year term, a deacon may not then be elected to serve again until at least one year shall have elapsed from the time of his retirement. Should a deacon cease to be a communing member in good standing, his office shall at once become vacant.

Section 3. The deacons shall co-operate with their fellowmembers and with the pastor in planning for and promoting the welfare of the congregation. While they shall attend specially to the business and property interests of the congregation, they shall not be unmindful of the spiritual duties prescribed by the Church in the office of their installation.

Section 4. The Council shall be the executive committee and the board of trustees of the congregation. It shall see that the Constitution and By-Laws are obeyed and that the resolutions of the congregation are

carried out. It shall arrange and carry out plans for the welfare of the congregation and for its work in connection with the Church at large. It shall guard the order of the services and the purity of teaching both in the pulpit and in the schools of the congregation. The Church Council shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of the paid servants of the local church.

Section 5. The Council shall each year classify all "Confirmed" Members of the congregation as Communing or Inactive members on the basis of the requirements set forth in Article III, Section 3, with a view to determining which ones are in good standing and to assisting the inactive members to improved standing.

Section 6. The Council shall elect from either its own number or the other members in good standing, delegates to the conventions of the Conference and of the Synod, whose expenses shall be paid by the congregation.

Section 7. The Council shall not sell or encumber the real estate of the congregation unless authority is given at a congregational meeting. Nor shall it, without authority from the congregation, incur any financial obligation exceeding one-tenth of the amount collected the preceding financial year for current expenses.

Section 8. The Council shall fill all ad-interim vacancies in its lay-membership until the next annual meeting of the congregation.

ARTICLE VI Of the Officers

Section 1. A vice-president, secretary, congregational treasurer, benevolence treasurer and financial secretary shall be elected by the Council for a term of one year. These officers, if not members of the Council, shall be accorded the privilege of voice without vote in the meetings of the Council. The vice-president shall be a member of the Church Council.

Section 2. The vice-president shall be chairman of the Council and of the congregation in the absence of the pastor and during a pastoral vacancy.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the congregation and Council in a volume provided by the congregation, which shall be preserved permanently in the Archives of the congregation. He shall keep all records of the congregation except those provided for in Article IV, Section 6, and Article VI, Section 4, 5 & 6.

Section 4. The congregational treasurer shall keep all accounts of the congregation and disburse them on proper orders. He shall make such reports as the by-laws require.

Section 5. The benevolence treasurer shall receive all monies intended for the benevolent work of the congregation, the synod and the church at large. He shall keep an accurate account of all such receipts and disbursements, making monthly remittance of all benevolence funds to the proper authorities.

Section 6. The financial secretary shall keep a careful record of all contributing members, also an accurate account of their contributions, and shall endeavor to effect prompt payment of all pledges and subscriptions. He

shall keep a record of all financial receipts and see that they are turned over to the congregational treasurer.

Section 7. These officers shall be communing members of the congregation in good standing. Should they cease to be such, their offices at once become vacant. Such vacancy for causes established, shall be officially declared by vote of the Church Council, and shall be filled by the Council for the remaining unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII Of Discipline

Section 1. The Council shall administer discipline as the representative of the congregation, subject to appeal as provided in the Constitution of the Synod. In all cases of serious difficulty the counsel and instruction of the presidents of the Conference and of the Synod shall be sought and respectfully considered. Discipline shall in all cases be administered after the pattern of Matthew 18:15-17, and in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the congregation and of the Synod.

Section 2. The offences for which discipline may be administered are: conduct of an immoral or scandalous character, flagrant dishonesty; the holding and teaching of heretical opinions; persistent trouble-making, especially in the affairs of the congregation; the commission of serious crimes against the law of the land; and in general, whatever conduct is grossly unbecoming a member of the Church of Christ, failure to fulfill the requirements of active membership set forth in Article III, Section 3, shall render the inactive members subject to discipline, judiciously applied with a view to improve standing of the members in question. To this end the Council may request an explanation of their failure, admonish them and give friendly counsel, make public their names as inactive members, and if necessary, inflict the penalties set forth in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 3. The penalties that may be inflicted are: (a) censure in private or before the Council or the congregation, (b) suspension until evidence of repentance is given the Council, (c) excommunication.

Section 4. Acts of discipline or "inactive" classification by the Church Council shall constantly be subject to review by the Council, at the request of persons so disciplined or classified, to the end that offenders may be restored to the rights and privileges of communing members in good standing. Offenders should be encouraged to apply for and secure such restoration under the direction of the pastor and Council.

Section 5. Appeal from the discipline of the Council may be made to the congregation and to the Synod in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod with which the congregation is connected.

ARTICLE VIII Of Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting of the congregation shall be held upon a date to be fixed in accordance with the provision of the By-Laws.

Section 2. Special meetings of the congregation may be called by the pastor when he deems necessary and shall be called when requested by the Council or in writing by ten communing members. In the call for special meet-

ings, the purpose of the meeting shall be specified and at the meeting no other business shall be transacted.

Section 3. In case of a pastoral vacancy, the Council shall call congregational meetings as may be necessary, or on the written request of ten communing members.

Section 4. Notice of all congregational meetings shall be given by announcement at two consecutive weekly worship services or by mail to all voting members at least ten days previous to the meeting.

Section 5. The Council shall hold regular meetings as stated in the By-Laws.

Section 6. Any number of members in good standing at any properly called congregational meeting shall constitute a quorum at a congregational meeting, except when the question is in the election or release of a pastor, or the purchase, sale, or mortgaging of real estate, when one-fifth of the members in good standing shall be necessary to a quorum.

ARTICLE IX Schools

Section 1. The congregation shall always maintain a Sunday School, in which the Bible, the Small Catechism, and Sunday School lesson and service books authorized by the Synod to which this congregation belongs, shall be the means of instruction.

Section 2. The pastor is ex-officio the head of the Sunday School, but the teachers and officers of the school should elect a Superintendent satisfactory to the Church Council, whose duty it shall be to look after the growth and welfare of the school; to see that the teachers and scholars are regular and attentive; and to assist the pastor in the opening and closing services, or take full charge as the pastor may request.

Section 3. The teachers in the Sunday School shall be confirmed members in good standing of an Evangelical Lutheran congregation, and shall be appointed by the pastor and superintendent.

ARTICLE X Of Societies

Section 1. No societies shall be organized or disbanded in the congregation without the consent of the Council.

Section 2. All organizations within the congregation exist to serve the welfare of the congregation as a whole, and as such are subject to the will of the congregation as expressed by the Church Council or congregational meeting. They shall, upon request of the Council, make such reports concerning their membership, finances and work as may be specified by the Council.

ARTICLE XI Of By-Laws

By-Laws, not in conflict with this Constitution, may be adopted or amended at any annual meeting of the congregation by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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ARTICLE XII
Of Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual congregational meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that they have been proposed in writing by at least three members at the preceding annual meeting, or that they shall have been approved by the Church Council, and, by it submitted to the communion members of the congregation by mail, at least thirty days before the annual congregational meeting.

Section 2. No amendments, however, may be considered which would alter Article I or II or Section 2 of Article XII of this Constitution.

BY - LAWS

SECTION I Congregational Meetings

Item 1. The annual congregational meeting shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Church Council in the month of December.

Item 2. At the annual meeting, the pastor, the treasurer or treasurers of the congregation, and the officers of the various organizations and schools within the congregation shall submit reports in writing.

Item 3. At congregational meetings, all communing members in good standing, eighteen years of age or over, shall be eligible to vote.

SECTION II The Church Council

Item 1. All lay-members of the Church Council properly elected shall be installed by the pastor at the next public service following their election or as soon thereafter as possible.

Item 2. All elections of lay-members of the Council shall be by ballot and the result duly recorded by the secretary.

Item 3. Nominations for Church Council membership shall be made by the Church Council to the number of twice the vacancies to be filled. Additional nominations may be made from the floor to the number of the vacancies to be filled. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to election.

Item 4. The Council shall meet regularly on Monday of the second week of January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be called by the pastor on his own initiative and shall be called if requested by three members of the Council.

Item 5. The following shall constitute the Order of Business:

- a. Roll call and action on excuses for absence.
- b. A period for the study of the life and work of the Church.
- c. Devotions.
- d. Reading of minutes.
- e. Report of the pastor.
- f. Report of the treasurer or treasurers.
- g. Reports of standing committees.
- h. Reports of special committees.
- i. Other reports.
- j. Reception of petitions and communications.
- k. Unfinished business.
- l. New business.
- m. Adjournment with prayer.

SECTION III
Standing Committees

Item 1. At its first meeting in each congregational year, the Church Council shall appoint, from its own or from the voting membership of the congregation, as many standing committees as the local and general interests of the Church may require. They shall serve for one year. The pastor shall have a voice and vote in all committees of the congregation.

Item 2. The duties of all standing committees not otherwise defined shall be fixed by the Church Council, from whom they shall receive needed instructions and by whom their acts shall be subject to review.

Item 3. There shall be a Committee on Church Property. This Committee shall provide for the proper care and protection of all property of the congregation and shall see that the same is kept in good repair and adequately insured.

Item 4. There shall be a Finance Committee of which the congregational treasurer and the benevolence treasurer shall be members ex-officio. Its duty shall be to prepare the annual budget of the congregation for the succeeding year and to provide ways and means for the gathering of the needed funds in a scriptural and systematic way. It shall see that the financial affairs of the congregation are conducted efficiently, the bills promptly paid, and the funds of the congregation properly invested, subject to the approval of the Church Council. It shall also provide for the annual auditing of the accounts of the treasurer or treasurers and of the financial secretary.

Item 5. There shall be a Committee on Worship and Music. It shall be the duty of this committee to see that the services of God's house are conducted properly and in accordance with the liturgy of the church, that competent ushers are provided to act as "doorknockers in the House of the Lord", and that hymnbooks and devotional worship helps are provided and properly cared for. It shall supervise the organization and promotion of choirs, the employment of the organist and any paid singers, be responsible for the care of all musical instruments and robes, and in consultation with the pastor and choirmaster provide music proper for the services of worship and the edification of the congregation.

Item 6. There shall be a Committee on Education and Literature. This committee, in consultation with the pastor, shall have responsibility for the organization, promotion and supervision of the Bible school and the young people's organizations of the congregation. It shall recommend the use of approved Lutheran literature, and seek to introduce proper church papers and books of family devotion into the homes of the congregation.

Item 7. There shall be a Committee on Stewardship and Benevolence, of which the benevolence treasurer shall be a member ex-officio. The duty of this committee shall be to disseminate information among the members of the congregation concerning the benevolent work of the Church and to promote a vital sense of stewardship in the congregation.

Item 8. There shall be a Committee on Membership and Evangelism. It shall be the duty of this committee to seek to revitalize the indifferent and to stimulate and direct the congregation in a continuous program of personal evangelism among the unchurched. It shall look after the poor and needy in the congregation, providing such relief as may be possible.

**SECTION IV
Amendments**

No alterations or amendments to these By-Laws shall be made unless they are presented in writing to the Church Council and read at a public service prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Pastoren U. v. Thronup har været etlket =
gang i Minneapolig med Konferen-
sen. dertil i Eau Claire. Wis.

Oftagene aftrykt den 19-1-80

1. Bredke Paalsen

2. Rasmussen Paalsen

Antoni Christensen

Laurentius Christensen

Rasmus Larsen Olsen

Christian Christensen

Hans Peter Christensen

3. Johannes Peter Lassen

Deceased Relatives

Mrs & Mrs. Lars Rasmussen (Laurine's parents)

Mrs & Mrs. Geo. Jacobson (J. J.'s father & mother)

Grandpa J. J.
Laurine
Lizzie

Grandpa & Grandma Anderson
Lizzie's parents

Etta

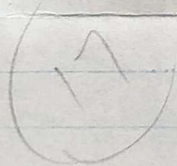
Carl

Eva

Olga and Jeff & Baby

- Grace's Baby

- Gladys' Baby



Etta

Charlie & Roy

Emma

} M. Covenant Church

These are the names of the first members of the congregation of the Danish evangelical Lutheran (Søley) congregation.

The writer has concluded that the name Søley was inserted through the influence of certain members that had emigrated from near Kallundborg, Spillemønt, and had lived close to the fold home of Esbøer square Søbygaard.

Names of members & children of minor children

(Mads Peter Hansen and wife
 Marie Hansen
 Inga Christina Modig
 Ole Pedersen and wife Anna Paulsdatter
 Soren Peter Olsen
 Jens Christensen and wife Anna Katrina Hansen
 Christen Hansen and wife
 Aboline Kristina Hansen
 Niels Hansen
 Hans Christian Hansen
 Jens Jacobsen and wife
 Mette Kirstine, Jens daughter
 Hans Christian Jørgensen
 Jacob Jensen
 Peter Nielsen and wife
 Anna Marie Petersen
 Lavits Christian Pedersen
 Lavits

Johan Larsen & wife
 Karen Kristine Hansen
 Niels Pedersen & wife
 Karen from Madsen
 Erik Thorsen Bjerkeager
 Ole Thorsen Bjerkeager
 both known by the name of Madsen
 Anders Johansen
 Niels Peter Thomsen & wife
 born Marie Madsen
 Bendix Thomsen & wife
 Frederikke Thomsen
 Andreas Pedersen & wife
 Dorothea Lauridatter
 Christian Larsen & wife
 Martha Larsen
 Ole Fredrikson & wife
 Marie Olsen
 Hans Pedersen & wife
 Line Pedersen
 Jens Hansen & wife
 Jane Margrete
 Knud Gundersen

May 10, 1947

Mr. Elmer Larsen
261 Thomas Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Larsen:

Mr. Raymond Booth, Secretary of the Elm Dale Evangelical Lutheran Church told me that you had stopped at his home to ask for your baptism record.

I have searched the records of the congregation, and find the following on record:

Elmer Raymond Larsen

Born January 21, 1910

Baptized September 20, 1931, in the Name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Parents:

Father-Edward Larsen (born March 31, 1888?)

Mother-Charlotte or Sharlotte Larsen, nee Olsen (born July 22, 1888)

Sponsors:

Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Jacobsen

There is no record of your ever having been confirmed here, and there is no record of your ever having transferred your membership to another congregation. Your present status of church membership is that of an inactive baptized member of the Elm Dale Evangelical Lutheran Church.

May I suggest that you take steps to renew your church membership at one of our St. Paul churches? I refer you to the following pastors in St. Paul:

Rev. C. B. Lund, Ascension Lutheran Church, 2050 Stanford Avenue.
Rev. C. L. Grant, Faith Lutheran Church, Charles Ave. & Mackubin St.
Rev. W. P. Gerberding, Holy Trinity, Stevens & Bidwell Streets
Rev. A. O. Frank, Reformation Lutheran Church, 1050 Laurel Ave.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor

Holdingsford-Elm Dale Evangelical Lutheran Parish

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Synod of the Northwest

The United Lutheran
Church in America

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Council

Lutheran World
Convention

World Conference on
Faith and Order

World Council
of Churches

REV. WYLOCK J. E. SCOTT, Pastor
Box 745, Holdingsford, Minn.
Telephone 101

September 10, 1947

Dr. A. J. Chesley, Secretary
State Board of Health
State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Attention:
Recorder of Vital Statistics

Dear Sir:

Our church records have been brought into question as to the exact date of death and burial of Mrs. Lillie Kathryn Andersen, nee Gunderson, who died in Little Falls Hospital of Pneumonia and other complications. Our church records state that she died April 1, 1923, and was buried in our church cemetery on April 2, 1923. The undertaker's records state that she died April 1, 1924, and was buried April 2, 1924.

Since it is my desire to keep our church records as complete and accurate as possible, I should appreciate it if you would look up your old records and let me know whether 1923 or 1924 is correct. If your records indicate that our church records are wrong, I should like to note the correct dates in the Church's record books.

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Sincerely yours,


Wylock J. E. Scott

Dear Sir:

According to our records LILLIE KATHERINE ANDERSON died April 1, 1923 and was buried at Elmdale, Minnesota on April 2, 1923.

REC'D SEP 11 1947

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