

Minutes of Annual Meetings 1898-1964
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Oyens, Plymouth, Iowa, USA

Note: In January of 2012, Dean Mohning took digital photos of each page of the church meeting minutes book 1898-1964. The old church books are kept in the archives of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. From these photos, the meetings minutes were typed into Word documents.

The years 1898-1925 were hand-written in Danish, so the photos were emailed to Denmark to our great friend John H. Michaelsen (who helped on the Kloster book). John translated the old "canceli-style" Danish to the best of his ability. Some of the old Danish words are very difficult to translate.

Linda made suggestions of words that were more "American" than the direct Danish-English translation. For example, Danes often use the word "parish", but Americans are more apt to use the word "congregation". We thank him for all his hard work! We can never repay him for all he has done.

The years 1926-1964 were written in English and Linda has tried to keep a faithful and accurate transcription of the hand-written account. Linda kept the mistakes in grammar and spelling as written. It must be remembered that these Danes were learning a new language in America. The church changed from Dane to English about 1925. Any explanatory notes from Linda are enclosed in brackets []. Anyone wishing to see a photo of an original page can email Dean and Linda at dkmohn@midlands.net.

The large numbers, in the pages that follow, are the original page numbers.

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[Title Page] "Oyens, Plymouth co., Iowa, March 20, 1898. This book contains records and business done by the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oyens, Plymouth Co, Iowa. "

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1898

March 20

At a meeting held this day, we founded the Danish Evgl. Luth. Congregation in Oyens, Plymouth, Iowa. And by legal voting, were the men mentioned below, elected to different jobs in the service of the congregation.

Chairman of the Congregation: M. Sorensen
 Deacon of the Congregation: A. Kloster
 Secretary of the Congregation: W. Kloster

Board of Trustees Chairman: J.P. Larsen, N. Nielsen
 Treasurer: N. J. Hendricksen, H. W. Hansen
 Sect of b of Trustees: K.P. Kloster, H. Andersen

Auditors selected for 1 year: T. Kloster, C. Mortensen

The congregation decided to hand in an application about admission in the United Danish Evgl. Luth. Church in America.

On a motion the meeting was ended. Walter Kloster, sect.

1898

April 11

At a meeting held this day, it was decided to give authority to the board of Trustees to buy a building site, and receive bids for price of lumber and other materials necessary for building a Church. It was decided that the land should be as close as possible to the middle of the settlement.

Board of Trustees was given authority, as well, to incorporate the congregation. And use the necessary money of the congregational treasury.

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1898

April 11 [continued from page 2]

After having decided a meeting to Saturday the 7 of May, the meeting was ended.

Sign: Walther Kloster

Sec.

May 7

8 O'clock in the evening Pastor Andreasen opened the meeting.

A motion was made by A.Kloster, seconded by N.F Hendricksen, to build a church.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by C.P. Kloster, seconded by T. Kloster, carried, to appoint a committee of 3 men to look after the work on the church to be done at the best way.

And A. Kloster, N.J. Hendricksen and W. Kloster were selected as the building committee .

A motion was made and carried that H.W. Hansen do the lumber and painting work on the church. And he starts the work 1 of June and shall be finished with the work at the latest 1 of September.

When there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Nov. 17

By a meeting held today; it was decided by all, to call Pastor Damskov of West Superior, as our pastor in the future. In the meanwhile, Pastor L. Mathiesen promised to send pastors from the circuit to be in charge of our church society.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Walther Kloster

Sec.

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1899

March 20

At the annual meeting today, a motion from C.P. Kloster seconded by H.W. Hansen, the motion was carried unanimously, to carry on with the same officials, who were in the office.

A motion from H.W. Hansen, seconded by M. Sørensen, to adjourn the meeting.

Walter Kloster

Sect.

1900

April 1

At a meeting held today it was decided unanimously to install N.J Hendricksen as chairman for the parish.

A. Kloster Deacon

W. Kloster sect.

Kristian Kloster , Hans Andersen: Trustee for 3 years.

C. Mortensen trustee instead of H.W. Hansen.

F. Kloster, J Raven: Auditors

J.P Lassen: Treasurer

N. Nielsen Chairman of the board of trustees.

A motion was unanimously carried, that all of the congregational members, have the right to give outsiders access to the church for weddings, funerals and other church events.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

Walter Kloster

Sect.

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1901

April 5.

At the yearly meeting, held today, a motion was made and carried, that the congregational members should meet 1 day in the spring to plant the place round the church with trees and get the grass sowed.

A motion was made and carried to go on with the meeting Sunday the 28 of April.

April 28:

A motion was made and carried that N.J Hendricksen and Joe Juhl was selected for trustee and J.P. Larsen Chairman of the Congregation. A motion was made to close the meeting.

Walter Kloster
Sect.

1902

Marts 20:

The yearly meeting of this Congregation was opened by the Sect. in absence of the Chairman. A motion was made that N.J. Hendricksen be selected as temporary Chairman.

A motion was made that N. Nielsen be selected as Chairman

A. Kloster Deacon

W. Kloster Sect.

A motion was made to select N. Nielsen as trustee as well as Jens Andersen for trustee.

A motion was made to elect Poul Petersen for 3 years.

A motion was made that J.P. Larsen and Jørgen Raven be elected as Auditors .

A motion was made and carried that instead of sending a representative to the yearly convention, we will use that money to renovate the church inside. A motion was made to nominate a committee to get the work done.

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1902

March 20.

A motion was made and carried to clear the church place the same way as last year, namely 3 men at the time and take turns as the names are written in the congregation.

On motion of R. Kloster seconded by A. Kloster the meeting was ended.

Walter Kloster
Sect.

Nov. 2 [1902]

The council [?] meeting held today was opened by the chairman N. Nielsen. A motion was made to select Jens Andersen as chairman for the meeting and W. Kloster sect. The chairman read a letter from Marcus with a query about whether this congregation would like to call a pastor together . A motion was made to call this meeting a legal called meeting. By voting it was decided that this congregation goes together with Marcus to call a pastor. A motion was made and carried that this congregation raise the money by voluntary contributions, to purchase the house for the pastor in Marcus, and take over half of the debt, of that house temporarily for two years. If this congregation find it pleasant after this time, must Marcus congregation oblige itself to take over the house with all debt at that time.

A motion was made that A. Kloster, J. Andersen and J.P. Larsen be appointed to collect money to that house.

This committee has the right to buy this house or refuse if they meant so.

1902

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Nov. 2 [continued from page 6]

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Walter Kloster
Sect.

Nov. 27 [1902].

At a meeting held in the church today, following affairs was decided.

By voting 11 against 2 it was decided to engage Henry Bonde as Pastor.

It was decided that the congregation's board of trustee decide and determine a year salary for H. Bonde.

The Sect. of Congregation issues and sends a "call letter" to H. Bonde.

Jens Andersen
Temp. Sect.

When it was decided on a congregation meeting, that board of trustee should decide and determine a yearly salary for the Pastor, undersigned trustee hereby sets two hundred and twenty five[\$225] as a yearly salary.

Members of board of trustees are hereby requested to give there meaning by setting their name.

For this salary:

Against this salary:

Jens Andersen
C.P. Kloster
Nis Nielsen
Johannes Juhl

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1903

March 20

The congregation's yearly meeting took place in the church. The Chairman N. Nielsen opened the meeting.

A motion was made that Jens Andersen be selected as temporary chairman.

A motion was made that Nis Nielsen be selected as chairman for the next year, and A. Kloster Deacon and Herman Jensen secretary for the congregation.

A motion was made that C.P. Kloster and Hans Andersen be selected as trustees for 3 years. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Walter Kloster
Sect.

By a mistake N. Nielsen's name was written as trustee last yearly meeting. He was at that time already selected as chairman for the congregation.

Walter Kloster
Sect.

Undersigned men are the officials of the congregation and the time they were selected:

Trustees	N.J. Hendricksen	March 1901
	Joe Juhl	March 1901
	Jens Andersen	March 1902
	Poul Petersen	March 1902
	C.P. Kloster	March 1903
	Hans Andersen	March 1903
Chairman of the congregation	N. Nielsen	1903
Deacon	A. Kloster	1903
Sect.	H. Jensen	1903

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Auditors of the congregation the next year: J.P. Larsen, Jørgen Raven

Walter Kloster

Sect.

April 26 [1903]:

Received resignation from Pastor N. Damskov and the same read for the congregation.

H. Jensen

Sect.

The meeting held today, opened by Pastor Damskov. A motion was made and carried to send a representative to the yearly convention in Elkhorn.

A motion was made that J.P. Larson be selected as representative and as substitute: Hans Andersen, Jørgen Raven traveled to the yearly meeting.

H. Jensen

Sect.

July 26 [1903]

At today's service Pastor Henry Bonde was installed by the chairman of the parish Pastor Nielsen as pastor and counselor for the congregation.

H.L. Jensen Sect.

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October 14. [1903]

The meeting held this evening, was opened by singing hymns and a prayer by pastor Bonde.

After a motion by T. Kloster, seconded by K. Kloster, it was decided that present guest was admitted as speaker [?] and advisor for the evening.

A motion was made by P. Lassen seconded by T. Kloster, to hire a man for cleaning the church and looking after the stove. The motion was carried.

The person must sweep the church, light and maintain the fire in the stove during congregations meetings and services and look after the lamps.

A motion was made and seconded to end the discussion about the case mentioned above. Carried.

Decided by voting to leave the children's learning about religion to Pastor Bonde.

A motion was made and carried to ask board of trustee to fix the tower on the church, so it won't rain into the church.

A motion was made by T. Kloster and seconded by several, it was decided by voting to be obliging with Marcus congregation's debt without binding anyone.

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After motion by T. Kloster, it was decided to adjourn the meeting

H.P Jensen

Sect.

1904

March 19

At the yearly meeting of the congregation following was decided.

As Chairman of the congregation J.P Larsen was selected. As Secretary H.C Andersen was selected.

A motion was made by T. Kloster to suspend the rules of congregation and seconded by A. Kloster.

As Deacon was A. Kloster selected. As members of board of trustee T. Kloster and Johannes Juhl was selected.

According to the lot given to the church, it was decided to raffle it away the next 20 of April. The raffle will take place in Oyens.

To head the raffle A. Kloster was proposed. As assistant Johannes Juhl was selected. A motion was made and carried to ask Niels Friman to be the third man in the raffle committee.

A motion was made by A. Kloster, to leave board of trustees to paint. Carried.

A motion was made and carried to make a committee to investigate how big an altar piece was needed for the church and under which conditions it will be gotten and report to board of trustees before 20 April.

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Pastor Bonde was selected.

A motion was made to let A. Kloster buy velvet and covering for the pulpit. And buy some linens {?} as well to cover the altar and pulpit. Carried.

A motion was made to ask board of trustee to make a proposal and estimated price for building of the congregations barn and present the 20 of April.

A motion was made and carried that the congregations members as before take turns to clean the place around the church and keep it in shape.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bookkeepers report. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting.

H.C Andersen

Sect.

13

1905

March

At the congregation meeting held today the following was decided:

As Chairman: J.P. Larsen was elected.

As Sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

As Deacon: A. Kloster was elected.

Assistant Deacon: T. Kloster was elected.

For trustee on 3 years J.C Andersen and Jens Nielsen was elected.

It was decided to clean the place around the church once a month.

First time it was necessary.

First time: J.P. Larsen and T. Kloster. Second time: H.C. Andersen and Johannes Juhl. Third time: C.P.

Kloster and Jens Andersen. Assistant: Jens Nielsen.

A motion was made that Jens Andersen should contact Martin Petersen about cleaning of the church.

The church shall be cleaned before the 15 of April.

A motion was made that Søren Lassen should walk around with a list for signatures [contributions?]for pastor salary.

The treasurer report and account was adopted.

A motion was made to ajourn the meeting.

H.C Andersen

Congregation Sect.

14

11 March

1906.

The congregational meeting held today adopted following:

Sect. Report and treasurer report.

A motion was made and seconded, that all male members of the congregation help to pay for debt and painting for the barn.

A motion was made and seconded to give S. Lassen \$10 for lightning and sweeping the church.

Trustee's sect. Report was adopted.

Sect. H.C Andersen
 Chairman J.P Larsen
 Deacon A. Kloster
 Ass. T. Kloster
 Trustee's H. Mortensen and Jørgen Juhl
 A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

H.C. Andersen
 Congregation Sect.

15

20 March
 1907.

At the congregational meeting today following was decided:

Pastor Bonde's report was adopted.

Sect. Report was adopted.

Treasure report was adopted.

For the board of trustee Søren Lassen and T. Kloster was selected

Auditors: C. P. Kloster and J.P. Larsen.

A motion was made to send a delegate for the yearly convention. A. Kloster to travel.

Sect. of trustee's report was adopted.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

H.C. Andersen
 Sect.

June 18.
 1907.

At a congregational meeting the 18 of June following was decided:

The meeting was opened by singing hymns and a prayer.

A motion was made and seconded by all, to send deed of institution to the following pastor's:

1. For Pastor P. Rasmussen.
2. For Pastor P.M. Petersen.
3. For Pastor E. Nielsen.
4. Deed of institution are made just as Pastor Bonde's with necessary changes.

A motion was made and seconded to send a committee of 3 men to Marcus. J.P. Larsen, T. Kloster and Jørgen Juhl was selected. A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

H.C. Andersen
 Sect.

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20 March

1908.

By the yearly meeting in the congregation today following was decided.

Sect. report adopted.

On motion to vote for both Danish and English bookkeeping. It carry on as it was.

The Treasure's Trustee report adopted.

Sect. Report adopted.

As Chairman J.P Larsen was re-elected.

Trustee J.P Nielsen was elected for 3 years.

Trustee J.C. Andersen was elected for 3 years.

Sect. H.C. Andersen.

Auditors: A. Bonde and Søren Lassen.

Deacon: T. Kloster

Ass. Deacon: A. Bonde.

A motion made and seconded to release R. Siim the \$4.

A motion made and seconded to give R. Siim \$10 to sweep the church and lighting the same place.

A motion made and seconded to let Pastor Rasmussen buy 6 hymn books and 12 songs [books?]

A motion made and seconded to send a delegate to the yearly convention. H.C. Andersen was elected as the delegate.

A motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

H.C. Andersen

Sect.

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July 11

1908.

At a congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by prayer and then singing hymn number 2 .

It was unanimously decided to start a new Sunday school in Danish and English.

To superintendent A. Bonde was elected.

Ass. T. Kloster.

A motion was made to send the profit from the picnic of 4 July. To send \$14 to the children's home and \$14 to the Utah mission.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting closed with with hymn number 37.

H.C. Andersen

Congregation's

Sect.

18

March 27

1909.

At the congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 10 of the hymn book. Then prayer and ended with singing hymn number 2 of the hymn book.

Sect. Report was adopted.

The Treasure's Trustee report adopted.

A motion was made and seconded to let the old Pastor salary run out and then start a collection for the last quarter.

For Chairman J.P. Larsen was re-elected.

For Sect. H.C. Andersen was re-elected.

For Trustee Jørgen Juhl and Eskild Haahr was elected.

Deacon Peter Iversen.

Ass. T. Kloster.

Sunday school superintendent Albert Bonde.

Auditor's Jens Nielsen and C. P. Kloster.

A motion was made and seconded to give Albert Bonde \$12 a year for sweeping and lightning the church.

A motion was made and seconded to send a delegate to the yearly convention.

C.P. Kloster made a motion and Thorvald Kloster seconded to send Ass. Albert Bonde as the delegate.

A motion was made and seconded to paint the church outside and other places as necessary.

A motion was made and seconded to elect a committee to be in charge of the painting outside.

For the committee J.P. Larsen, J.H. Andersen and Jens Nielsen was elected.

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A motion was made and seconded to get Albert Bonde taking care of getting velvet on and around the pulpit and the altar.

A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting.

The meeting ended by prayer and singing number 300 of the songs

H.C. Andersen

Sect. of Congregation .

17 Dec.

1909

At a congregation meeting held today, following was decided:

The meeting started with singing number 32 of the songs and a Prayer.

Sect. report was adopted.

A motion was made and seconded, to raise contributions to cover the debts of the church.

A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting with singing Number 2 of the songs.

H.C. Andersen

Sect.

20

March 21

1910.

At the congregation meeting today following was decided:

The meeting was opened by singing number 100 of the songs followed by prayer.

Sect. Report was adopted.

The treasure's report was adopted.

A motion was made and seconded to elect a committee to research the cost of painting the church and put up wallpaper.

For the committee was elected: C.P. Kloster, Eskild Haahr and H.P. Mortensen.

A motion was made and seconded that the chairman should carry out a gate for the entrance.

A motion was made and seconded to give C. Ælun [Olsen?] \$12 for sweeping and lightning the church.

As Chairman, J.P. Larsen was elected.

As Deacon, Peter Iversen was elected.

As assistant Deacon, T. Kloster was elected.

As Secretary, H.C. Andersen was elected.

As Trustee, C.P. Kloster and H.P. Mortensen were elected.

As Auditors, C.P. Kloster and H.P. Mortensen were elected.

Sunday school superintendent, T. Kloster. Ass. H.C. Andersen.

Leader of the Bible class, Peter Iversen.

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A motion was made and seconded to send a delegate for the yearly conference. H.P. Mortensen was elected. Ass. P. Iversen.

A motion was made and seconded to send \$10 to the children's home and \$5 to the Japanese mission taken from the Sunday school's money.

A motion was made and seconded to send for 12 English song books.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Pastor Salary twice a year.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting with the singing of number 5 of the songs.

H.C. Andersen

Sect. of the congregation.

22

March 20

1911.

AT the congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing number 411 of the songs and a prayer.

Sect. report adopted.

Treasure's report adopted.

Auditor's report adopted.

For Chairman J.P. Larsen was elected.

For Sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

For Trustee T. Kloster and Søren Lassen was elected.

For deacon Axel Petersen was elected.

For ass. Deacon T. Kloster was elected.

For Auditor's J.P. Larsen and Axel Petersen was elected.

For Sunday school leader T. Kloster was elected.

For ass. Sunday school H.C. Andersen was elected.

Report from the Sunday school was adopted.

A motion was made and seconded to send \$10 to the children's home.

As leader of the Bible class C.P. Kloster was elected.

A motion was made and seconded to send a delegate to the annual convention in Blair.

Søren Lassen was elected ass. T. Kloster.

A motion was made and seconded to raise Pastor Rasmussen's pay with \$50 a year.

A motion was made and seconded to give C. Olsen \$20 a year for lighting and sweeping on Sunday and wash the church 3 times a year.

A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting with the singing of number 70 of the songs.

H.C. Andersen. sect. of the congregation

23

March 20.

1912.

At the congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing number 326 of the songs afterwards Pastor Rasmussen recited the 95 Psalm.

Sect. report adopted.

The treasure's report adopted.

The Auditor's report was adopted.

For chairman J.P. Larsen was elected.

For Sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

For Deacon Axel Petersen was elected.

For Ass. Deacon T. Kloster was elected.

For Auditor's J.P. Larsen and Axel Petersen was elected.

Trustee for 3 years Jørgen Juhl and Eskild Haahr was elected.

Report from the Superintendent of the Sunday school was adopted.

For Superintendent of the Sunday school T. Kloster was elected.

Ass. Superintendent H.C. Andersen was elected.

Leader of the Bible class C.P. Kloster was elected.

A motion was made and seconded that Axel Petersen should circulate a list for covering the loss of the congregations cash box.

A motion was made and seconded to give \$5 to the children's home of the Sunday school's money.

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March

1912.

A motion was made and seconded to give Alfred Larsen \$10 for janitor.

A motion was made and seconded to send a delegate to the district convention. Jørgen Juhl was elected with T. Kloster as ass.

On motion the meeting was ended with singing number 34 of the songs

H.C. Andersen Sect. of the congregation.

December 18

1912.

At a congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing number 109 of the songs afterwards a prayer by Pastor Rasmussen.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate candidate Carl C. Nielsen as number 1.

Candidate Walter Neve as number 2, for the Pastor Job here.

A motion was made to give \$225 a year temporarily.

A motion was made and seconded to send 2 delegates to Marcus to negotiate with the congregation there. C.P. Kloster and H.C. Andersen was Elected. Ass. Sam Lassen and H.P. Mortensen.

A motion was made to buy 12 Hymn books and 12 Songs and leave to Pastor Rasmussen to fix it.

On motion the meeting was ended by singing number 344 of the songs.

H.C. Andersen Sect. of the congregation.

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March 20

1913.

At the annual meeting of the congregation today the following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing number 326 of the songs. After that Pastor read the letter to the Colossians the 2 chapter [?]

Sect. Report accepted.

Treasure's report accepted.

Sect. of trustee's report accepted.

As chairman, J.P. Larsen was elected.

As Sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

As trustee for 3 years, C.P. Kloster and H.P. Mortensen were elected.

As Deacon, Axel Petersen was elected.

Ass. Deacon Thorvald Kloster was elected.

As Sunday school Principal T. Kloster was elected, with H.C. Andersen as ass.

As leader of the Bible class, C.P. Kloster was elected.

A motion was made and seconded to let the trustees investigate the price for repairs of the barn and

A motion was made and seconded, that Pastor Rasmussen contacts the chairman for investigating a possibility for service twice a month.

A motion was made and seconded to send a delegate to the district convention, C. P. Kloster was elected.

On motion from the chairman the meeting was ended with singing number 49 of the songs.

H.C. Andersen Sect. of the congregation.

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September 12

1913.

At the congregation meeting today the following was decided.

That Pastor Soe comes here Friday instead of Saturday for half year edification meetings when here is service in the morning.

On motion the meeting was ended.

H.C. Andersen Sect. of congregation.

With a great gratefulness the congregation of Oyens Evangelical Lutheran church acknowledge the receiving of a tmahr? organ as gift for our church from Nelson Miller, Miss. N.J. Hendricksen, Mrs. F. Bergner, Mrs. H.C. Andersen, Miss. Anna Miller, it was decided to write the names in the congregations minutes book so the descendants could know who the givers were.

Decided at the congregation's annual meeting.

H.C. Andersen.

Sect.

27

March 23

1914.

At the congregation's annual meeting today the following was decided.

Everything negotiated after the meeting is invalid.

The meeting was opened by singing number 29 of the songs. After that Pastor Soe read out Ephesians 13. 4. [?]

Sect. Report was adopted.

Treasure's report accepted.

Sunday school report was accepted.

As chairman, J.P. Larsen was elected.

As Sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

As Deacon, Axel Petersen was elected.

Ass. Deacon Thorvald Kloster was elected.

As Sunday school Principal T. Kloster was elected, with H.C. Andersen as ass.

As leader of the Bible class, C.P. Kloster was elected.

As trustee for 3 years, T. Kloster and Sam Lassen were elected.

Treasure's report accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to cancel the \$5 from A. Juhl.

A motion was made and seconded to buy 12 hymn books.

A motion was made and seconded to change the notice for pastor and congregation from 2 to 3 month.

A motion was made and seconded that Pastor Soe contacts Marcus and Alta for the temporary appointment to end.

A motion made and seconded to hold missions meetings every year late May.

A motion made and seconded to move the annual meeting to January if it won't conflict with the constitution.

A motion made and seconded that Pastor Soe fix the buying of hymn books.

A motion made and seconded to sell the old organ at the missions meeting.

As delegate for the district meeting H.S. Mortensen was elected.

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March 23

1914. [continued from page 27]

A motion made and seconded to give \$5 to each children's home from the Sunday schools Money.

A motion made and seconded to leave for the board of trustees to fix the repairs of the barn.

A motion made and seconded to write it, in the minute book.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Closed with Pastor Soe then saying the Lord's Prayer and singing number 367 of the songs.

H.C. Andersen Con. Sect.

29

23 March

1915.

On the congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 293.

After that Pastor Soe read St.P.1B.1. cp. {1st Peter, chapter 1?}

Sect. report was adopted.

Trustee treasure report was adopted.

Trustee sect. report was adopted.

As chairman, J.P. Larsen was elected.

As sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

As Deacon, Axel Petersen was elected.

As. Ass. Deacon T. Kloster was elected.

As Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster was elected.

As. Ass. For above H.C. Andersen was elected.

Trustee for 3 years H.P. Mortensen and C.P Kloster was elected.

Auditors were Axel Petersen and J.P. Larsen.

As delegates for the annual convention Axel Petersen was elected with Nis. Mortensen as ass.

A motion was made and seconded to have reading services as last year.

A motion was made and seconded to keep from Jan? to July

A motion was made and seconded to paint the church outside.

A motion was made and seconded to leave it to the trustees to repair the barn.

A motion was made and seconded that the chairman announce about cleaning of the church.

A motion was made and seconded that the trustees take care of the ceiling wallpaper in the church.

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March 23

1915 [continued from page 29]

A motion was made and seconded that we have mutual notice of 3 months like Marcus and Alta.

A motion was made to have missions meeting either the last of May or around 4 of July.

A motion made and seconded that Japan missionary Nielsen Monday the 19 of April.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

H.C. Andersen

Sec. of the congregation.

31

March 27

1916.

At the congregations yearly meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 310. After that Pastor Soe was reading 1. Chap. of Peter 2nd letter.

Following was present, J.P. Larsen, H.P.Mortensen, T.Kloster, A. Petersen, E. Haahr, Bonde Nielsen, J.A. Kloster, N.C. Nielsen , C. P. Kloster.

As Temporary sect. C.P. Kloster was elected. Report from last year meeting was read and accepted.

Temporary treasure N.C. Nielsen read the report and accepted. Sunday school superintendent report read and Accepted.

Following officials was elected:

Chairman J.P. Larsen

Sect. H.C. Andersen

Treasure Jørgen Juhl

Collector N.C. Nielsen

Deacon A. Petersen

Auditors G.A. Kloster, Bonde Nielsen

Trustee for 3 years Jørgen Juhl, Eskild Haahr

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster. Ass. H.C. Andersen, C.P. Kloster

A motion was made and seconded that the chairman call in the congregations members for cleaning the place around the church since it is needed.

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A motion was made and carried to meet at the church to clean and loosen the windows and fix them on Saturday the 1 of April.

A motion was made and carried to oblige the young society's offer to give a church bell. (Together T.K.) However, if the congregation find a possibility to build out the church, they rather will have all that help for that purpose as possible.

A motion was made to raise Pastor Soe salary with \$25, so the total salary is \$300.

A motion was made and seconded to send a delegate for the yearly convention. A. Kloster was elected with N.C. Nielsen as substitute.

A motion was made and carried to keep Mission meeting 27-28 of May if possible.

A motion was made to ajourn the meeting. Meeting closed with ringing the bell, singing and after that a prayer.

H.C. Andersen Sect. of the congregation

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[March?] 17

1917

At the congregation's year meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 777. After that Pastor Soe read from the book of John, chapter 15.

Following was present: H.P. Mortensen, N.C. Nielsen, J.A. Kloster, Bonde Nielsen, J. P. Larsen, A. Kloster, C.P. Kloster, T. Kloster, Sam Lassen, Jørgen Juhl, A. Petersen, John Juhl, ?.N. Mortensen.

Sect. Report was read and accepted. Sunday school superintendent's report accepted. Collection report accepted. Treasures report accepted.

Following officials was elected for the next year:

Chairman J.P. Larsen

Sect. H.C. Andersen

Treasure John Juhl

Collector N.C. Nielsen

Deacon C.P. Kloster

Ass. T.Kloster

Sunday school superintendent T.Kloster

Ass. H.C. Andersen

Auditors G.A. Kloster, Bonde Nielsen

Trustee for 3 years H.P. Mortensen, C.P. Kloster. Andrew Kloster was elected to fill in the vacancy after Eskild Haahr as trustee.

A motion was made and carried to send a delegate for the yearly convention. N.C. Nielsen was elected with J.A. Kloster as substitute.

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A motion was made and seconded if the congregation in Alta wish to get service the 5 Sunday in the month where there is 5 Sundays. The congregation is willing to give it a try.

A motion was made and seconded to decide by voting about the \$100 which was added to Pastor Soe salary, should be added to the year salary of the Pastor or adopt by subscription. It was decided to add for the year salary.

A motion was made and seconded to keep missions meeting if possible the 18-19 of August.

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the arrangement of sweeping and cleaning the church.

A motion was made to let the board of trustees put a door in the Chimney, so it will be easier to clean.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed by ringing the bell and singing and after that Pastor Soe say one's prayer.

H.C. Andersen Sect. of the congregation.

35

March 23

1918.

On the yearly congregation meeting today following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing song number 267. After that Pastor Soe read John, the 14th chapter.

Following congregation members was present:

T. Kloster, J. Juhl, J.A. Kloster, Niels Petersen, J.P. Larsen, Axel Petersen, Bonde Nielsen, Anders Andersen, C.P. Kloster, H.P. Mortensen, Alfred Lassen, H.C. Andersen.

Sec. Report was read and adopted.

Treasure report was read and adopted.

Sunday school superintendent report was read and adopted.

Following officials were elected:

Chairman J.P. Larsen

Sect. H.C. Andersen

Treasure Axel Petersen

Collector N.C. Nielsen

Deacon J.P. Kloster

Ass. Deacon T. Kloster

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster. Ass. H.C. Andersen

Auditors J.A. Kloster and J.E. Nielsen

Trustee for 3 years T. Kloster and Sam Lassen

A motion was made and seconded to keep missions meeting 31 of August and 1 of September.

A motion was made not to choose a delegate for the annual convention.

A motion was made and carried that the chairman makes a plan for lighting the church and look after the plan to be effective.

A motion was made and carried that Trustees get a door in the chimney.

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A motion was made and carried, that everything comes in for Pastor Salary are going to be paid for the Pastor.

A motion was made that the Sect. sends the old song books to Blair, and get them separated.

A motion was made and carried that Niels Petersen take care of the distribution of song books on Sundays and other services.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Closed by singing song number 201.

H.C. Andersen Sect. of the congregation.

37

March 24

1919.

At the yearly congregation meeting today, following was decided.

The meeting was opened by singing song number 290 and after that Pastor Soe read Peter's 1st letter, chapter 3. [?]

Following congregation members were present:

J.A. Kloster, J.P. Larsen, H.P. Mortensen, C. Nielsen, Axel Petersen, C.P. Kloster, T. Kloster, H.C. Andersen.

Sect. report for 1918 was read and accepted.

Treasure report for 1918 was read and accepted.

Sunday school superintendent's report for 1918 was read and accepted.

Collector's report for 1918 was read and accepted.

Since Bonde Nielsen was not present, C.P. Kloster was elected as temporary auditor.

As chairman J.P. Larsen was elected.

As Sect. H.C. Andersen was elected.

As treasurer Axel Petersen was elected.

Collector C. Nielsen was elected.

As Deacon C.P. Kloster was elected.

As Ass. Deacon T. Kloster was elected.

As Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster was elected, with H.C. Andersen as ass.

Trustee for 3 years John Juhl and Alfred Lassen was elected.

As Auditors J.A. Kloster and Hans Miller was elected.

The Church Usher Niels Fr. Petersen.

A motion was made and seconded to set up a committee to buy new velvet for the pulpit and altar.

Miss. M. Mortensen, Mrs. Axel Petersen, Miss. Hans Miller was elected.

A motion was made and carried to get a cover for the stove left for J.P. Larsen and C. Nielsen.

A motion was made to sell the old lumber outside the church by an auction.

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24 March

1919 [continued from page 37]

A motion was made and carried to make a collection for Pastor P.L.C. Hansen.

A motion was made and carried to have communion [?] the first Sunday in the month.

A motion was made and carried to send a delegate for the yearly convention in Cedar Falls. Jens Kloster was selected with M. Mortensen as substitute.

A motion was made and seconded to send a list around for gasoline for Pastor Soe's auto.

On a motion by the chairman the meeting was ended with singing song 797.

H.C. Andersen Sect of the congregation.

39

March 15

1920.

At the congregation meeting today following was decided. Present was:

T. Kloster, J.A. Kloster, J.P. Larsen, C.P. Kloster, C. Nielsen, Anders Andersen, H.C. Andersen, Axel Petersen, Bonde Nielsen. Hymn 130 was singing. After that Pastor Soe read Paul's letter to the Ephesians and said a prayer.

Sect. Report was read and accepted.

Treasure report was read and accepted.

Collector's report was read and accepted.

Sunday school superintendent rapport was read and accepted.

A motion was made to send a delegate for the yearly convention. C. P. Kloster was elected with C. Nielsen as sub.

A motion was made and carried to set up a committee on 3, to take care for a plan to build out the church. T. Kloster, C. Nielsen, B. Nielsen was elected.

A motion was made and carried that J.P. Lassen and C. Nielsen should decide about repairs of the old stove.

A motion was made to make a collection for Pastor C. Christensen. A motion was made and seconded to have two services a month next winter just as last winter.

A motion was made and seconded to have English services once a month. Elected officials:

Chairman J.P. Larsen

Sect. J.A. Kloster

Treasure Axel Petersen

Collector C. Nielsen

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster with H.C. Andersen as sub.

Deacon C. P. Kloster with T. Kloster as sub.

Auditors Hans Moeller and Bonde Nielsen

Church [usher?] Niels Petersen

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March 15

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Trustee for 3 years H.P. Mortensen, C.P. Kloster

A motion made by T. Kloster to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed by singing number 318 and Pastor Soe saying the Lord's Prayer.

H.C. Andersen outgoing sect. of the congregation

J.A. Kloster Sect. of the congregation

41

March 21

1921.

The congregations meeting was held today. Pastor Soe opened the meeting by singing Hymn number 290 and led us in prayer. He read some verses of John's Revelation, Chapter 7.

Present at the meeting was: C.P. Kloster, J.P. Lassen, Chris Nielsen, Axel Petersen, Alfred Lassen, Hans Miller, Carl Miller, Andreas Andersen, Niels Petersen, J.A. Kloster.

Sect. Report was read and accepted.

Treasure Report was read and accepted.

Collectors report was read and accepted.

Following officers was elected:

Chairman J.P. Larsen.

Sect. J.A. Kloster.

Treasure Axel Petersen.

Collector Chris Nielsen.

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster, with H.C. Andersen as assistant.

Deacon C.P. Kloster, with T. Kloster as assistant.

Usher Niels Petersen.

Auditors Hans Miller and Bonde Nielsen. H.C. Andersen was elected as substitute for Bonde Nielsen just for today, since Bonde Nielsen wasn't present at the meeting.

Trustee for 3 years Carl Miller and T. Kloster.

A motion was made to elect a committee to bring the stove in shape. J.A. Kloster and H.C Andersen was elected.

A motion was made and seconded to rebuild one of the boxes in the barn for a temporary place for cobs and coal.

A motion was made to leave the work to the trustee. A motion was made to send a delegate for the yearly convention in Blair. Chris Nielsen was elected with H.C. Andersen as sub. Number 1 and Hans Miller as sub. Number 2.

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March 21

1921 [continued from page 41]

A motion was made to keep missions meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in September.

A motion was made and seconded to give a gift together for G.B. Christiansen as an acknowledgment from the congregation for his work there. Hans Miller and Alfred Lassen was elected to circulate a list to collect an amount of money for the gift.

A motion was made to hold English? services once a month, and not holding evening meeting that Sunday evening.

A motion was made to adjourn by singing Hymn number 297 and after that Pastor Soe ended with Lord's Prayer.

J.A. Kloster
Sect.

43

March 21

1922.

The yearly meeting was held today. The meeting was opened by singing hymn 293. After that Pastor Soe read from Matthew, chapter 5, verses 1 to 16.

Sec. Report was read and accepted.

Treasure report was read and accepted.

A motion was made to elect H.C. Andersen as substitute instead of Hans Miller, who was not present.

Sub. Carried.

Coll. Report for the year 1921 accepted.

Sunday school superintendent report was read and accepted.

Following officers was elected:

Chairman J.P. Larsen.

Sect. J.A. Kloster.

Treasure Axel Petersen.

Coll. Bonde Nielsen.

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster. Ass. Chris Nielsen.

Deacon C.P. Kloster. Ass. T. Kloster.

Usher N.F. Petersen.

Auditors H.C. Andersen and Hans Miller

Trustee for 3 years Alfred Lassen and Joergen Juhl.

A motion was made to keep missions meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in September. A motion was made not to send a delegate for the year convention. Motion made to elect a committee to fix the chimney. Bonde Nielsen and Anders Andersen were elected. Motion was made to elect a committee to take the chimney down and up again. A. Petersen, Alfred Lassen and N.F. Petersen were elected.

A motion was made to hold a meeting between the families who has children in the school and the Sunday school superintendent and ass. Motion made to adjourn. Closed by singing hymn 729. After that Pastor Soe ended with Lord 's Prayer

J.A. Kloster

44

April 7

1923. The congregation yearly meeting. Pastor Soe opened the meeting by singing Hymn number 293 and read Johns revelation 1 chap.

Sec. Report from last meeting was read and accepted.

Treasure Report was read and accepted.

A motion was made to elect A. Kloster to be auditor instead of Hans Miller, who wasn't present.

Collectors Report was read.

Following officers was elected.

Chairman J.P. Larsen.

Sect. J.A. Kloster.

Treasure Petersen.

Collector Alfred Lassen.

Deacon C.P. Kloster with T. Kloster as assistant.

Usher N.F. Petersen.

Auditors Hans Andersen and Hans Miller.

Trustee for 3 years H.P. Mortensen and C.P. Kloster.

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster and Alfred Lassen .

A motion was made to send a delegate to the yearly convention in Elkhorn. H.P. Mortensen was elected with Axel Petersen as sub. A motion was made to hold mission meeting and 25 years jubilee celebration and invite Pastor Andersen and a neighbor Pastor the first Saturday and Sunday in September. A motion was made to elect a committee to find, if possible, a person to play in the church, as fast as possible. H.C. Andersen, J.P. Larsen and A. Kloster were elected. H.C. Andersen was elected to take care of orders for Luthers week?? Turn page.

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It was decided to start the Sunday school the 8 of April. Motion made to elect Axel Petersen, Alfred Lassen and N.F. Petersen to take down the chimney and put it back.

A motion was made to let Axel Petersen circulate a list to collect money for the congregations cash box, because it has deficit.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by singing Hymn 291.

Pastor Soe ended with Lord 's Prayer

J.A. Kloster Sect.

46

The congregation held the yearly meeting today The 17 of March 1924. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn number 293, after that Pastor Soe read the letter to the Philippians 2 chap.

Sec. Report was read and accepted. Treasure Report was read and accepted. Coll. Report was read and accepted. Sunday school superintendent Report was read and accepted. A motion was made to take of the money box for paying the Altar wine. Nis Kloster and wife were admitted to the congregation.

After that officers for the congregation were elected.

Chairman J.P. Larsen.

Sec. J.A. Kloster.

Treasure Axel Petersen.

Coll. Alfred Lassen

Deacon C.P. Kloster, with T. Kloster as ass.

Usher N.F. Petersen.

Auditors H.C. Andersen and H. Miller.

Trustee for 3 years Nis Kloster and Anders Andersen.

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster with Alfred Lassen as ass.

Motion was made to let Anders Andersen circulate a list to collect money for the congregations cash box, because it has deficit. A motion was made to keep mission meeting the 6 and 7 of September. A motion was made to take a collection Sunday afternoon at the mission meeting for the Japan mission.

A motion was made to send a delegate to the yearly convention, and elect the person when the meetings date is closer.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by singing hymn number 210.

Pastor Soe ended with Lord 's Prayer

J.A. Kloster Sect.

47

The congregation held the yearly meeting today the 23 of March 1925. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn number 291. After that Pastor Soe read the 84 Psalm of David.

Sect. Report was read and accepted. Treasure report was read and accepted. Collections report was read and accepted. Sunday school superintendent report was read and accepted. A motion was made and seconded to buy 15 copies of the little Lutheran and pay with money from the Sunday school. After that the following officers was elected.

Chairman J.P. Larsen.

Sect. J.A. Kloster

Treasure Axel Petersen.

Collector Alfred Lassen.

Trustee for 3 years Hans Miller and Alfred Lassen.

Auditors H.C. Andersen and Hans Miller.

Deacon C.P. Kloster with T. Kloster as ass.

Usher N.F. Petersen.

Sunday school superintendent T. Kloster with A. Lassen as ass.

A motion was made to keep mission meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in September. It was decided to keep meeting the last Saturday and Sunday in August. A motion was made to send a delegate to the yearly convention in Albert Lea, Minn. Hans Miller was elected with and Axel Petersen as substitute. A motion was made that trustee should look after the south side of the church and get shingled and get tower [?] put in shape.

A motion was made to elect a committee for buying a rug or rubber?? to the chair seats. T.Kloster and H.C. Andersen was elected. A motion was made to end the meeting by singing hymn number 727.

Pastor Soe ended with Lord's Prayer

J.A. Kloster Sect.

48

July 3, 1925

The Congregation held a meeting this eve Meeting was called to order by Chairman J.P Larsen He elected C P Kloster to act as Chairman meeting opened by Sining hym No 309.

The meeting was called to see if we should call a nother Minister and to Send Delegates to Marcus to meet with Marcus and Alta congergations a Motion was made to select 3 men as Delegates. Motion was made to Send Sam Lund, Alfred Lassen and Nis Kloster. The Committee was instructed to Send a Call to Rev Jusild from Vigborg South Dakota as no [#] one, Rev Atlef Hansen Mishigan as no [#] two and Rev N P Sorensen Wisconsin as no [#] three Motion made that We communicate with Marcus We to get together with Alta and have the three Congergations meet as soon as possible Motion made that H.C. Andersen Send for 14 Aaso Beretiningen

The committee was instructed that the People of Oyens Congregation was to Rase \$600 for the Ministers Wages from Oyens and if there was any subscription over \$600 to go into the Church. Tresure for church rex[?] Jenses. The committee was also told not to Change the time of Church to let the Church go as it has.

Motion was made to adjourn by singing Salme No 136

After that C P Kloster closed with the Lords Prayer

J.A Kloster

Secy

49

July 9

Meeting opened by Chairman C P Kloster elected to act as Chairman Meeting opened by singing psalm 572. Motion made to have Secy read minutes of last meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made that the committee give a report as to what was done at Marcus they did not have much to report. As Alta did not want to call a Minister to gether with Marcus & Oyens those to Congergations had to rase more mony by them Selves they Reported that they Send a Call to Rev Adlef Hansen as No 1 and not Send any call to Rev Jersild. There was a motion made to Have three English and One Dane services a month Motion made to Circulate a list to See how much we could Rase as Ministers Wages motion was Made for the Kollector to Report what the last amounted to He got \$655 signed. Motion was made that if Marcus Rase there \$500 to \$550 the the Oyens Congregation would rase ther \$600 to 650 Motion was made that the Committee and Secy meet with the Marcus Committee & Secy and send a Call to Rev Hansen as soon as possible Chris Kloster read the call Sent to Henry Bundo and then a motion was made to send the Call to Rev Hansen similar to that one only to Stipulate that We are to have 4 english and one dane services a month Motion was made to adjourn motions made to Sing Salime no 204 After that C P Kloster closed with the Lords Prayer

J A Kloster Secy

50

March 22

1926.

The congregation held the yearly meeting today. The Meeting was opened by singing hymn number 750. After that Pastor Hansen read first chapter of John's letter. Pastor Hansen was elected as chairperson for the meeting. Sect. report was read and accepted. Treasure report was read and accepted. Coll. Report was read and accepted. Sunday school superintendent report was read and accepted.

Following officers was elected: Chairman J.A. Larsen. Sec. J.A. Kloster. Treasure A.J. Petersen. Collector Alfred Lassen. Trustee for 3 years H.P. Mortensen and C.P. Kloster. Auditors H.C. Andersen and Hans Miller. Deacon C.P. Kloster with T.Kloster as ass. Usher N.F. Petersen. Sunday school superintendent T.Kloster, with Mrs. Nick Kloster as ass.

Motion made to keep missions meeting Last August or first September. It was decided to send a delegate for the yearly convention in Vanpaca? Wis. Joe Juhl was elected as number 1 and C.P. Kloster as substitute. A motion was made to give \$10 of the Sunday school money to the children's home. A motion was made to elect a committee to investigate if it was possible to get a basement under the church, and move the chimney to the side of the church. A committee of 3 was elected. Sam Lund, Nick Kloster and Axel Petersen.

A motion was made to end the meeting by singing the hymn 365.

After that we ended with Lord's Prayer.

J.A. Kloster Sect.

51

March 19

1927.

The yearly meeting of the congregation was held today. The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 141. After that Pastor Hansen read Paul's 1 letter for the Corinth 13 chap. Sec. report was read and accepted. Treasure report was read and accepted. Coll. Report was read and accepted. Sunday school superintendent was read and accepted. A motion was made to elect all the same officers. Chairman J.P. Larsen. Sec. J.A Kloster. Treasure Axel Petersen. Coll. Alfred Lassen. Sunday school Superintendent T.Kloster, with Mrs. N. Kloster as ass. Auditor H.C. Andersen and Hans Miller. Deacon C.P. Kloster with T. Kloster as ass. Usher N.F. Petersen. Trustee for 3 years Nis Kloster and Anders Andersen. It was decided to keep mission meeting at the same time as usual. Motion made to send a delegate to the yearly convention. Motion made to decide later. Motion made to end the meeting by singing the hymn number 204. After that Pastor Hansen closed with the Lord's Prayer.

J.A. Kloster Sect.

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March 21, 1928

The Congregation held the Yearly Meeting this day. Meeting opened by Singing hymn No 244. Rev Hansen Read the Gosple of Mark 4 Chapter 26 to 32 verses The Secty Report Was read and approved as read Tresurs Report Was read and approved as read Collectors Report was read and approved as read Sunday Sch?? Report was read and approved as read

Rev Hansen Brought a question from Marcus congregation to ask that the Maracus congregation have services ever other Sunday fore noon. A Motion was made by Rev Hansen to have Oyens Congergation express it self what they tought about it A motion was made to vote on what we should do the Vote was in favor that we keep the Services the way they are and have been for a long time Motion made to elect officers for the year.

J P Larsen was elected President

J A Kloster Sec Axel Petersen Tresuer

Alfred Lassen Kollector

T Kloster Sunday School Supt

A Lassen Assistant Sunday School Supt

C P Kloster Deacon

T. Kloster Ass Deacon

H C. Andersen & Hans Miller auditors of Books

Hans Miller & Alfred Lassen Trustee for three years

Anders Anderson usher & handing out Hyme Books

Motion was made to have a Missionary Meeting later Part of Aug or first of Sept.

Motion was made to have Axel Petersen fix the Window by the Pulpit to keep out the Sun light

Motion was made to send a delegate to the Convention.

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C P Kloster was chosen as No 1

Nick Kloster as alternate

A Report was made of the Panting & Fixing the Church was Read. There was not Money enough gathered to pay for the Bill So there was a motion made that the treasure take out of the Church acc. And pay the Bill Motion was made that the Secy Circulate list for the School at Blair and to turn over the money that was subscribed more than the School quoto to the Tresure

Motion was made that get some Posts and Repair the Fences around the Church Yard. Motion Made that the Board of Directors look after This. I get the Posts. ["I get the Posts" later crossed out with pencil.]

Motions was made to adjourn.

We adjourned by saying the Lords Prayer.

J A Kloster
Secty

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Jan 27, 1929

Special Congregation Meeting Called by Rev Hansen for today. Meeting was called by Rev Hansen as a Request from the Marcus Congregation in Regard to the Change of time of Holding Services They would want it every other Sunday or the fore noon A motion was made by T Kloster and seconded that we should see how many were in favor of a change in The Oyens Congregation The motion was that the People instruct there delegate that the People of Oyens congegation were not in favor of a change. They There was a motion made the the Congregation elect three men to meet the delegates from Marcus and see what could be done The committee elected were Axel Petersen Herbert Larsen and Hans Miller a motion was made that Rev Hansen ask the marcus Committee to meet the Oyens Committee out hear at the Home of Axel Petersen 6 of Feb a motion was made that it would be up to Rev Hansen whether he would be present or not

Motion made to adjourn
J A Kloster

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March 10, 1929

Special congregation Meeting called by Rev Hansen Meeting was called in regard to change of time again by Marcus congeration Rev Hansen opened meeting asking congregation what they were going to do about it Motion was made by H C. Andersen that we should change with Marcus our half year for there have year but the motion was not accepted so it was droped Motion made by J A Kloster to leave the time of Church just as it is a motion was then made that we vote on this and then J A Klosters motion accepted and there was a vote which was in favor of not changing our services but leave them as they are motion made that we adjourn

J A Kloster
Secy

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March 20, 1929

The Congregation held there Yearly meeting this day meeting opened by Singing Hym No 31 Rev Hansen then read the 19 chapter of the Book of Daniel The Report of the Sec wsas Read. Motion made to accept as read. Tresuers report was read and approved as read. Kollectors report was read and approved as read. Sunday schools Supt read and approved as read. The Election of Officers was next

Motion was made that we suspend the rules and Vote By acclamation J P Larson was Elected Pres J A Kloster secy Axel Petersen – Tres Alfred Lassen Kollector T Kloster Sunday School Supt. Alfred Lssen ass. Sunday School. C P Kloster Deacon T Kloster ass. C P Klsoter & H P Mortensen as Trustees H C Andersen & Hans Miller auditors of Books Anders Andersen was appointed as Usher & handing out of Hym Books Motion was made that the Board of of Trustees see what could be done to the Old Barn & the Stove. Motion made that we have Mission meeting Later Part of Aug or First Part of Sept. Motion was made to invite Rev A M Inadomi ?? Motion Made to invite Rev A M Petersen of the Suntal?? Mission Motion was made to elect a Delegate to go to Yearly Conger meeting at Elkorn Motion made to Send C. P. Kloster as No 1 and H P Mortensen as substitute

Motion made to adjourn

Syning Hym No 566

J A Kloster

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Mar 24 1930

The Congregation held its yearly meeting this day Rev Hansen opened meeting by conger sinning hym No 5 & Rev Hansen Reading of the bible the gospel of John 14 chapter 16 verses Motion made that the Sect Report be Read. It was rad and approved as read. Tres report was read and approved Koll Report was read and approved as Read Sunday school Supt Report was Read & approved as read Next was election of officers motion made to suspend the rules and Vote by accklmination. JP Larson was elected Pres JA Kloster Secy A Petersen Tres A Lassen collector T Kloster Sunday School Supt A Lassen ass Sun Supt C Kloster elected Deacon T Kloster ass. Nick Kloster & Herb Lason Elected Directors for 3 years Hans Miller & H C Andersen Auditors Andes Andersen usher. Motion made to send a delegate to the Church Convention at Cedar Falls Ia A Lassen as Delegate No 1 Herb Larson as Delegate No two Motion made to have Mission Meeting in our church Later part of Aug or first of Sept Motion made & accepted that we make a record of the gift of Mrs. Andrew Kloster in our church Book a Alter Cloth Hand Embroidered the second she has presented to the Congregation It was presented to the Congregation Feb 16 1930 for which we thank her motion made that as we have a good ballance on hand that we could help our mission by presenting them with a little offer Motion made to Send \$50.00 to the Home Mission and \$25 to the Iowa District Mission.

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Then there was a motion made to adjourn by saying the Lords Prayer

JA Kloster Sect

59

March 23, 1931

The congregation held there yearly meeting this day Rev Hansen opened the meeting the Congregation Sinning Psalm No 183 Rev Hansen Reading the First Epistle of Paul 2 chapter 1 to 7 verses. Motion made that the Report of the Sect be Read. Same was read and approved as read. The tresuers report was read & approved as read. The Kollectors report was read and approved as read.

Sunday school Report was read and approved as read.

A motion was made to adopt a resolution to be ?asted to the laws of the constitution Pres?? to paragraph 6 that the President Vice President Secy & Tresure be elected by congregation at each yearly meeting

Election of officers followed. Election was taken by Ballot for President H C. Andersen received 5 votes CP Kloster 3 votes Nick Kloster 5 votes J A Kloster 1 vote T Kloster 3 votes H P Mortensen 1 vote A Petersen 1 voted as this was a tie There was a second Vote taken on H C Andersen & Nick Kloster resulting in H C Andersen 8 votes Nick Kloster 11 Votes Electing Nick Kloster as Pres Motion was made that we suspend the Rules & Vote by Aklamation H C Andersen was elected Vice President J A Klsoter Sec y A Petersen Tres Alfred Lassen Kollector Hans Miller & Alfred Lassen as Directors for 3 years Motion made that T Kloster act as Sunday school Supt Mrs. Nick Kloster as Ass Sunday scholl Supt C P Kloster was elected Deacon T Kloster Ass Deacon Anders Andersen was elected as usher. Motion was made that we change the time of Services in our Church. For the months of June July & Aug from our regular time to 11 oclock as a request brought to the Congergation by Rev Hansen Motion was made that we are to have mission meeting later Part of Aug

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or first Part of Sept Motion Made to send a delegate to the Convention at Blair Nebr

A Petersen was elected as delegate Substute No 1 Hans Miller No 2 Mrs. Soe No 3 J A Kloster A motions was made to have the organ repaired or To buy a Piano There was some opposition to buying a Piano. Then There was a Motion Made By Mrs Axel Petersen & Seconded by Mrs. Nick Kloster That a committee be appointed to look over the Organ The committee appointed is J A Kloster HC Andersen & Alfred Lassen to report as soon as possible A motion was made to adjorn by singing 145 And Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

J A Kloster Secy

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April 12, 1931

Special conergation Meeting called for today meeting opened by Rev Hansen Reading the 100 Psalm - The Sec report was read and approved as read with the exception of the motion for a committee was seconded by Mr Nick Kloster instead of Mrs. Niels Petersen There was a motion made that the committee report on what they had done about the Organ Mr. Andersen gave them the report Motion made to accept the report of Mr Andersen A motion was made to repair the old Organ but was voted down 16 for repairing, 18 against Then there was a motion made to take a Vote on who was in favor of a Piano and /on?? An Organ

The Vote was 26 for Piano and 24 for an Organ motion was made to elect a committee of five to buy a Piano or look into it Mrs. Herbert Larsen Miss Bolina Mortensen Mrs. John Nielsen Jack Kloster & Axel Petersen Rev Hansen brought up the change of time June July Aug & Sept to 11 oclock for Oyens and 9 for Marcus.

Motion was made that we would accept the change if Marcus would begin May 1 with that time with We? Oyens Congergation to begin at 9 oclock at 9 for May 1 to July 1 and as

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From July 1 to Oct 1 the Marcus congregation to Start 9 oclock & Oyens to start at 11 oclock
Motion Was Made to Adjourn

J A Kloster
Secy

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March 21, 1932

The yearly meeting of the Oyens Lutheran church was opened by singing the hymn "As Wide As the Skies Is they Mercy Oh God." The Fourteenth chapter of Romans, verses 1 to 13 was read, followed by prayer.

A resignation of the church Secretary was at hand. It was accepted on motion C.P. Kloster was appointed acting secretary.

In the absence of Hans Miller Herbert Larson was appointed to assist H. C. Anderson in auditing books.

The minutes of the two previous meeting were read and they were approved as read

The auditing committee reported record books correct. Treasurers report was read and approved as read.

A motion was made the bills for telephone calls and other supplies be paid carried.

Collectors report was read. It seems hard to get all subscriptions collected. A motion was made that report be approved. Carried.

The report of the S S Superintendent was next heard. On motion that report was approved.

According to our laws our officers should be elected by ballot. A motion was made that we suspend the rules and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. The following officers were elected for the coming year. Nick Kloster, president, H. C. Anderson, vice president, H. L. Larson, secty

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Axel Petersen treasure and Alfred Lassen collector. On motion T Kloster was appointed S.S. Supt. And Mrs. Nick Kloster as assistant. C.P. Kloster was named deacon and T. Kloster assistant. H. C. Anderson and Hans Miller were named to audit the books. H. P. Mortensen and C. P. Kloster were elected trustees for three years. On motion A. K. Anderson was named as usher.

It was suggested that the time of our services be changed and that we have church at Marcus for the full five months May 1 to Oct 1 at 9 a.m. and at Oyens at 11 a.m. Motion was made to vote on it by ballot. Suggestion carried 6 to 2.

It was decided that we have Mission Meeting later part of August or first part of September.

It was suggested that the list for school fund be circulated as usual and if we were short of our quota the the minister supply his offering. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by singing hymn Jesus, Draw Thou Near to Me and closing with the Lords Prayer.

C. P. Kloster, Acting Sect'y

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March 1933

The yearly meeting of the Oyens Lutheran church was opened by the singing of a hymn, Come Thou Almighty King. A portion of scripture from Ephesians was read by Rev. Hansen and followed by prayer.

The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting. This was approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as read.

The collector's report was read. A motion was made the we pay Rev. Hansen \$18 on last year's salary and \$409.50 for the current year and \$41.50 more if we can make it up.

The Sunday School Superintendent's report was read and approved as read.

The audit committee reported the books correct.

Motion was made that we suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Motion carried. The following officers were elected:

Nick Kloster. President

H. C. Anderson. Vice president

H. L. Larson, secretary

Axel Petersen, treasurer

Alfred Lassen, collector

Nis Mortensen and Bert Nielsen, trustees for 3 yrs

A.K. Andersen, usher

T. Kloster, S.S. Supt.

Mrs. Nick Kloster assistant S.S. Supt.

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C.P. Kloster, deacon.

T. Kloster assistant deacon

Louis Larson and Hans Miller, auditors

It was suggested we suspend the Danish services. A motion was made to that effect and carried.

It was decided that we have our Mission Meeting as near the first of September as possible.

A motion was made to adjourn. The hymn, Jesus, Draw Thou Near to Me was sung, followed by the Lords Prayer.

H. L. Larson, Sect'y

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March 20, 1934

The yearly meeting of the Oyens Lutheran Church was opened by singing the hymn, Teach Me, O Lord Thy Holy Way. A portion of scripture, the 13th chapter of Hebrews, was read by Rev. Hansen and followed by prayer.

The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting. This was approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was next read, and approved as read.

The collector's report was read, and approved as read. A motion was made we leave the minister's salary at \$450.00 for this year. Motion carried.

The S.S. Superintendent's report was read and approve as read.

The auditing committee reported the books correct.

Motion was made that we suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Carried. All the old officers were re-elected for another year. The two retiring trustees Hans Miller and Alfred Lassen were re-elected for another three year term.

The board had a meeting about changing to the envelope system and decided not to take it up at this time.

A motion was made we have our Mission Meeting as near the first of September as possible. Motion carried.

A motion was made that we have church at 9 oclock from the first of May

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until the first of October. Carried.

C. P. Kloster suggested we send our Danish song books to Canada where they made a request for them. A motion was made we send them. Motion carried.

A motion was made we adjourn. The hymn, Blest Be the Tie that Binds, was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

H. L. Larson, Secty

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March 25, 1935

The yearly meeting of the Oyens Lutheran Church was opened by singing the hymn, "As Wide as the Skies is Thy Mercy, O God." A portion of scripture the first 13 verses of the 12th chapter of Hebrews was read by Rev. Hansen followed by prayer.

The Secretary's, Treasurer's, Collector's and S.S. Superintendent's report's were read and approved as read.

Nis Mortensen and Nis Kloster were appointed auditors and reported the book correct.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Motion carried.

President, Nick Kloster

Vice President, H. C. Anderson

Secretary, H. L. Larson

Treasurer, Axel Petersen

Collector, Alfred Lassen

Trustees (3 year term) H. P. Mortensen, C. P. Kloster

Usher, A. K. Andersen

Deacon, C. P. Kloster

Ass't Deacon, T. Kloster

S.S. Supt. T. Kloster

Asst S.S. Supt, Mrs. Nick Kloster

Auditors, Nis Mortensen, Nis Kloster

It was proposed by the Marcus Congregation that we have services at 11 o'clock the whole year. There was some dissatisfaction expressed so it was left open. We put a proposition up to Marcus that we have it at 9 o'clock the whole year. The discussion was

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was not finished.

It was decided to have a mission meeting around the first of September.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord Prayer and singing Praise God from Whome all Blessings Flow

H. L. Larson, Secty.

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April 22, 1935

Special Congregational Meeting

A motion was made to appoint C. P. Kloster acting charman. Motion was carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The business in regard to time of services between the two congregations was thoroughly discussed. A motion was made by T Kloster and seconded by J. A. Kloster that we have church services from January first to July first at eleven oclock and from July first to January first at nine oclock. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Marcus secretary to that effect.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

H. L. Larson Secty.

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May 2, 1935

A joint congregational [the word congregational was erased] meeting with Marcus was held May 2nd in the church at Marcus in regard to the time of services.

After it was thoroughly discussed it was unanimously decided to leave the time as it was eleven oclock from January first until July first and nine oclock from July first until January first at Oyens and nine oclock from January first until July and eleven oclock from July first until January first at Marcus.

H. L. Larson, Secty.

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Dec 22, 1935

A board meeting was called after church Dec 22 to discuss a letter received from Marcus congregation in regard to asking Rev. Hansen to resign. It was decided to call a congregational meeting Dec 29 to let the members decide what action the board should take.

H. L Larson, Secty.

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Dec 29, 1935

The special congregational meeting called by the board was held at the church Dec 29. The purpose of the meeting was to get the members opinion as to what should be done about the letter received from Marcus asking Rev. Hansen to resign. The letter was read and some remarks were made. A motion was made by T. Kloster that a ballot be taken voting "yes" if we should join Marcus in asking Rev. Hansen to resign and "no" if we should stay neutral. A Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The vote was taken. Result three yes and fifty no.

A motion was made by A. Petersen that the Secty. Write the Marcus Secty. To have there board meet our board here. Seconded by H. C. Anderson. Motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn carried.

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March 29, 1936

Nick Kloster called the yearly meeting of the Oyens Lutheran church to order T Kloster was named to conduct the meeting. The song God's Word is Our great Heritage was sung. The 46th Psalm was read.

The minutes of the last yearly meeting and the special meeting of Dec 29 were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's, Collector's and S.S. Superintendent's reports were read and approved as read.

Axel Petersen made a motion that the board meet with Rev Hansen to see what settlement could be made with him about his wages due to his resignation which took place Feb 2nd. H. C. Andersen seconded the motion. Carried.

A motion was made that we suspend the rules and vote by acclamation. Motion carried.

President Nick Kloster

Vice President H. C Anderson

Secretary H. L Larson

Treasurer Axel Petersen

Collector Alfred Lassen

Deacon C. P. Kloster

Asst. Deacon T. Kloster

S.S. Supt T. Kloster

Asst. S. S. Supt Mrs. Nick Kloster

Trustee's 3 year term Nis Mortensen B. A Nielsen

Auditors Niels Mortensen and Sam Lund

The meeting was closed by singing the song Rock of Ages, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

H. L. Larson Secty

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March 18, 1937

7 p.m.

The yearly meeting of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran church was called to order by Rev. A Petersen The Members Present Sang the hymn the Church's One Foundation A Portion of Scripture from the First Chapture of Philippians verses No 11 was read. The Secy read the report of the last annual meeting. A Motion was made to approve the report as read Carried In The Absense of T Kloster C P Kloster read the Sunday School report I was approved as read Rev Petersen gave the report of the Luther League Motion made to accept it as read Carried Rev A Petersen gave the summary of his years work The Collectors report was given by Alfred Lassen.

The changing of the Constitution was next in order. A Motion that Point 2 of Article III of the by laws be Adopted was made by J A Kloster Seconed by Nick Kloster carried by all voting 27

A motion was made to Adopt Article V by A Lassen Seconed by J A Kloster Carried A motion to adopt Article VI was made by J A Kloster Seconed by C P Kloster Carried Axel Petersen made a motion that a vote be taken by ballot on Point 1 article VII Seconed by J A Kloster Carried 31 yes 2 nays

A Motion to adopt Point 2 of Article VII was made by A Petersen Seconed by H C Andersen Carried A Motion was made by J A Kloster Point 3 of article VII be adopted Seconed by John Nielsen Carried A Motion was made by C P Kloster to Adopt Points 1-2 and 3 in Article VIII Seconed by Jack Kloster Carried A Motion to adopt Article XI was made by Axel Petersen Seconed by Bert Nielsen Carried A Motion was made by Herbert Larsen to Ammend Point 1 of Article X to the Effect that the Board of Trustees cannot be re elected until after a period of one year Seconed A Petersen carried A motion that

the Revised Point of Article X be adopted was made by Nis Mortensen Seconded by B A Nielsen Carried A Motion that Point 2 of Article X be adopted was made by A Petersen Seconded by A Lassen Carried.

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March 29, 1937

8 P.M

The yearly meeting of the Danish Lutheran church was called to order by Rev Petersen. The hymn, Love Divine, all Love Excelling was sung. The thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians was read, followed by prayer.

The minutes of the last yearly meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read Rev Petersen read his report which consisted of a summarization of services held, number of times that communion was given, social and sick calls made and a general discussion of the church's welfare

The treasure read his report Motion was made that the report be approved as read. Motion carried.

The election of officers was next in order. Motion was made that the rules be suspended and to vote by acclamation

Nick Kloster and H C Anderson were for president. Kloster was elected by a 12 to 4 vote.

H. C. Anderson and Morten Mortensen were nominated for vice president Mortensen was elected by a 10 to 8 vote. Mortensen resigned, A motion was made that the resignation be accepted. Not carried. Mortensen still refused to accept the office of vice president. After discussion the resignation was accepted. Nomination

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For vice president were again in order H. C. Anderson and J. A. Kloster were nominated Anderson was elected by a 12 to 6 vote.

Herbert Larson was elected secretary by a unanimous vote.

J A Kloster and Axel Petersen were nominated for treasure. Axel Petersen was elected by a 10 to 6 vote.

Alfred Lassen and Hans Miller were nominated for collector. Lassen was elected by a 12 to 2 vote.

C.P. Kloster was elected deacon by unanimous vote

T. Kloster was elected assistant deacon by a unanimous vote

Mrs. Nick Kloster and T Kloster were nominated for Sunday School Superintendent T. Kloster was elected by a 14 to 2 vote

Mrs. Nick Kloster was unanimously elected assistant superintendent

Two trustees were to be elected for a three year term Niels Mortensen and Hans Miller were nominated for one vacancy Miller was elected by a vote of 9 to 8. Alfred Lassen and Niels Mortensen were nominated for the second vacancy Mortensen was elected by a 12 to 5 vote

John Nielsen and Woodrow Petersen were appointed as auditors

Rev Petersen talked of sending a delegate to the annual convention at Minneapolis. A general discussion followed. A motion was made that naming a delegate be left until a later date – Motion carried

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Rev Petersen called for a discussion about having Mission Meeting in the spring instead of in the fall. It was left to be decided upon by the ladies at some future aid meeting.

A motion was made that we pay the fifteen dollars shortage in the ministers wages out of the church treasure Motion carried.

A motion was made by A Lassen that \$26 be sent to the Synod to help make up the deficit in the budget. T Kloster seconded. The motion Carried.

A discussion was called for concerning the motion which was made by the council which read as followed, "The council moves that the Oyens a new (English) constitution at our next annual business meeting." H. L Larson.

Rev Petersen talked about having summer school for the Sunday School children in one of the centrally located schools. A motion was made that such a school be conducted and that Fredonia center school be used. Motion carried.

Rev Petersen asked to know how the synodical expenses be collected for the coming year. A motion was made by J. A. Kloster that we circulate two subscription lists during the year, one in May and the other in February. Seconded by A. Lassen. Carried.

A motion was made that J A Kloster was to circulate the subscription list May and Hans Miller the one in February. Carried.

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A motion was made that Axel Petersen buy some coal to replace the coal used at the center school during the time when church was held there because of snow blocked roads to the church. Carried.

A report from the Luther League was read by Evalyn Petersen. Accepted as read.

A motion was made that the council decide how to make up the district fund shortage. Carried.

A motion was made to adjourn Motion carried.

The Lords Prayer was repeated in closing.

H. L. Larson, Secty.

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A motion was made by A Lassen that the Old Danish constitution be Revoked and the [unfinished]

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March 23, 1938

The Church Council met this 23 day of March at The Home of Jens Kloster all Member of Concel Present Meeting opened by Prayer by Rev Ptersen Rev Petersen appointed Nis Mortensen to act as Secy Motion was made to Vote by Ballot for Officers for the coming year Vote for President was 7 yes & 1 no for Niels Mortensen for Secy Jens Kloster 5 votes Nis Mortensen 3 votes Nis Mortensen was elected Treasuer C P Kloster Deacon for 3 years T Kloster two year Motion was Made to take an Ever Member Canvace Including Local & Benevel ? once? Subscribtions In the Church. & Missions. The Board of

Trustees divided in to 3 groups the Vote was Unamis Motion was made to take Canvase 1st Sunday in April Motion Carried Motion made by Nis Mortensen Seconded by Bert Nielsen The Matter of the Fourty (40) Years Jublee be left to C P Kloster T Kloster & Rev Petersen to make Preliminary Prepertrations & Report to the Councle Motion Carried Motion Made by T Kloster Seconed by C P Kloster to adjourn Motion Carried.

J A Kloster Secy

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April 9, 1938

The Councle Met the 9 day of April at the home of Nels Mortensen all Members Present Meeting opened by Prayer by Rev Ptersen Mintues of Last meeting were Read and approved as Read Motin Made by T Klsoter Seconded by A Lassen That we Renbus Rev Petersen 8.00 of the 18.00 which he sent in to fill the quto to the Synod Motion carried Motion made Seconded by A Lassen to let the 2.00 for the old Song books be Turned over to the Church Quier Motion carried Motion Made by T Kloster Seconed by A Lassen to Accept the Report Blank to The District President read by Rev Petersen Motion carried Motion Made that Rev Petersen get a new Church Record Book motion carried Motion Made to have Summer Religion School in Center School Fredonia Twp same as last Year. Motion Carried. Motin made by T Kloster Seconed by A Lassen to Adjorn Motion Carried.

J A Kloster - Sec

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July 22, 1938

Meeting opend by Rev Petersen all member Present. Minutes of Last Meeting was Read and approved as read. Motion was made and carried to have the Dana College quartet Sing at the Church Aug 25 in the Evening discussion was made if we should take an offering for the School Sinod at Blair. Motion was made by C P Kloster Seconded by T Kloster to take a vote by Ballot but discussion did not encourage a vote so the motion was withdrawn with a Substitute motion by C P Kloster to announce Sunday that if any one wanted to give free willing contribution to give either Rev Petersen or Nis Mortensen who would Sent it in.

Motion was then made to adjourn J A Kloster
Secy

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Sept 28, 1938

Meeting this Evening at the Home of Alfred Lassen members present T Kloster C P Kloster Nis Mortensen Niels Mortensen Alfrd Lassen J A Kloster Rev Petersen opened meeting by Prayer. Mintues of last meeting read and approve d as read Motion made by C P Klsoter Seconed by Niels Mortensen that Rev Bondo's expense be Paid out of the local Fund in stead of the offering taken at the Sunday Services Rev Petersen asked the Councle what they thought about the Church Bulleton if the Councle would pay for the Bulletin as the same way as we have been getting it. A Motion was made by T Kloster Seconded by A Lassen that the Bulletin be Pay out of the Church fund A motion was made by J A Klsoter Seconed by A Lassen to Pay the S.S. expenses out of the Local fund Motion made by C P Kloster to adjourn

J A Kloster Secry

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Dec 2, 1938

Meeting this after noon at the J A Kloster Home all member Present Secy Report was read and approved as read Ca?hus? report Read and approved Motion was then made to nominate to men to nominate two trustees whose term expires in May Axel Petersen & Sam Lund were nominated The President to notify them about one week before the Yearly meeting The question was brought up how much Insurance we had on the Church & Property we have \$2000.00 Valuation set for this motion made by T Kloster Seconed by C P Kloster to have Insurance 1200 on d Building 300 on Fernishter? Treas to take care of insurance when due Motion made by J A Kloster Seconed by A Lassen to adjourn

J A Kloster

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Feb 12, 1939

Meeting opnd by Prayer by Rev Petersen all members present Secy report Read and approved as read Motion made by C P Kloster Seconed by A Lassen The Valuation of the Chruch be Raised from \$2400 to \$ 1500 for church \$300 for Fixtures Motion made the Treasuer notify the People that we would like to have the balance of Wages & Benevol?? Collected by April 1, 1939 Motion made by T Kloster Seconed by A Lassen That The extra money collected by the Luther League for Christmas tree Program be Turned over to The Church Treasurs fund to be used for S.S school expences Motion made by A Lassen Seconed by C P Kloster That T Kloster be appointed Resettlement? Committee man For This Church. Motion made by A Lassen seconed by T Kloster that we pay The musice for ??? need for Church We then discussed the Church Improvement fund motion was made to be left till next board meeting motion made by T Kloster Seconed by Nels Mortensen to adjorn motion carried.

J A Kloster, Secy

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April 13, 1939

Meeting opened by Rev Petersen Reading from Ephesians 3 chapter 14 verses ??? members Present T Kloster C P Kloster Alfred Lassen Hans Miller Bert Nielsen Nels Mortensen J a Kloster Nis Mortensen absent Minutes of Last meeting was Read and approved as read A Motion was made by The Councle to propose to the Annual bussenes meeting to adopt a budgel System approved by Councle members Present Motion made by the Councle to propose at the Annual meeting to estibelisch a Chruch Improvement fund Motion carried Motion made by Councle to suggest to the annual bussinnss meeting that means of raising money for this fund be made by a third coulian? on our ever member canvas list motion by T Kloster Seconed by A Lassen to adjourn.

J A Kloster, SEcy

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May 8, 1939

The Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church held is Annual Bussnes This Evening at 8 oclock. Rev Petersen opend the meeting by the Congergation Singing No 121 & Rev Petersen Reading of Scripture of Matthew 5 chapter 13 Verse 7 & on The Secy Report of Last years Yearly meeting was Read and approved as read Sunday Schoo's Superintendents Report by T Kloster was read and approved as read The Ladys Aids By Mrs Mortensen was read by Rev Petersen and approved as read Luther League report

Read by Ethel Mortensen and approved as read Rev Petersen gave his report of the year: The Treasurers Report was read by Nis Mortensen and approve as read Next was Election of Officers The nominating comitty Axel Petersen and Sam Lund Nominated. John Nielsen and Niels Kloster Trustees to Take Nis Mortensen & Bert Nielsen. Place as there team was out There were nomination from the floor Axel Petersen & Sam Lund were nominated Motion made that nomination sieze carried The Vote was taken by Ballot Nels Kloster received 13 Vots John Nielsen 8 A Petersen 8 Sam Lund 4 as there was no majority Vote w Voted over again on the 3 High Nels Kloster received 18 A Petersen 8 John Nielsen 6. Nels Kloster elected. As for 2 membe of Trustees The Comttie Nominated Nic Kloster & Herb Larson Nominations from floor Sam Lund was nominated The Vote Sam Lund 17 Herb Larsen 9 Nick Kloster 7 Sam Lund was elected Nomination for Deacon T Kloster & H C Andersen were nominated The vote T Kloster 23 H C Andersen 10 T Kloster elected Nomniation for Sunday School Supt Nels Mortensen & Mrs Nic Kloster the vote Nels Mortensen 25 Mrs Nic Kloster 8 Nels Mortensen Elected For Assistant Sunday School Supt Mrs. Nic Kloster & Mrs Tina Miller were nominated Vote Mrs Nic Klsoter 26 Mrs Tina Miller 6 Mrs Nic Kloster elected

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Nomination for Ushers Wodrow Petersen Donald Lund Motion by Mrs. Nels Petersen for Alvin Petersen Motion by Nels Kloster Floyd Miller The Vote Donald Lund 12 Wodrow Petersen 14 Alvin Petersen 6 Second Vote as there were no majority was Wodrow Petersen 16 Donald Lund 19 Donald Elected In Second nominations were Elmer Nielsen Martin Larsen Wodrow Petersen & Alvin Petersen Vote Elmer Nielsen 5 W Petersen 22 M Larsen 4 Al Petersen 4 Nomination for Auditors Peter Mortensen & Nis Kloster Vote Peter Mortensen 17 Nis Kloster 17 Tie Second Vote Nis Kloster 19 Peter Mortensen 14 Nis Kloster Elected for Second nomination Nels Petersen F Kunath Vote Nels Petersen 25 F Kunath 9 Nels Petersen Elected There was a question brought before the House if we should Send a delegate to the Synodical Convention motion mad by John Nielsen Seconed by Nels Petersen it be left to the councle to do as they Seen fit. Motion mad by T Kloster Seconed by H C Andersen to send a Delegate to the District Convention motion carried Nominations as Delegates were T Kloster Nels Mortensen & Nis Mortensen motion made by C P Kloster seconed by Nels Petersen to act as no 1 and no 2 as elected Votes T Kloster 17 Nels Mortensen 11 Nis Mortensen 6 . Motion made by Nic Kloster Seconed by Nels Petersen to adopt a budget System as approved by the Councle motion carried Motion made by Councle Seconed by Alvin Petersen to adopt a Church Improvement fund which was Voted on by Ballot Vote was 33 yes 1 no motion carried Motion mad by Mrs. Axel Petersen Seconed by Mrs. Nels Petersen to add a Third Column to our Canvas List Vote was 33 yes 1 no motion carried Motion made by Mrs. Nels Petersen Seconed by Axel Petersen to elect to Substistute Ushers Ervin Lassen Vernon Miller Alvin Petersen Floyd Miller

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Were nominated Vote Ervin Lassen 15 Vernon Miller 4 Alvin Petersen 12 Floyd Miller 2 Alvin Petersen & Ervin Lassen Elected. Motion made by the members Present the Coucle be authorized to set aside 50% of the Balance on hand to the Church Improvement fund Motion by John Nielsen Seconed by Nels Petersen to adjourn motion carried J A Kloster Secy

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May 15, 1939

The Church Councle met this evening all Members Present Meeting opned with Prayer by Rev Petersen A motion was made by T Kloster Soconed by J A Kloster That Rev Petersen Vote on all things brought up

by the Concle at there Meeting Motion carried Election of officers was next line Nels Mortensen & Sam Lund & Nels Kloster were nominated The Vote was Nels Mortensen 7 & Sam Lund 1 Nels Kloster 1. Nels Mortensen Elected Nomnation for Secy Nels Kloster A Lassen & J A Klsoter. The Vote Nels Kloster 2 A Lassen 1 J A Kloster 6 J A Kloster Elected Nomnation for Treas Sam Lund nominated & Elected by 8 Votes Mr Lund ask for Resignation, Motion was made & Seconed to accept Sam Lund Resignation for this Year. Nomination was made Nels Kloster & Hans Miller & A Lassen The Vote Hans Miller 3 Nels Kloster 4 A Lassen 11 [1?] No majority Second Vote Nels Kloster 3 Hans Miller 5 A Lassen 1 Hans Miller Elected The meeting of Last Council meeting was then read and approved as read Motion by C P Kloster Seconed by A Lassen that Rev Petersen appoint Correspondents to the Luther Uge? Blod? Angas? Lutheran motion carried carried Motion made by Alfred Lassen Seconed by Sam Lund What it would Cost to install Electric Light in Church motion carried Motion Made by T Kloster Seconed by C P Kloster to adjourn.

J A Kloster, Secy

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Nov 5, 1939

Special Concle Meeting called for to nite at Church Members Present T Kloster CP Kloster Hans Miller Sam Lund. Niels Kloster Niels Mortensen J A Kloster Alfred Lassen not Present Niels Mortensen opned the meeting Niels Mortensen Read a letter from Rev Petersen to the council asking them to accept his Resignation as Pastor for Getesmina Church. Jan 28 1940 Motion made by C P Kloster Seconed by J A Kloster. That the Secy write Rev Petersen that we regret very much to recive his resignation and to ask him if there is any way the Church Consle & Congergation can help him to have him stay we would try to do so motion was then made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secty

Letter of Resignation

Marcus, Ia
Nov. 3, 1939

Members of the Church Council
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Oyens, Ia.

Dear Friends:

A month ago I received a call from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebr. And Nazareth Lutheran Church, Davey, Nebr.. After careful and prayerful consideration I have decided to accept the same.

In accordance with your constitution I hereby make known to you in writing my resignation as your pastor to become effective Jan. 28, 1940, and ask that you meet at your earliest convenience and accept my resignation.

Yours in Christ
[signature]
Rev Alvin M Petersen

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Nov 8, 1939

Special Council Meeting called by Rev Petersen for tonite at the Home of Hans Miller all Members Present. Rev Petersen opened meeting asking council to accept his resignation as he had by Prayer and his counsel visited to accept the Call at Our Saviors Lutheran Church at Lincoln and Nazareth Lutheran Church Avey Nebr. A motion was then made by Niels Kloster seconded by J A Kloster to call a congregational meeting for Friday night at the Church and ask The Congregation with the Council to Accept Rev Petersens resignation Motion was then made To adjorn

J A Kloster Secty

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Nov 10, 1939

Special Congregation meeting called for this evening meeting called to order by President by Syning song No 149 The minutes of the two Previous council meetings were read & approved as Read A motion was made by Axel Petersen seconded by Niels Petersen to accept Rev Petersens resignation Motion was then made by Axel Petersen seconded by H C. Andersen That The Council act as a committee to get together with Marcus committee to call a Minister Motion made by A Lassen Seconded by Herb Larsen to adjourn Motion carried.

J A Kloster Secy

Nov 11

Joint meeting called with Marcus committee called this Eve at the Home of Albert Nielsen at Remsen Both committees Present Except Hans Miller Motion made to Elect John Jensen of Marcus as President of this meeting The Committee bring before the Congregation what they decided on To call Rev Ervin Bondo of Al???? Wisconsin & Rev Neve of Bars fud?? Motion was Then made to Adjourn till we had met the Congregations. Motion carried

J A Kloster – Secy

Nov 12

Meeting called for Congregation after Church Services by Rev Petersen The committee giving there doing? Of Joint Meeting about Calling Rev Ervin Bondo and fixing Salery – which was then brought to a Motion made H C Andersen Seconded by Paul Petersen to Vote by Ballot of the Council should act as a committee to do this The Vote was 51 votes in favor of the Council which this carried Motion was then made to Adjorn.

J A Kloster, Secty

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Nov 15, 1939

Comittie Meeting called for Joint Meeting this Evening at the home of John Jensen of Marcus all Members Present as both Congregation agreed to Send Rev Ervin Bondo a Call and also Rose WYes to \$500 for Oyens \$600 and free House for Marcus a motion was then Made That the SEcys Send The Call Letter to Rev Bondo which was written and signed by Each Council and sent. A letter was then read by the Secy of Marcus Congregation from the District President [some words erased and written over] saying these were four? Pastors we could call Rev C C. Kloth Portland Ma.... Rev N P Nielsen Viborg South Dakota Rev Haso?? Slatknecht? Ponoka Alta Canada and Rev P L Thorslev St Johns N. B. Canada.

Motion was then made to adjourn

J A Kloster SEcy

Nov 28, 1939

Joint Special Concl Meeting called for to nite at the Home of T Kloster all members of Both Councils Present John Jensen was nominated as President of the Concl. Motion made by John Jensen that one of the Deacons read a scripture from Bible and lead us in Prayer John Nielsen was nominated he read the 138 Psalm and lead us in prayer. Meeting was to call another minister as Irwin Bonde returned the call sent him. Motion was made to vote on Three Rev Jensen of Des Moines Goldbeck of Michigan Rev Mengers of Denver. The Vote was to call Rev Jensen of Des Moines as No 1 Rev Gold beck as No 2 Rev Mengers No 3 motion was then made to send Rev Jensen of Des Moines which we did Motion was then made by C P Kloster Rev Petersen close meeting with Prayer

Motion made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secy

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Jan 15, 1940

Special Congergation meeting Called at the Church for to nite Meting opened by Rev Petersen by Singing No 196 after which Rev Petersen read Psalm No 25 The Secy minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read A Motion was made by Niels Kloster that we take a vote to seeif we send Student Jacobsen a call letter at once it was second by A Petersen. The Vote was to be yes or no Yes in favor of Sending call no against Rev Petersen appointed Melvin Mortensen & Donald Lund as tellers. The Vote was 28 yes to send a call and there were 2 votes no Motion was then made by A Petersen Seconed by Mrs A Petersen that the council act as before about send for another in case the call was Returned Motion was then made by T Kloster Seconed by Mrs. Tena Miller that The council see if they could get a student to have services every Sunday till the call has been accepted and there was no further bussnes there was a motion by T Kloster seconed by A Petersen to adjorn

J A Kloster Secy

Jan 21, 1940

Meeting opend by Rev Petersen in regard to getting a Student to take care of Services till we get a Pastor Motion made by C P Kloster Seconed by Alfred Lassen that Rev Petersen see if we could get a student to Preach for us every Sunday motion carried a motion was then made by T Kloster Seconed by J A Kloster to get 2 two students one every other Sunday Motion was then made by T Kloster Seconed by A Lassen That if any one wants to buy the Sunday School books there Children have the they can buy them Motion was then made to see one of Students in regard to Summer School As the time was in line to have to Nomnation for - nominations for – to Council men for our yearly meeting Herman Miller and Nels Mortensen were elected Motion made that the President get the Lenten Box es for Easter motion carried a Motion was then made to adjourn

J A Kloster

Secy

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Feb 18, 1940

Joint Concl Meeting at the John Jensen Home at Marcus Mr Jackobsen oped meeting by Reading 2 Corinthians 10 chapter 10 verses and lead with Prayer. The Subject of meeting was to discus about The

annual Summer School. Motion was then made that we take a vote as to whether we were to have Summer school at both Places for two weeks Each the Vote was anamasus Motion was then made that Mr. Jacobsen see if he could get a student to take care of school and also Church Services on Sunday Motion was then made that the two Congegations Pay Student \$80.00 each \$40 for the work? Motion was then made to adjourn.

March 27, 1940

Meeting this evening by Church Council . In regard to the Dana College Choir. A Motion was made by T Kloster Seconed by Alfred Lassen to appoint? A committee to Try to get a Hall and all other arangements motion carried A Motion was then made to elect Niels Mortensen Niels Kloster & J A Kloster to act as the Committie Motion Caried There was then a discussion if we should get the Electric Lights A Motion was then made by Niels Kloster seconed by T Kloster to Take a vote this Motion carried if could get the light for the \$1.50 per month rate. Motion made by C P Kloster Seconed by A Lassen The Secy sign for light. If They want it that way. Motion was then Made that Alfred Lassen Hans Miller & J A Kloster act as a committee to take care of Wiring & Fixtures.

Motion was then made to adjourn

J A Kloster

Secy

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April 23, 1940

Council Meeting this Eve at the Home of Niels Mortensen all Members present This meeting was called to discuss the Budget for the year 1940 a motion was made by T Kloster seconed by Alfred Lassen to make an estimate for the coming year on estimate of \$800 was made for the soming? Year. Motion carried. The next was to elect teams to canvase for the ever member canvase to be done April 28 The following teams were elected Sam Lund & Alfred Lassen Hans Miller & Niels Mortensen Niels Klsoter & J A Kloster as there were no other Bussnes a motion was made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secy

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May 16, 1940

Annual Congregation Meeting this Eve at Church Meeting was opened by the President by Singing No 209 after which C P Kloster Read the 25 Psalm and lead us in Prayer. Secy report of last year was read and approved Treasues Report was read and approved. Luther League Report was read by Ethel Mortensen and approved Ladies Aid report was Read by Mrs Tena Miller & approved as read Sunday School Report Read by Eva Andersen and approved as read. A Motion was made by Woodrow Petersen Seconed by T Kloster to send a delegate to The Convention at Medicine Lake. Carried Motion made by A Petersen Seconed by T Kloster to send C P Kloster as delegate No 1 and Sam Lund as Substitute motion carried Next in order was the election of two Trustees The nomination by the Nomination Board were Ray Bogh & Herb Larson nomination from the floor were Morten Mortensen & Herman Miller. Thje Vote Morten Mortensen 4 votes Herb Larson 27 and 4 Blanks Herb Larson Elected. For Seconed Nomnation Elmer Nielsen Nick Kloster Nis Mortensen H C Andersen Niels Petersen Axel Petersen The Vote Elmer Nielsen 12 Votes Nick Kloster 4 Nis Mortensen 12 H C Andersen 6 Niels Petersen 1 A Petersen Motion was then made to vote on the 3 high as there were no majority. On Second Votes Elmer Nielsen received 13 Nis Mortensen 13 H C Andersen 9 No majority so Motion was made to Vote again Nis Mortensen Received 24 Elmer Nielsen 9 H C Andersen 3, Nis Mortensen Elected. The

President appointed Woodrow Petersen & Donald Lund as tellers Sunday School Superintendent was next to be elected The nominations were Mrs Nick Kloster Mrs. A Petersen & Niels Mortensen The Vote Mrs. Nick Kloster 12 Mrs A Petersen 3 Niels Mortensen 19 Niels Mortensen elected

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Vote for assistant Sunday School Supt Mrs Niels Kloster 22 Mrs Herb Larsen 6 Mrs Tina Miller 6 Mrs. Nick Kloster Elected Election of Deacon C P Kloster & A Petersen were nominated The Vote C P Kloster 21 A Petersen 15 Next Vote on Users [Ushers?] Floyd Miller & Melvin Mortensen nominated The Vote Floyd Miller 13 Melvin Mortensen 20 Melvin elected For Second nomination Norman Kloster Vernon Miller Alvin Petersen Floyd Miller Floyd Miller elected by 23 votes. Substitute Ushers Alvin Petersen 15 Votes Woodrow Petersen 7 votes - elected Next vote on Auditors A Petersen & Nick Kloster were elected – Motion made by Mrs. Niels Petersen Seconed by Mrs. A Petersen To try to sell the Gasoline lights Mrs Niels Petersen to see what She could get for them at Le Mars. Motion Made by T Kloster Seconed by Niels Petersen to adjourn motion carried.

J A Kloster Secy

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May 13, 1940

Council Meeting call at the Home of Sam Lund Meeting called to order by Niels Mortensen The minutes of the Last Congergation meeting was read and approved A Motion was made that Niels Mortensen & Hans Miller act as Teller for Election of the Council. Motion carried The next in order was the Election of officers of Trustees Election of President The Vote J A Kloster 2 A Lassen 4 Sam Lund 2 No election Second Vote Alfred Lassen 7 Sam Lund 1 Alfred Lassen Elected Next in order was for Secy The Vote Herb Larsen 6 J A Kloster 2 Herb Larsen Elected Next was for Treasuer The Vote Nis Mortensen 7 J A Kloster 1 Nis Mortensen Elected. As there were no further bussnes Motion made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secy

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The board meeting was held at the home of Rev Jacobsen. The meeting was opened by a prayer by Rev Jacobsen

A deficit of \$6 in the Sunday School expence was paid out of the church treasury.

\$7.50 in the building fund was left there instead of being transferred into the general fund.

A motion was made by T. Kloster seconded by A. Lassen that the Luther League be allowed to buy as many hymn books of the old addition as they wish and that the balance to make 50 be bought and paid for by the church treasure Rev Jacobsen was to attend to the order.

Meeting was closed by repeat the Lords Prayer.

H. L. Larson, Secty

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Dec. 4, 1940

A council meeting was held at the home of Rev. Jacobsen on Dec. 4 at 8 P.M. The meeting was opened by a scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Jacobsen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary. The minutes were approved as read. A financial statement was read by the treasurer. The report was approved.

T. Kloster made a motion that the expense of publishing the weekly church bulletin be paid out of the funds in the treasury. Nis Mortensen seconded the motion. Carried.

A discussion was introduced by Niels Kloster concerning the building of a basement under the church. T. Kloster made a motion that we name a building program committee from among the council members. A. Lassen seconded the motion. Carried. T. Kloster, Herb Larson and Jens Kloster were the committee named.

Rev. Jacobsen suggested that the council make an inspection of the Marcus church building after the close of the business meeting. This was done. The meeting was closed by a prayer by Rev. Jacobsen.

H. L. Larson, Secty.

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April 9, 1941

A council meeting was held at the home of Chris Kloster on April 9, 1941 at one o'clock all members present.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Jacobsen who read a portion of the 126th Psalm, followed by prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial report of the treasurer was read and approved as read.

Alfred Lassen made a motion that if there was a deficit in the Synodical Budget for the year that the deficit be paid out of the general fund of the church. Sam Lund seconded the motion. Carried.

Next in order was the electing of the nominating committee. On the ballot for the first member were Niels Petersen and Herman Miller. Niels Petersen was elected. On the ballot for the second member were Morten Mortensen and Herman Miller. Herman Miller was elected. The secretary was instructed to notify them.

A discussion introduced by Rev. Jacobsen concerning the use of the envelope system was held. A motion that the council recommend the use of the envelope system to the congregation at the annual meeting was made by T. Kloster, seconded by C. P. Kloster. Carried 4 to 1.

The building committee reported on the approximate cost of enlarging the church and putting a basement under the church.

After an informal discussion a motion was made by C. P. Kloster that the committee

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Recommend to the congregation that the church be moved to Oyens before any remodeling was done.

A. Lassen seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 to 2.

A motion was made by Sam Lund that a 5 foot enlargement be built on both sides of the church. Seconded by A. Lassen. Carried.

A motion was made by Niels Kloster that a basement be built under the church at its present location if not moved. Seconded by T. Kloster. Carried.

A motion for adjournment was made by Niels Kloster, seconded by Sam Lund. Carried.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in closing.

H. L. Larson Secty

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A special congregational meeting of the Gethsemane Lutheran church was held April 14, 1941 at eight o'clock.

The secretary read the minutes of the two previous meetings

Rev Jacobsen explained some rules of conduct as well as the reason for the special meeting.

The first proposition before the congregation was the moving of the church from its present site to a lot in Oyens. J. A. Kloster gave a brief report on the cost of moving the church. A motion by Niels Kloster that a vote be taken by ballot on the question of moving the church Seconded by J Nielsen. Carried. 30 to 15.

On the second recommendation Axel Petersen made a motion that the church be enlarged by 5 ft. on both sides Seconded by Alvin Petersen, Carried by a ballot vote 34 to 8

The last recommendation to be taken up at the meeting was the use of the envelope system

A motion was made by Niels Kloster that the vote be by ballot. Seconded by A Lassen. Carried. The vote on the use of the envelope system carried 30 to 10.

Rev Jacobsen called for pledges to be sued in the building program. The following

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pledges were received. \$50 by C P Kloster, \$50 by T. Kloster, \$50 by Axel Petersen, \$25 by J. A. Kloster, \$25 by Nick Kloster, \$10 by Alvin Petersen, \$15 by Harold Kloster, \$10 by Mrs. Ray Bogh, \$10 by Herman Miller, \$10 by Woodrow Petersen \$10 by John Nielsen, \$25 by Hans Miller, \$10 by Irvin Lassen, The total amount was \$300.

A motion by Harold Kloster that \$500 be pledged beside the purchase price of the lot before any building action be taken. Seconded by Mrs. Axel Petersen. Carried.

T. Kloster made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by J. Nielsen. Carried.

The meeting was closed by repeating the Lords Prayer.

H. L. Larson Secty

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May 5, 1941

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The annual meeting of the gethsemane Lutheran church was held at the church on May 5th, 1941. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jacobsen. The hymn, "He Who Has Helped Me Hitherto", was sung. C. P. Kloster read the twenty-seventh Psalm and lead in prayer.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read.

The report of the pastor was ready by Rev. Jacobsen.

The treasurer's report was read. The congregation was given a chance to ask questions about the report. Rev. Jacobsen told how much money had been sent to missions. The report was approved as read.

Election of officers was the next business. Nis Mortensen handed in his resignation as trustee. J. A. Kloster made a motion that action on Nis Mortensen's resignation be deferred at this time. Seconded. Carried.

H. C. Anderson and Frank Kunath were named by the nominating committee for the first trustee vacancy. Herman Miller was nominated from the floor. On the first ballot, Anderson 17, Kunath 4, Miller 16. No election. On the second ballot Anderson 22, Miller 17, H. C. Anderson was elected. For the second trustee vacancy, Harold Kloster

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and Niels Mortensen were named by the nominating committee. Herman Miller was nominated from the floor. Results: Kloster 4, Mortensen 10, Miller 23. Herman Miller was elected.

Axel Petersen and Niels Mortensen were named by the nominating committee for Sunday School superintendent. Mrs. Nick Kloster was also nominated from the floor. On the first ballot, Petersen 11, Mortensen 11, Mrs. Kloster 14. On the second ballot, Petersen 10, Mortensen 20 Mrs. Klsoter 5. Niels Mortensen was elected.

For assistant superintendent Mrs. Nick Kloster and Mrs. Herb Larson were named. Results: Mrs. Kloster 18, Mrs. Larson 18. A motion was made by T. Kloster that they both act as assistants. Seconded by J. A. Kloster. Carried.

Axel Petersen, Alfred Lassen, Herman Miller, Harold Kloster, and J. A. Kloster and Hans Miller were nominated for auditors – Axel Petersen and Hans Miller were elected.

For regular ushers Floyd Miller, Floyd Seglem, Melvin Mortensen and Irvin Lassen were nominated – Miller and Mortensen were elected.

For assistant ushers Woodrow Petersen, Farley Peterson, Donald Lund and Vernon Miller were nominated. Woodrow Petersen and Donald Lund were elected.

A motion was made by C. P. Kloster to send a delegate to the National Convention at Cedar Falls and also to the District Convention

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At Sioux City. Seconded by J. A. Kloster. Carried. T. Kloster, H. C. Anderson, J. A. Kloster, Mrs. Tina Miller and Sam Lund. A motion that the vote be by ballot was made by Axel Petersen. Seconded by T. Kloster. Carried. Sam Lund received the highest number of votes. Chosen as National Convention delegate. Second high was Mrs. Tina Miller, chosen as alternate to the National Convention. Third was J. A. Kloster to act as delegate to the district convention. Fourth was H. C. Anderson to act as alternate.

T. Kloster made a motion that Rev. Jacobsen be given a vacation of two weeks, Rev Jacobsen being given the privilege of choosing the dates. Seconded by Alvin Petersen. Carried.

T. Kloster made a motion that a building committee of three be elected. Seconded by J. A. Kloster. Carried by a 11 to 8 vote.

Harold Kloster made a motion that the previous motion by T. Kloster be defined before a committee be elected. Seconded by Woodrow Petersen. Carried.

C. P. Kloster made a motion that the committee secure actual figures in so far as that was possible on both material and labor costs before any further building action should be taken. Seconded by Woodrow Petersen. Carried.

A motion made by C. P. Kloster that the building committee be elected. Seconded by J. A. Kloster. Carried.

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For the first member to also serve as chairman of the group, Sam Lund was elected over Hans Miller. For the second member Herb Larson and J. A. Kloster were named. J. A. Kloster was chosen. For the third member A Lassen, Niels Mortensen and H.C. Anderson were named. A Lassen was chosen.

A motion by C. P. Kloster that the building committee confer with the trustees whenever any vital question is to be settled. Seconded by Alvin Petersen. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niels Kloster that the committee get voluntary help whenever possible. Seconded by Woodrow Petersen. Carried.

At this time Rev. Jacobsen and several of the members asked that the motion made by Harold Kloster at the previous meeting and having been approved as read, be revised by the secretary to read "that \$500 be pledged with the exception of the lot", instead of "that \$500 be pledged besides the purchase price of the lot".

A motion for adjournment was made by T. Kloster. Seconded by J. Nielsen. Carried.

The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Herb Larson, Sect.

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(Council Meeting)

May 12, 1941

A meeting to reorganize the board of the Gethsemane Lutheran church was held at the T. Kloster home May 12, 1941.

The meeting was opened by the reading of a scripture selection by Rev. Jacobsen, followed by prayer.

The minutes of the previous council meeting were read and approve as read.

H. C. Anderson asked to have the building program explained.

To bring the business at hand to the attention of the new board members parts of the previous yearly congregational meeting were read, including the motion made by Harold Kloster. Rev. Jacobsen asked the secretary to change it again to read, "That \$500 be pledged with the exception of the buying of the lot before any building action be taken."

The election of officers was next in order. Nominations for president were H. C. Anderson, Sam Lund and Niels Kloster. H. C. Anderson was elected.

Nominations for secretary were Herbert Larson, Niels Kloster, Herman Miller and T. Kloster. Niels Kloster was elected.

For treasurer, C. P. Kloster, Herman Miller and Nis Mortensen were nominated. Herman Miller was elected.

Rev. Jacobsen asked for discussion of other business. H. C. Anderson again asked for explanation of the building program.

T. Kloster made a motion to adjourn. Sam Lund seconded the motion. Carried.

The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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June 9, 1941

A special congregational meeting of the Gethsemane Lutheran church was held June 9, 1941, at eight o'clock.

The meeting was opened by singing no 134 "The Churches One Foundation".

Rev Jacobsen read Ephesians 4:15 and led in prayer.

Harold Kloster was asked to restate his motion.

The motion read "that nothing shall be done until five hundred dollars was raised with the exception of buying the lot."

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Harold Kloster that the previous motion be corrected.

Carried.

Motion made by T. Kloster, second by J. A. Kloster that we accept resignations of Nis Mortensen and Herb Larson from church council. Carried.

Motion made by Woodrow Petersen, second by Alvin Petersen that we elect two new council members. Carried.

Nominees were:

First Council Members: Frank Kunath, Axel Petersen, Hans Miller

Second Council Members: Frank Kunath, Hans Miller, Nick Kloster

Axel Petersen elected. Hans Miller elected.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster Second by Alvin Petersen that we defer election of a Jubilee committee to the council meeting. Carried.

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Motion made by T. Kloster, second by C. P. Kloster to send a different delegate to Cedar Falls. Carried. Axel Petersen elected.

Sam Lund gave report of the building committee

First bid was \$4640

Kuster guaranteed the whole job, outside of digging the basement wouldn't run over \$1800.

Smith's bid for moving the church to Oyens and moving out the end and help fill in the rest of the blocks in the basement - \$250 (two hundred fifty dollars)

Smith from Hawarden said he thought \$1500 should to the job but he didn't have time.

Motion made by T. Kloster Second by Axel Petersen that the committee see Mr. Smith and get his exact figures according to plans on paper and moving the church. Carried.

Motion mde by Harold Kloster, second by Woodrow Petersen that a vote be taken on the plan made by Wiltgen.

13 favored the plan

5 were against

Motion made by Harold Kloster second by Woodrow Petersen that the committee find out how much it would cost to tear down the old church and rebuild it ten feet wider and fill out the corners and

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Leave it the same length. Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Niels Kloster, second by C. P. Kloster that we commend the committee on the work they already have done. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

N. A. Kloster
Sec.

Council meeting held after special in church.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Axel Petersen that H. C. Andersen withdraw his resignation as President.

Mr. Andersen did this

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Niels Kloster
Sec.

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July 4, 1941

Council meeting at C. P. Kloster home opened by Rev. Jacobsen leading in prayer.

Sam Lund explained the building plans.

Victoria from Hull bids:

Item 1 –

Cost of basement

30 ft by 42 ft - \$329.22

Item 2 –

Cost of new material needed

30 ft by 42 ft \$1655.00

Item 3 –

Estimated amount of usable materials in present building \$869.60

Item 4

Cost of new material needed to remodel present building – according to drawing with 12 ft extension and 29 ft. front addition \$1034.50

Smitt from Hawarden bids:

Moving the church and side wall, cement floor and blocks

Footing under building

Windows in basement

Lumber, carpenter work, chimney - \$2223.00

Moving church and building church according to first plan - \$1800.00

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Motion made by T. Kloster that we move the church as is; and build out the corners on the tower so that we have ample stairway room and dig a basement. Second by Axel Petersen. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Niels A. Kloster
Sec

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July 6, 1941

Special congregational meeting was held July 6, 1941, and opened by the singing of hymn no 335
“Ever Fearless When Our Way”

Rev. Jacobsen read Corinthians chap.7 and led in prayer.

The secretary read the minutes of the last congregational meeting which were approved as read.

Sam Lund gave a report for the building committee.

Discussion followed.

Motion made by Mrs. Axel Petersen, second by Harold Kloster that we dig a basement and move the church, extend the entry out on both sides for the steps if possible.

Motion made by Mrs. Niels Kloster, second by Tina Miller that the present motion be tabled for the time being.

Motion made and seconded that we call for volunteer help for this week.

Motion made and seconded to vote on Mrs. Axel Petersen’s motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nick Kloster that Jens Kloster find out how much it would cost to build the front end out four feet wider on each side.

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Suggestions made on the spot to place the church.

Motion made and seconded to vote on placing the church about seventy feet from the highway and fifty feet from the south street on the southeast corner of the lot facing east. Carried.

Motion made that we sell the coal shed. Carried.

Motion made that we don’t sell for less than one hundred dollars. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the treasurer have authority to sell the house. Carried.

Motion made to give the committee a rising vote of thanks for what they have done. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Jens Kloster and Sam Lund act as foremen for the cellar digging job and call for volunteer help. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn.

Meeting closed with congregation praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Niels A Kloster

Sect.

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Sept. 5, 1941

Special council meeting on Sept. 5, 1941 called by the building committee. All members present.

Meeting opened by Prayer by T. Kloster.

Motion made by Axel Petersen, second by Herman Miller to take a vote of the trustees to see if they will sign a note for \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars) borrowed at bank if authorized by congregation.

Vote by ballot – yes – six. Unanimously carried.

Motion made by T. Kloster second by Axel Petersen that we have a congregational meeting at the church Wed . night Sept 10, 1941 at eight o’clock to decide the following questions:

Shall the church council be authorized to mortgage church property for \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars) to defray outstanding building expenses and other matters that may come before the meeting. Unanimously carried.

Motion made to adjourn. Carried.

Niels Kloster

Sec.

123

Sept 5, 1941

Special joint meeting with Marcus council.

Motion made by T. Kloster, second by C. P. Kloster that John Jensen act as Pres. And Jens Kloster as Sec. in Niels Kloster's place. Carried.

A ballot was cast to see if we recommend to the congregations if we should get a minister to preach in Rev. Jacobsen's place temporarily during his illness.

Motion made by T. Kloster, Second by Johan Miller to try to get Rev. Rassmussen. Carried.

Motion that Oyens try to get a congregational meeting for Sunday Marcus on Wednesday.

Motion made to adjourn.

Niels Kloster Sec

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Sept 10, 1941

A special congregational meeting held Sept 10, 1941 at the church.

Pres. Called meeting to order.

Hymn no 209 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less," was sung.

T. Kloster read Psalm 127 and led in prayer.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, Second by T. Kloster that the congregation act on recommendation to secure a pastor temporarily during the illness of Rev. Jacobsen. Carried.

Motion made by J. A. Kloster, Second by Axel Petersen that we ask the congregation if they would be willing to try to raise \$5.00 (five dollars) a Sunday for the minister that comes. Carried.

Discussion followed about borrowing \$750.00 (seven hundred fifty dollars) on church property at Oyens.

Motion made and seconded to vote on questions.

Vote cast by ballot – 30 for – none against. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by T. Kloster that we adopt a resolution made by the bank.

Vote cast by ballot – 29 for 0 against. Carried.

Motion made by J. A. Kloster second by Sam Lund to borrow the money from Farmers Savings Bank at Remsen. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by Harold Kloster to limit obligation of "church property" to where

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Church is located at Oyens. Carried.

Motion made by T. Kloster, second by Frank Kunath that we try to raffle the old church grounds at \$1.00 (one dollar) a ticket. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Niels Klosterk sec.

Oct 17, 1941

Council meeting held Oct. 17, 1941 – meeting called to order by the President.

Sec asked to read minutes of last meeting- approved as read.

Motion made by T. Kloster, second by Axel Petersen that the treasurer finish paying Kuster.

Carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Niels Kloster

Sec.

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March 10, 1942

Council meeting held at the home of Rev. Jacobsen March 10, 1942. Meeting opened by Pev. Jacobsen reading II Timothy 8:13 and leading in prayer.

Sec. asked to read minutes of last council meeting. Approved as read.

Treasurer asked to give report on balance of money left in treasury.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by Sam Lund to pay fuel and light bill out of local fund.

Carried.

Motion made by T. Kloster, second by Hans Andersen that we spout the church. Carried.

Motion made by T. Kloster, second by C. P. Kloster that Rev. Jacobsen order weekly envelopes for the coming year. Carried.

Rev Jacobsen introduced a plan for landscaping the church grounds.

Motion by Axel Petersen, second by T. Kloster to use plan presented by Rev. Jacobsen. Carried.

Motion by T. Kloster, second by C. P. Kloster that the balance of the cost of landscaping be taken out of building fund. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by Sam Lund that we recommend the adoption of God's acre plan or its equivalent for the coming year. Carried.

Motion by C. P. Kloster, second by Herman Miller that we table the question about the point of raffling the old church property. Carried.

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Motion by Axel Petersen second by H. C. Andersen that the council instruct Rev. Jacobsen to ask Phyllis Kloster to play for church and to give thanks to Mrs. Nick Kloster for playing in the past. Carried.

Motion by C. P. Kloster, second by H. C. Andersen that the treasurer and secretary look after spauting the church. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Carried.

Niels A Kloster

Sec.

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May 5, 1942

Annual meeting of Gethsemane Lutheran church was held at the church on May 5, 1942. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jacobsen.

Hymn no 331 "My church, My Church", was sung.

Rev Jacobsen read I Thessalonians, Chapter 3 and led in prayer.

Secretary read minutes of previous meeting.

Motion made by t. Kloster, second by C. P. Kloster that minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Rev. Jacobsen explained the church report.

Election of officers was the next business.

Motion made and seconded that we nominate from the floor. 26 voting members present.

First trustee:	nominees	vote
	Elmer Nielsen	4
	John Nielsen	13
	Harold Kloster	6

John Nielsen elected.

Second trustee: (first ballot)		
	J. A. Kloster	9
	Elmer Nielsen	1
	Harold Kloster	5
	Ray Bogh	8

No election.

(second ballot)		
	Elmer Nielsen	
	J. A. Kloster	12
	Harold Kloster	3
	Ray Bogh	8

J A Kloster elected.

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Nominations for Deacon: T. Kloster

Motion made and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

T. Kloster elected.

For Sunday school superintendent

	Mrs. Nick Kloster	14
	Axel Petesen	9

Mrs. Nick Kloster elected.

Ushers:	James Petersen	17	
	Donald Lund	15	
	Wilbur Miller	3	
Substitute:	Wilbur Miller	10	11
	Norman Kloster	7	15
	Herman Miller	10	12
	Elmer Nielsen	3	

James Petersen and Herman Miller elected as ushers.

Donald Lund and Norman Kloster elected as substitutes.

Auditor: Harold Kloster elected. [Frank Kunath penciled in.]

Motion made and seconded to send a delegate to national convention.

	first ballot	second ballot	third ballot
C. P. Kloster	10	9	9
Sam Lund	7	11	14
Hans Miller	6	4	

Sam Lund elected – C. P. Kloster – alternate

Motion made and seconded that we send a delegate to district convention. Nick Kloster elected, T. Kloster elected alternate.

Motion made and seconded to leave summer school question up to teachers and pastor. Carried.

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Motion made and seconded that we adopt God's acre plan or its equivalent.

16 voted for; none against. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we nominate a committee to raffle off the old church grounds.

10 for; none against

Committee:

Norman Kloster
Mrs. Axel Petersen
Mrs. Tina Miller

Motion made and seconded that we nominate two more for this committee.

Harold Kloster, Ray Bogh nominated.

Motion made by T. Kloster second by Mrs. J. Petersen to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting closed by congregation's praying Lord's prayer to-gether.

Niels A. Kloster

Sec.

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May 1942

Meeting held this Eve in The Church. Meeting opened by Rev Jacobsen. Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees. Present were H C Andersen T Kloster CP Kloster Hans Miller A Petersen Herman Miller John Nielsen & J A Kloster H C Andaersen was elected President JA Kloster Secy Herman Miller Treasurer

Motion made that this councle release Rev Jacobsen of his Pledge to The Building fund as they did not see There way Clar to Increase his Wages at Present Motion was made that Herman Miller J A Kloster have Paper signed to see who would Pledge them self to give a Gods Acer or acquivelent there of to Pay of the debt on the Church a Motion was made to adjourn

J A Kloster

Secy

Aug 1942

Meeting held this eve at the Church Rev Jacobsen opened the meeting by Reading the 1st Psalm. Secy Report was Read & approved Treas Report Read Motion made & Seconded The Treasuer Pay the intrest on the Mortgage when it becomes due Sept 1 Motion made That Secy Pay Kuster the Paint Bill Motion

made by A Petersen Seconded by C P Kloster to allow bill of J A Kloster Then was a motion made by T Kloster Seconded by Hans Miller to Pay interest & 150.00 on the Principle of Church Debt.

Motion made to adjourn

J A Kloster
Secy

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May 3, 1943

The Congregation yearly Meeting held this eve at Church meeting Opened by Rev Jacobsen Reading 3 chapter 2 Teselonicas and lead in Prayer The Secy Read and approved as Read The Auditors Report on Treasures Report found in Order. Electon of Officers Hans Miller and Ax Petersen going out this year-nominations from the floor. Ray Bogh Frank Kunath & Harold Kloster The Vote as follows Frank Kunath 8 Ray Bogh 8 Harold Kloster 15 no election Second Ballod. Farank Kunath 8 Ray Bogh 7 Harold Kloster 20 Harold Kloster elected – for first Member of Concle - second nomination Ray Boge Niels Kloster Sam Lund F Kunath the Vote Ray Bogh 11 Niels Klostger 3 Sam Lund 14 F Kunath 6 No Election Second Ballot Ray Bogh 9 Niels Kloster none Sam Lund 21 Frank Kunath 4 Sam Lund elected Motion to elect Deacon by acclamation C P Kloster was elected Sunday School Superintendent Mrs. Nick Kloster elected. There was a Vote to see who favored men or women Ushers The Vote 25 for Men five for women. Ushers elected Nick Kloster & Herman Miller Sub James Petersen & Floyd Miller Auditors elected Frank Kunath & Niels Kloster A Motion was made to Leave it to the Councle to send delegate to Convention A motion was made to Sell old Church Lot for \$50.00 as soon as Possible A Motion was made to leave it to Sunday School Teachers about Summer School

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A motion was made & Seconded that The Call letters be sent as present to Congregation from Councle A motion was made and approved that the Congregation Rase the Ministers Wages \$100: Per year. Motion made that we send Call letter Same? As to Rev Jacobsen carried It was brought up by the councle to ask of the Congregation would help to the expense of fixing of the House for the minister at Marcus Congeraton to Circulate Petion when the got that far Motion Made & Seconded That we Pay back the mony Rev Jacobsen has Turned in the Building fund motion carried Motion made & Seconded that we Postpone the Jublie appeal till Sept 1943 Motion made to adjorn closing by saing the Lords Prayer

J A Kloster Secy

April 26, 1943

A Joint Councle Meeting with Marcus Congegaton at Oyens Church. Meeting opend by C P Kloster Reading from John 15 – 1-15 and lead us in Prayer Motion made that Rev Jacobsen then act as Chairman of Meeting Rev Jacobsen REAd the Names of Pastors which we might send calls to Rev F Hansen Dist Pres sent him the Ministers were as follows Rev Christansen Audubon Rev Vammer West Branch Rev Erlander Mo Motion was then made by the Councle to bring befor the Congregation to See What they thought about Them Rev Christensen Audubun as No 1 Rev Slesesen Stopelkurst-Nebr No 2 Rev Vammer as No 3 Motion was made that Each Congregation Rase \$100.00 more each for Ministers Salry the Meeting was called for May 3 when they have yearly Congergational meeting

Motion Mad to Adjorn

J A Kloster
Sec.

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May

Council Meeting held this Evening all members Present Meeting opened by Reading the 5 chapter of Galatians 15 Verse next was the Reading of Joing Council Meeting approved ad Read Next the Organazion of Officers for the coming year H C Andesen Elected Pres JA Kloster Electged Secy Harold Kloster alected Tresuer A Motion was made that we Pay Rev Jacobsen \$50 per month for the Balance of the Months he is with uUs Motion made send Rev Christensen Call Letter J A Kloster Secy

June 10, 1943

Meeting Called Order by President C P Kloster Read Luke 3 chapter 28 Verses on and lead us in Prayer. Meeting for Purpose to see what Marcus Congregation would do about fixing up the House or if they tought best to Rent a house for the Minister it was Decided that the Marcus council call a Congregation and get Ready to go ahead Rev Christensen would accept

Motion Mad to Adjourn

J A Kloster
Secy

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Aug 21, 1943

Joint meeting Called Motion Made the John Jensen act as President of the Meeting He brought up he had a letter from Rev Christensen how they were coming about the Bulding home Motion was Made by Dale Bork Seconed by Peter Petersen that the call a congregational meeting for the Marcus Congergaton for Monday nite Aug 23 motion carried. Motion mad to adjorn

J A Kloster
Secy

Jan 13, 1944

Council meeting openend this eve by Reading last Part of 12 Chapter of Romans Meeting was called to see what we should about the Jubilee fund Motion by Harold Kloster Seconed by Herman Miller That we circulate a Pettion for Same Motion Carried The Tresre to take care of the Subscriptions Motion Made by C P Kloster SEconed by John that The President & Secty get Deed and Papers Ready for the Sale of Old Church lot

Motion made to adjorn

J A Kloster
Secy

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May 8, 1944

Congregation meeting held this eve Rev Christensen opened by Congregation Singing No 135 Then the Rev Read the 84 Psalm

The Secy Report was read and approved as Read

The Tres Report was read and approved as Read

Motion was made by Axel Petersen the Congregation Rise in appreciation of Treas Report

The Sunday School Luther League & Ladys Aid Report Read & approved Rev Christensen then gave his Report for the time he had been here which was very well as a Motion was made by C. P Kloster that we stand for Apprecean of his Report

A Motion was Made by J A Kloster Seconed by A Petersen that of Rev Christensen would to go to the Church Convention the Congregation send him as delegate & Pay expenses as the Pastors are under Equi??tin for other Pastors Motion made to Vote the Vote was 23 yes 3 no. Motion was then Made that the Councle if they see fit to Send delegate to Dist Convention at Jockinsville Ia. Motion mad that we have the Summer School to Sunday School Teachers Motion carried

Motion Mad That we have a Rising Vote of appreciation for gift from Mrs. Tine Miller in Memory of Vernon The next in order was nomnations of Officers The Directors H C Andersen & Herman Miller terms expired The Vote Ray Bogh 9 Hans Miller 4 Axel Peteren 6 T Kloster 1 Nick Kloster 5 Nis Kloster 1 F Kunath 1 Elmer Nielsen 1 No Election

The

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Nomindrns were

Ray Bogh Axel Petersn Nick Kloster Nis Kloster The Vote Ray Bogh 12 Axel Petersen 10 Nick Klsofer 5 Nis Kloster motion made that we Vote on the Two high Ray Bogh 18 Axel Petersen 11

Ray Bogh Elected as First Director

Nomination for second Director

F Kunath 2 Axel Petersen 11 Nick Kloster 9 Nis N Kloster 2 Niels Kloster 1 Hans Miller 2 no election Second Vote

Axel Petersen 16 Nick Kloster 13 Axel Petersen elected. Motion was Made that we elect by aclamatim Moton for Deacon T Kloster elected for Sunday School Supt Mrs. Nick Kloster Supt Mrs. Axel Petersen ass [Ray Bogh was written in pencil] Nick Kloster & Hans Miller were elected as auditors Herman Miller & Nick Kloster users [ushers] & Niels Kloster and James Petersen as ass Motion Made to adjorn by Singing 102 Closing with the Lords Prayer

J A Kloster

Secy

May 15

Orgnazion Meeting of Board held this evening Rev Christensen Read first 11 Verses of 2 Philippians. Motion Made by C P Kloster Seconed by Sam Lund Secy Report be accepted a Read Motion made by C P Kloster SEconed by T Kloster Rev Christensen act as chairman Nomination from Board Axel Petersen Sam Lund 4 A Petersen 1 C P Kloster 1 for President of Board no Election Second Vote Axel Petersen 1 Same Lund 7 Sam Lund Elected President Vote for Secy J A Kloster 7 elected Harold Kloster elect Tres 7 vots Motion Made by a Petersen Seconed by C. P Kloster to get a load of Sand and a couple of tile for Walk in Side Walk

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Motion Made by Ray Bogh that T Kloster be appointed to take Care of this Motion mde to adjorn by Saying the Lords Prayer

J A Kloster

SEcy

October 15 - A Short Concle Meeting held at Chruch the Concle decided to Put Cement Side walk West & South of the Church

Motion Made to adjourn

J A Kloster
Secy

December 11, 1944

Rev Christensen Read 5 Chapter of 1st Peter Minutes of last Meeting were Read approved as Read Motion Made by Harold Kloster Seconded by Axel Petersen That we ask the Town of Oyens 15.00 in Cement Work on there Part of Side walk Motion Made C P Kloster Sec by John Nielsen Treasury get Envelopes for Next year. Motin Carried Moten mad the Ray Bogh & J A Kloster try to get Motor for mower for the Church lawn mower also have Furnance put in Repair Motion was Made by Harold Kloster Seconded by C P Kloster that we Rase Rev Christensen Salary 10 Per month to May 1 1945

Motion Made to adjourn
J A Kloster
Secy

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May 7, 1945

Yearly Congegational Meeting held this evening Meeting opened by Singing No 142 & Rev Christensen reading 2nd Chapter of Ephesians Secy Report was read and approve as Read Last Council Meeting was read and approved a Read Rev Christensen gave his Report to Congergation Motion Made by C P Kloster Seconded by A Petersen that we accept the Report Treasure Report was accepted by standing appreciateion Lady Aid Young Peoples ass reports wer read and approved as they were As the Council Raised Rev Christensen wages \$10 per month till the yearly meeting it being up to the congregation to voice there opinon So a Motion was made by C P Kloster Seconded by Sam Lund to leave it that way for the year a Vote was taken on it 25 Votes for it None aginst. Motion Uni? Carried The Next was Election of Officers Harold Kloster asked that the Congergation accept his Resignation Motion Made by Mrs. Tena Miller Seconded by Mrs Axel Petersen to accept which carried Motion was Made by Mrs. Niels Kloster Seconded by T Kloster the we nominate Council me?/ by Acclamation The Retiring officers going out were John Nielsn & J A Kloster and w?? Harold Kloster resignation there will be 3 Members Elected 1 for 1 year & 2 for 3 years terms Momination for Firs Member were Frank Kunath Nick Kloster Herman Miller The Vote on these were F Kunath 11 Nick Kloster 3 Herman Miller 4 There was no Election Motion was the Made to Vote on the 2 high Vote as follow Frank Kunath 16 Nick Kloster 12 Frank Kunath was elected over

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Nominations for Second Member were as follows Hans Miller Nick Kloster The Vote Hans Miller 8 Nick Kloster 20 Nick Kloster Elected For third member to fill Vacency by Harold resignation Nominations Herman Miller & Elmer Nielsen were nominated The Vote Herman Miller 8 Elmer Nielsen 20. Motion was Made by J A Kloster SEconded by H C Andersen that C P Kloster be elected Deacon motion Carried Nest was Nomination for Sunday School Supt Nomination were Mrs. Nick Kloster & Herman Miller the Vote Herman Miller 18 Mrs. Nick Kloster 10 Herman Miller elected Motion was then made that Mrs. Nick Kloster be ass Supt Motion made for election of Ushers Axel Petersen & John Nielsen were elected For Subsitute ushers Nominations were Frank Kunath Nick Kloster Niels Kloster Ardith Kloster Elected were Frank Kunath & Niels Kloster For Auditors Nominations Mrs. Nick Kloster Mrs Ray Bogh Miss Eva Andersen the Vote Mrs. Nick Kloster 19 Mrs Ray Bogh 23 Miss Eva Andersen 5 Mrs Nick Kloster & Mrs Ray Bogh electged a motion was made by Axel Petersen Seconded by Niels Kloster that Congergation leave it to the Lady Aid to figure

what Repairs can be done on Church bringing it before the Congregation before they do anything
 Motion Made by C P Kloster Seconded by Axel Petersen to Send delegate to Convention H C Andersen &
 C P Kloster were nominated H C Andersen as No 1 C P Kloster as Substitute

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Motion Made that if Council sees fit to send Delegate to Dist Convention Motion Carried
 Motion Made to adjourn by Singing Song No 149 and Prayer
 J A Kloster
 SEcy

May 14, 1945

Council Meeting May 14 1945 reading the 4th chapter of 2 Cor: and lead in prayer
 The secretary read the report of the last board meeting.

A Motion made to accept this report and it was approved as read. Motion made by T. Kloster
 seconded by C. P. Kloster to nominate Sam Lund as President, he was elected by acclamation.
 Motion made & seconded to elect secretary by Ballot. Nick Kloster, Axel Petersen, Frank Kunath and
 Elmer Nielsen nominated. The Vote Axel 4, Nick 2, Frank 1 Elmer 1. Nick & Axel were nominated Nick 3
 Axel 5 Axel elected for Sect.

Next nomination for Treasure. Nick & Elmer Nick 5, Elmer 3. Nick Kloster was elected with 6 votes.
 Moved by Axel & seconded by Bogh that we buy the motor the lawn mower as reported. Carried.
 Moved & seconded that Elmer Nielsen be appointed to get the permit and buy the motor. Carried
 Motion made by Bogh seconded by S Lund that the Treasure find out how much we owe for Janitor
 work and cutting grass around church and pay. Carried. Motion made by Axel & seconded by S. Lund
 that the Deacons look

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After getting a Pianist to take Phyllis' place when she leaves. Carried.

A motion that the meeting adjourn
 Closing by praying the Lord's Prayer together
 Axel Petersen

Sec'y.

To Gethsemane Luth Church.

We request that paragraph 2 of Article III of the ByLaws of our Constitution which reads "Annual
 business meetings shall be held on the Monday after the first Sunday of the month of May" be changed
 to read: "Annual business meetings shall be held on the second Monday after the first Sunday of the
 month of May."

Also, paragraph 2 of Article II, which read: "The regular semi-annual meeting of the church council shall
 be held on the Monday after the second Sunday of the months of May and November," to read: "The
 regular semi-annual meeting of the church council shall be held on the Monday after the third Sunday of
 the months of May and November."

These changes in the By Laws were adopted by the congregation June 17, 1942.

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a short congregational meeting was held July 15 where the congregation gave permission to the Ladies Aid to paint and fix up the Basement. Motion made by S. Lund seconded by C. P. Klsoter – carried.

On August 19 it was decided in the church to send a delegate to the district convention. Motion made by S. Lund seconded by A. Petersen to send Mrs. Tina Miller carried, Eva Andersen was appointed as alternate.

Nov. 28, 1945

The semi annual council meeting was held in the church. The meeting opened by singing 196 and Rev Christensen read 1 Tesselonians 4 chapter and led in prayer Secty report was approved as read, and Treasure's report approved.

An appeal from the District President was received in regard to the church project in Des Moines and it was decided to circulate a list. The Treasurer was appointed to circulate the list.

A motion made by C. P. Kloster seconded by S. Lund to hire Edna to clean church every Sunday for 50 cents per Sunday. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn and praying together the Lords prayer

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Feb 17, 1946

A short council meeting was held after church to accept Axel Petersen's resignation as Secretary and to elect a new one. Elmer Nielsen was elected to take his place by acclamation.

Elmer Nielsen, Secy.

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May 13, 1946

The yearly meeting of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church Congregatin was held Monday evening May 13.

The meeting opened by singing 135 afer which Rev. Christensen read veses 1-17 fo the third chapter of Colossians. The minutes of the last annual business meeting of the congregation were read. T. Kloster made the motion that they be accepted as read – Seconded by Hans Andersen. Motion carried.

J. A. Kloster made a motion that we accept the change in the business meeting as read before the congregation. Seconded by C. P. Kloster. Motion carried.

The minutes of the following meetings wer then read:

May 14-1945 – Council meeting

July 15-1945 – Congregational meeting

Aug 19 – 1945 – Meeting to elect delegate to convention

Semi –annual Council meeting

Feb 17 – short council meeting

Emil Johnson made motin that we accept the minutes as read. Seconded by J. A. Klsoter. Motion carried

Rev Christensen then read his pastor's report to the church. J. A. Kloter made motion that we accept the report. Seconded by Hans Andersen. Motion carried.

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We all received a written report from the Trea. Mrs. Nick Kloster and Mrs. Ray Bogh, being the auditors reported that the books were in order.

T. Kloster made motion that we accept the Treas report. Seconded by Sam Lund. Motion carried.

We then proceeded with the election of new council members and other officers of the church. Wilbur Miller and Emil Johnson were asked to serve as tellers. nominations were held for council member to take Sam Lund's place Those nominated were Emil Johnson, J. A. Kloster, Hans Andersen, Hans Miller, and S. L. Jordahl. They received 19 votes, 5 votes, 4 votes, 1 vote & 1 vote respectively. Elmer Nielsen made motion to declare Emil Johnson elected. Seconded by Frank Kunath. Motion carried. E. Johnson new member to serve three years.

Nominations were made for Council member to take Elmer's place who had finished the last year of Harold Kloster's term. Those nominated were: Hans Andersen, J. A. Kloster, Hans Miller, Roy Bouma, Elmer Nielsen, Herman Miller and Niels Kloster. They received 3 votes, 10 votes, 2 votes, 1 vote 12 votes

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1 vote, and 1 vote respectively. It was decided by all that Elmer Nielsen be eliminated as a candidate as he was automatically disqualified according to the constitution.

Niels Klsoter made a motion that we cast ballots for the next two highest, J. A. Kloster and Hans Andersen. Seconded by Emil Johnson. Motion carried. J. A. Klsoter received 23 votes and Hans Andersen 9. Jens was elected as a new member for a term of 3 years.

Nominations were then made for a man to complete Axel Petersen's term for a period of one year because of Axel's resignation.

Those nominated were: Niels Kloster, Hans Miller, Mrs. Elmer Nielsen, Herman Miller, Roy Bouma, and Hans Andersen. They received 4 votes, 11 votes, 2 votes, 3 votes, 6 votes and 3 votes, respectively. There was no election so the two highest, Hans Miller and Roy Bouma were voted on. Hans received 27 votes and Roy 5. Hans was elected as a new member to serve one year.

Election of Deacons.

Hans Andersen made motion that we re-elect T. Kloster by acclamation. Seconded by Elmer

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Nielsen. Motion carried. T. Kloster remained as a Deacon.

Nominations of S.S. Supt. Those nominated were: Herman Miller, Mrs. Nick Kloster, and Mrs. Elmer Nielsen. They received 17 votes, 2 votes and 11 votes respectively. Herman was re-elected as Sunday School Supt.

Nomination for Assistant Supt. Those nominated were: Mrs. Elmer Nielsen and Mrs. Nick Kloster. Mrs. Elmer Nielsen received 17 votes and Mrs. Nick Kloster 4. Mrs. Elmer Nielsen was elected as assistant S.S. Supt.

Election of Auditors. Those nominated were: Miss Phyllis Kloster, and Miss Frances Kloster. Wilbur Miller made motion nominations cease. Seconded by Emil Johnson. Motion carried. Phyllis and Frances were elected as the new Auditors.

Election of Usher. Those nominated were: Roy Bouma, Donald Lund, Emil Johnson and John Nielsen. Emil and Johnny were elected and Roy and Donald were accepted as substitutes because they didn't want a steady job.

Sun. morning May 19th was selected for installation of new officers. Board meeting was chosen to be held Tues. evening May 21.

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Chris Kloster made motion we send a delegate to Blair for the annual Convention. Seconded by Hans Andersen. Motion carried.

Chris Kloster and Hans Miller were nominated. As the votes were tied it was decided that they should decide themselves who was to be delegate and who was to be the alternate.

Rev. Christensen then read our article on raising money to relieve the situation in Europe from the "National Lutheran" by Dr. Paul Euipe.

C. P. Kloster made a motion that we take up an offering for Lutheran World Action the first Sunday in June. Seconded by Emil Johnson. Motion carried.

T. Kloster made a motion that we give our pastor a vacation. Seconded by Hans Andersen. Motion carried.

Nick Kloster made motion that we take the Sunday of the convention off, too. Seconded by Herman Miller. Motion carried.

T. Kloster made motion to continue with the pastors \$10 a month increase in salary. Seconded by Frank Kunath. Motion carried.

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Mrs. Frank Kunath suggested something be done to improve the church.

C. P. Kloster made a motion to leave it to the Ladies Aid what to do to the church and that they could use the money in the church improvement fund as well as that in their own fund as they saw fit to do. Seconded by Emil Johnson. Motion carried.

Frances Kloster made motion to have piano turned or to get an organ. Hans Andersen seconded the motion with the revision that it be left to the Ladies Aid. Motion carried.

T. Kloster made motion that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Elmer Nielsen. Motion carried.

We closed by singing Hymn 149 and Rev. Christensen repeated the Benediction.

Elmer Nielsen, Secy.

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May 21, 1946

Council Meeting

Rev Christensen opened meeting reading 5th chapter 1st peter and led in Prayer.

J. A. Kloster was elected Secretary

Frank Kunath Elected President of Council

Nick Kloster Elected Treasurer of Council

Motion Made by Ray Bogh Seconded by Nick Kloster that the Secy try to get some one to tune the Church

Piano motion Carried. Motion made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secy.

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Nov 18, 1946

Semianual Board Meeting held this Eve at Church all members Present Meeting opened by Singing Psalm no 203 Rev Christensen read from 5th chapter of Peter 1 The SEcy Report was Read and approved as read Motion was made by Emil Johnson Seconded by Nick Loster that a Resolution of thanks to the Ladys Aid for Papering the church. Motion carried Motion Mad by Emil Johnson Second by C P Kloster That we leave the Instulation of the Church Bell wait till after the fall Rush and then get together with the

Supervision of Emil Johnson to Install the Church Bell. Motion Carried A motion was made by Emil Johnson Seconded by Frank Kunath in view of higher cost of living and as a token of appreciation for the good Work he had done among us we Raise Rev Christensen Salary 20.00 Per Month to take effect immediately up till the annual meeting at which time Congregation can act on this Motion Carried Motion was then made by J A Kloster Seconded by Ray Bogh to adjourn Motion Carried Meeting Closed by Singing Song No 145 & Saying Lords Prayer

J A Kloster Secy.

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May 19, 1947

The yearly meeting of the Gethsemane Lutehran Church Congregation was held Monday evening May 19, 1947. The meeting opened by Singing No 331 Rev Christensen Read the from the 2nd Chapter of the Epistel to the Philippians First 16 Verses Sec Report was then Read also all Council meeting report read and Motion by Nick Kloster Seconded by C P Kloster to be approved as read. Next Rev Christensen read his annual Patorial Report to the Gethsemenae Congregation Motion Made by C P Kloster, Seconded by H C. Andersen Rev Christensen report be accepted. Next was the Report of the Treasurer Treasurer handed the Congregation membes each a Finical Statement motion was Then made by T Kloster that we accept the Treasurers Reprot Motion Carried Motion Made by CP Kloster Seconded by Nick Kloster to give Frank Kunath a Rasing Vote of thanks for Donating the Church Bell. Motion carried Motion by Ray Bogh that we give Nick Kloster a Raasing Vote of thanks for the fine Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Motion Made by C P Kloster to give Emil Johnson a Rasing Vote of thanks for Supervising Work of getting Church Bell Instaled. Motion was then made That Frank Kunath see if he can get the Church Piano Tuned Motion was then made By T Kloster seconded by Frank Kunath that we continue with the \$80 Per Month to Rev Christiensen Motion Carried Next in Order was Election of Two trustees to Fill Ray Bogh & Hans Millers Places as there term expired Motion was then mde for Nomnations Elmer Nielsen Sam Lund H C Andersen Herman Miller Jack Kloster James Petersen Niels Kloster There were 21 Votes Cast the Vote were Elmer 7 Sam Lund 4 H C. Andersen 5 Herman Miller 2 Jack 2 James 1 Niels K 3 The Vote for first Member was Elmer Nielsen 13 Votes H C Andersen 9 Elmer Nielsen Elected for three years Nomination for Second Member H C Andersen 14

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Sam Lund 2 Herman Miller 2 James Petersen 2 Niels Kloster 1 Jack Kloster 1 Motion was then made by T Kloster Seconded by Frank Kunath that H C. Andersen be elected 2 trustee for 3 years. Motion carried Motion made to suspend the Rules and Vote by acclamation for Deacon Motion was made by T Kloster Seconded by H C. Andersen C P Kloster be elected Deacon for 2 years Next in Order Election of Sunday School Supt. Nominations were as follows Mrs. Nick Kloster 5 Votes Mrs Elmer Nielsen 5 Votes Phyllis Kloster 2 Herman Miller 7 John Nielsen 1 Mrs. Ray Bogh 1 Vote on the 3 High were Mrs. Nick Kloster 4 Mrs. Elmer Nielsen 8 Herman Miller 1 Vote Second Ballot on the 2 Highest Herman Miller 4 Mrs. Elmer Nielsen 17 Mrs. Elmer Nielsen Elected.

Vote for Ass Sunday School Supt Mrs. Ray Bogh 3 Herman Miller 3 Phylis 7 James 2 Mildred 2 Marie 1 Goodie Johnson 1 John Nielsen 1 Motion made to Vote on 3 Highest Phyllis Kloster 7 Mrs Ray Bogh 11 Herman Miller 4 Mrs. Ray Bogh Elected.

Vote for Auditors Mrs. James Petersen & Jack Kloster were elected. John Nielsen & Emil Johnson Elected as first usus [Ushers] Roy Bouma & Donald Lund as seconded users Motion was made that Emil Johnson Ring the Church Bell and if he is not Present for Frank Kunath to Ring the Bell. Motion made by Frank Kunath Seconded by Herman Miller we buy 2 dozen chairs for the Church. Motion carried Frank Kunath to take care of it. Moved by C P Kloster seconded by T Kloster we accept the Raise of Insurance by H C

Andesen Motion carried Motion was then made to adjourn Rev Christensen asked Congregation Stand and Repeat the Lords Prayer together Closing with the Benediction.

JA Kloster Sec y

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May 26, 1947

Church Councle met this evening at Church all members Presnt Except Elmer Nielsen Meeting opened by singing No 133 Rev Christensen Read the 16 Chapter according to Luke 20 Verse Secy Report of yearly meeting read and approved as read Frank Kunath was elected President J A Kloster elected SEcy Nick Kloster elected Tresuer for the year. Motion was then made to send a delegate to the Convention SEconded by Emil Johnson motion was then made to ask for Voulenteers who could go at the Sunday morning Services Motion was then made by T Kloster SEconded by Emil Johnson to adjourn meeting Closed Repeating the Lords Prayer

J A Kloster Secy

June 8, 1947

Special meeting of the Congeration was called to ask the Congregation to give the Councle authority to sell a lot of the Church grounds June 8, 1947. The meeting was called to order by Rev Christensen asking for a motion of some kind a motion was then made by Frank Kunath SEconded by Paul Petersen which reads as follows To authorize the Board to Sell the lot on the South West corner of the Church grounds A Vote by Ballot was then taken Emil Johnson & John Nielsen as tellers the was for to Vote Yes against to Vote No Vote as follows Yes 21 No 12 and of few Blank. As it took 2/3 majority it did not carry. Then there where nominations for Delegate to the Convention Mrs. Nick Kloster Mrs Hans Miller & C P Kloster where nominated Mrs. Nick Kloster elected A motion was then made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secy

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June 22, 1947

Special congergatinal Meeting was called by the Councle Each member noafied by card Rev Christensen called meeting to order after Services June 22, 1947 Elmer Nielsen was appointed Secy Protem in absence of Reg Secy. Paul Petersen Made Motion that the Congregation give board of Trustees authority to Sell any of the Church Lots except the two on the South West Corner it was Signed by Emil Johnson Ballots where then Pased to the Congregation for Vote on Same The Vote were 35 for & 0 against Motion Carried a Councle Meeting was then called for Monday eve at 8 oclock on Sale of lots motion made to ajorn by Niels Kloster and SEconded by Nick Kloster

Elmer Nielsen Act Secty.

June 23, 1947

Meeting opened by Rev Christensen a Motion was made Frank Kunath SEconded by H C Andersen to Sell The lots at \$50.00 a Piece to Members of Congregation Motion Carried A Motion was then Made by C P Kloster SEcond by Elmer Nielsen That the Church furnish Abstract if it does not cost over \$25.00 over that amount Purchaser pay Balance Motion Carried.

Motion was then Made by H C Andersen SEcond by C P Kloster [later crossed out] The President & Secty be Designated to get the Paper in Shape for the Sale Motion Carried Motion made by C P Kloster

second by CP Kloster that the President & Secy help State [stake?]out the lots. Motion was Then made to Adjorn.

J A Kloster
Secy

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Sept 22, 1947

Board of Trustes met this afternoon for the Pupurs of Selling a lot to Leo Guerbach? to move house on and decite on the Price of lot a motion was made and Seconed to Sell one lot for \$150.00 or two lots for \$250 which was agreed by the Councle there was also a motion that of Congergation was to furnish Abstract the Purchaser Pay half of the Cost motion carried it was the made a motion that The Presdient & Secy make arrangement of the lots for Sale.

Motion made to adjorn
J A Kloster
Secy

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May 17, 1948

The Yearly meeting of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church held this evening Rev Christensen opened meeting by Congergation Singing No 133 Rev Christensen then read the Epistle of Jude from 17 Verses to the end of Chapter The Secy then read the Report of the last yearly meeting and councle meetings held this year. A Motion by Nick Kloster seconed by H C Andersen Report be accepted as read. Carried Rev Christtensen read his Pastoral report motion was made & Second to accept carried a Motion was then made that we accept the Treaur's Report. Accepted as motion as then made by Nick Klosters Seconed by J A Kloster we take \$16.47 out of the current fund to Pay what we owed to the Benevelance fund motion carried Rev Christensen then asked to give Nick Kloster a standing Vote of apperation for the report as treasuer carried a Motion was made by Tena Mioller that we give Edna Kloster a stand Vote of appreaction for keeping the Church Clean motion carried A Motion was then made by T Kloster Seconed by Emil Johnson to accept all the Reports of Ladies Aid Sunday School & Luther League motion carried Next was the Election of Officers of two trustees Nick Klsofer & Frank Kunath s Term expired a Vote for Nomnation was then taken for First Member. Sam Lund rec 17 Herman Miller6? Ray Bogh 1 James Petersen 3 S L Jordahl 1 Roy Bouma 2 Jack Kloster 1 Norman Kloster 1 as Sam Lund had the majority of Votes motion was made the he be Elected as Trustee Motion Carried. The Vote for Second Member were Hans Miller 2 Roy Bouma 14 Herman Miller 10 S L Jordahl 1 Ray Bogh 3 Niels Kloster 3 Norman Kloster 2 James Petersen 1 The two High where then Voted on Roy Bouma 28 Herman Miller 14 Votes Roy Bouma was elected

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The next were Sunday School Supt out of the two high were Mrs. Ray Bogh 13 votes & Niels Kloster 18 votes Niels Kloster was elected but Niels Kloster Refused to accept Then there was a motion to nominate to again Mrs. Nick Kloster & Miss Phylis Kloster were nominated Receiving 16 Votes each then the was a motion by Mrs. Niels Kloster SEconed by Emil Johnson the Sunday School Teachers elect there Assistant Supt in case of Vacancy. Phylis Kloster & Norman Kloster were elect Auditors . Keith Bogh & Delnar Kloster were elected first users [Ushers] & Norman Kloster & James Petersen ass. It was moved & Seconed the Board to decitge if to Send Delegate to the Dist. Convention Moved by C P Kloster Seconed by Mrs. Emil Johnson Edna Kloster to continue as Janator of the Church a motion was also

made to give the Out going Presdient Frank Kunath a Vote of Apprecation Motion carried Then there was soom talk about improving the Church as the Ladies would give Congeratoin \$1000 to use for this to Enlarge the Basement and the Chancle a Vote was then taken to see if Congergation were in Favor the Vote 29 for 2 against Moved by Mrs. Jordahl Seconed by Nick Kloster That Congergation follow Rev Christensen advice and leave the Improvement to the Board of Trustees motion carried Motion made by Emil Johnson we accept Rev Christensen or one of Committee & Phylis Kloster & C P Kloster help write Book and help make arrangement for our Golden Jublee to be Celebrated this fall motion carried

A motion was then made to adjorn. Rev Christensen the closed meeting by congregation Saying the Lords Prayer & The Benediction

J A Kloster Secy

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May 24, 1948

The Councle Meeting of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church was held this evening Rev Christensen opened Meeting by Singing No 2999 and Reading from the 3 Chapter of Revelations Verses 7 to 13 The Secy then Read the Report of the Yearly meeting. A motion was Made by Emil Johnson Seconed by H C. Andersen the Report was approved as read As there were no other bussnes the Old board adjourned The New board then met to organize The Election of the board were as follows Sam Lund Rec 7 Votes for President H C Anderson 1 Sam Lund Elected For Secy JA Kloster Rec 6 Votes Roy Bouma 2 J A Kloster elected for For Treasuer Elmer Nielsen 1 Emil Johson 3 Roy Bouma 4 The Second Vote was Emil Johnson 5 Roy Bouma 3 Emil Johnson elected J A Kloster asked for Permission that Norman K use old for Drain a Motion Was Made by Sam Lund Second by Emil Johnson motion carried. There was talk about how much to build to Church A Motion was made by Elmer Nielsen seconed by Roy Bouma we build a chancel to the Church 12 x 20 Motion carried A motion was then made by Roy 'Bouma Seond by Elmer Nielsen that Rev Christensen announce at the Sunday Services that all come and help Dig Basement for church Tuesday June 1 1948 motion Carried a Motion was then made That Sam Lund act as Chairman & Emil Jonson ass Chairman of the Building Committee motion carried A Motion was then made to adjorn Meeting Closed by Repeting the Lords Prayer & Rev Christiensen giving the Benediction

J A Kloster, Secy

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Nov 23, 1948

Councle meeting this eve Rev Christensen opened meeting by Reading 5 chapter of Mattheve 16 Verses The Secy Read Was Read & Approved Motion was made that J A Kloster see to get gutters & Lighting Rod sefririe?? As there wer now Jurlhur Bus? This is the same annual meeting motion was mad to adgorne

J A Kloster, Secy

Feb 8, 1949

A Councle Meeting was called this evening [evening crossed out] meeting opened by Reading letter from the District Pres Rev Palleson in Regard to the Ministers Wages. Emil Johnson made a motion that the Secy write the Board President at Marcus to arrange for a joint meeting Either There on over here To consider the matter together to meet as soon as Possible Seconed by C P Kloster motion carried Motion was then made by Emil Johnson to adjorn

J A Kloster Secy

April 5, 1949

The seminal annual meeting was held This Evening The meeting opened by Rev Christensen Reading 2 corinthians 4 chapter. The Secy Report was then Read & Approved as read The Tres th...g.. his Report on the Building Fund & General which was then decided to wait till the Annual Meeting and then if we were short of funds to try to Rase it by Passing a list around Motion was then made that the Meeting adjorn which carried Closed with the Lords Prayer Rev Christensen the gave the Benidiction.

J A Kloster

Secy

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May 9, 1949

The Yearly meeting of the Congergation was held this evening Meeting opned by Singing No 313 Rev Christensen then read from the 3 chapters of 2nd Timoty The SEcy Report was the Read as there were no objections the Report to stand approved as Read Next was the Report of Rev Christensen which he would Read at the Services Next Sunday morning The Treasuers Report was then Read & Motion made by Herman Miller Secoed by Norman Kloster to accept the Treasurs Report as Read Carried. There was then a Motion made to Circulate a petition to collect money to pay some out standing bills a motion was then mde that Frank Kunath circulate it, carried There was then some talk to take a Vote on wether to have a Picture in Front by Alter after some talk a motion was made by T Kloster Seconded by Nick Kloster that we table the Picture Till a later date A Motion was then made by T Kloster Second by C P Kloster to send delegate to the convention at Blair carried a motion was then made to send MRs. S L Jordahl as Delegate to Convention Motion Carried A Motion was then made that the New Board try to get a Delegate to the District convention at Des Moines Ia The Secy then Read a letter from Rev Pallasen in regard to Ministers Wages after some Discussion a Vote was taken to see if we should incres the wages the Vote was 20 for and 12 aganst after some discussion a Motion was made by Emil Johnson Second by T Kloster that we table this A rising Vote of Thanks was given to Mr & Mrs Nick Kloster & Family For the Donation for the Altar also a Rising Vote of Thanks to Emil Johnson Family for the Tresuers work and also a Rising Vote of thanks to the Building committee Nest an order was the Election of Officers to full the Terms of Trustees for the two outgoing Emil Johnson & J A Kloster

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The Vote on Nominations were as Follows Nick Kloster 19 Herman Miller 8 Ray Bogh 2 Frank Kunath 1 Harold Kloster 2 Niels Kloster 1 Noman Kloster 1 The Vote was then on the two Highest Nick Kloster 23 Herman Miller 8 Nick Klsoter Elected

The Vote for Second Member as follows Frank Kunath 12 Herman Miller 10 Ray Bogh 6 Harold Kloster 1 Norman Kloster 1 The Election Herman Miller 16 Frank Kunath 14 Herman Miller elected Next was Election of Sunday School Supt Mrs. Nick Kloster 17 Tena Miller 1 Phillis Kloster 3 Emil Johnson 2 Mrs. S L Jordahl 7 Amile Bogh 2 Martha Kloster 1 Mrs. Nick Kloster elected Mrs. S L Jordahl elected Ass Sunday School Supt. A motion was then made the Hans Miller & Norman Kloster act as Auditors motion carried Delnar Kloster & Keith Bogh were elected Users [Ushers] Floyd Miller Laverne Kloster & Donald Lund Elected substitute Users a motion was then made to Ajurn Rev Christensen Closed the meeting by all standing & Repeating the Lords Prayer and Rev giving the Benediction

J A Kloster

Secy

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May 16, 1949

The council met this evening to organize . Rev Christensen opened the meeting by reading 1 Corinthians 5th Chapter. The secy report of the yearly congregational meeting was read and approved.

The election of officers followed

For president – Sam Lund 6 H Miller 1

For Secy – H Miller 5 Elmer Nielsen 2

For Treas – Nick Klsoter 5 Elmer Nielsen 2

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by T Kloster that the President make a deal with Frank Kunath to mow the lawn. Carried.

Motion by Elmer Nielsen second by Roy Bouma to selle equity in the lawn mower to J. A. Kloster for \$35. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Roy Bouma that we retain Edna Kloster services at the old rate. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Elmer Nielsen that we adjourn. Carried

Meeting was closed by praying the Lords Prayer

Herman Miller

Secy

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Nov 21, 1949

The council met this evening for its semi-annual meeting. The meeting was opened by singing hymn No 208. Rev Christensen read the 4th Chapter of Ephesians and led in prayer.

Secretarys report was read and approved.

After considerable discussion motion was made to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer

Herman Miller

Secy.

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May 15, 1950

The Congregation met this evening for its annual meeting. The meeting was opened by singing hymn No 213. Rev Christensen read from the 4th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews beginning at the 9th verse.

Next in order was the pastors report to the congregation.

The secretarys report was read and approved. The treasurers report was approved as presented.

Motion made by Elmer Nielsen second by Roy Bouma that we take a ballot vote on whether to hang doors in the back of the church. The vote was 9 for and 8 against.

Next in order was the election of officers. Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by J. A. Kloster that the two high be the nominees.

The first vote was as follows: Emil 7 James 1 John Nielsen 1 Frank 2 Roy 3 J. A. Kloster 4, Norman Kloster 3, Niels Kloster 1, Hans Miller 1.

The next ballot was for Emil Johnson and J. A. Kloster. The result was Emil 20, J. A. 4.

Election for the second member was as follows:

Norman Kloster 11, Mrs. Jordahl 2, Frank Kunath 3, Ray Bogh 4, James Peterson 3, J. A. Kloster 1.

The next ballot was for Norman Kloster and Ray Bogh. The result was Norman Kloster 24 and Ray Bogh 4.

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Next in order was the election of Sunday School Superintendent Result of the first ballot was as follows
Mrs. Nick Kloster 11, Mrs. S L. Jordahl 9, Mrs. Elmer Nielsen 2, Mrs. Herman Miller 1

Motion made by Emil Johnson, second by J. A. Kloster to suspend the rules and have the highest as superintendent and second high as assistant superintendent. Mrs. Nick Kloster elected Supt and Mrs. S. L. Jordahl as ass. Supt.

Motion made by Roy Bouma, second by Mrs. Norman Kloster to keep the old ushers. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by J. A. Kloster that Ray Bogh and Elmer Nielsen act as auditors. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by J. A. Kloster that we send a delegate to the convention at Hutchinson, Minn. Carried.

J. A. Kloster nominated as delegate. Elected.

Mrs. Ray Bogh elected as substitute

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by H. C. Andersen that we send a delegate to district Convention at Harlan. Mrs. S. L. Jordahl elected Delegate and Mrs. Nick Kloster substitute

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, second by Emil Johnson to pay the ministers expenses to the convention. Carried.

A unanimous standing vote was taken to instruct our delegate to vote for the merger with the American Luth Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Motion made an second that we adjourn. Carried.

Meeting closed by praying the Lords Prayer

Herman Miller

Secy

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May 22, 1950

The church council met this evening to organize. Rev. Christensen read from the 3rd chapter of 1st John, verses 3 to 13 and led in prayer.

The secy report was read and approved

The election of officers was as follows

For President

Sam Lund 5 Norman Kloster 1

For Secy.

Herman Miller 6 Roy Bouma 1

For Treas.

Nick Kloster 6 Norman Kloster 1

It was decided to have Frank mow the church lawn and the picnic grounds.

Motion made by Emil Johnson, second by Sam Lund to retain Edna Klosters services another year. Carried.

Motion made by Herman Miller second by Roy Bouma to have Emil fix the moulding in the church, Carried.

Motion made by Emil second by Roy to have Frank Kunath fix the blackboard. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Roy Bouma that we give the minister a \$100 bonus besides his convention expense. Carried.

Motion made by Emil, second by Norman to adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lords Prayer

Herman Miller
Secy

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Nov 20, 1950

The church council met this evening in the church parlors for their semi-annual meeting. Rev. Christensen opened the meeting by reading from the seventh chapter of Matthew and led in prayer.

The Secretarys report was read and approved.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, seconded by Sam Lund that we approve Frank Kunaths bill.

The possibility of selling church lots was brought up and a motion was made that we sell one lot for \$150 or two for \$250 for residential purposes. Carried.

Motion made by Roy Bouma, seconded by T. Kloster that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lords Prayer.

Herman Miller
Secy.

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May 28, 1951

The church council met this evening to organize. Rev. Christensen opened the meeting by reading the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians [Corinthians] and led in prayer.

The Secretary report was approved as read.

First in order of business was the election of President. The vote was as follows: Emil Johnson 7, C. P. Kloster 1. Emil elected.

Next was the election of Secretary. The vote was as follows: Herman Miller 7, Norman Kloster 1. Herman elected.

Next was the election of Treasurer. The vote was as follows: Nick Kloster 6, Norman Kloster 1. Nick elected.

C. P. Kloster was delegated to see if some mistake had been made in the insurance assessment.

Motion made by Norman Kloster, seconded by Stanley Mohning that the president make an announcement in church about the church finances. Carried.

The repairing of the sidewalks was discussed. Some new sidewalk is need on the north east corner of our property and a bridge over the east entrance walk. Motion made by Nick Kloster, seconded by Emil Johnson to have Norman look after fixing the walks.

Oiling the streets was brought up. Motion made by Herman Miller, seconded by Emil Johnson to have the street oiled. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster, seconded by Nick Kloster that we retain Edna Klosters services for another year at the same rate.

Motion made by Emil Johnson, seconded by Stanley Mohning that we approve

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Sam Lund hiring Frank Kunath to mow the lawn. Carried.

Motion made and second to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting was closed by praying the Lords Prayer.

Herman Miller
Secy.

July 2, 1951

The church council had a special meeting called by the president.

Rev Christensen opened the meeting by reading part of the 6th Chapter of Mark and led in prayer.

The Secy report was read and approved as read.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the amount we should increase our pastors salary.

Motion made by Norman Kloster and second by Herman Miller that we increase our pastors salary to \$100 per month retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year. Carried.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lords prayer.

Herman Miller

Secy.

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May 20, 1951

The Congregation met this evening for its annual business meeting. The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 225 Rev Christensen read the 12th chapter of Pauls Epistle to the Romans and led in prayer.

The pastor gave his report which was approved.

The Secy report was approved with thanks

Motion was made by C. P. Kloster, second by T. Kloster that we authorize the treas to pay our Lutheran World Action quota out of the balance in the mission fund. Carried.

Next in order was the election of officers.

Motion made and second that the two high be the nominees. The nominee for the first council member were Donald Lund & Frank Kunath. The vote was Donald Lund 15 Frank Kunath 13 Donald elected.

For second member the nominees were Stanly Mohning and Frank Kunath. The vote was Stanley Mohning 18 Frank Kunath 11 Stanley elected.

Next in order was the Sunday School Superintendent. On the first vote Mrs. Nick Kloster was elected with a majority of the votes.

Motion made to suspend the rules and declare second high to be assistant Sunday School Supt. Mrs. Elmer Nielsen elected.

Motion made and second to keep the same auditors. Carried.

Motion made and second to make assistant ushers first ushers and first ushers assistant ushers. Carried.

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Letter from the Laymans committee to promote Christian Stewardship was read and a motion made and second to drop the whole matter.

Motion made by Emil, second by Roy that the board was to find a way to get the pledges made. Carried.

Motion made and second that we don't send a delegate to the synodical convention. Carried.

Motion made to table district convention delegate for the time being.

Motion made and second that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lord Prayer.

Herman Miller

SEcy.

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Nov 19, 1951

The church council met this evening in our semi-annual board meeting

The meeting was opened by Rev Christensen reading part of the 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter and led in prayer.

The Secy. Report was approved as read.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster & second by Emil Johnson to take and offering on Thanksgiving for the Pension Fund. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster & second by Nick Kloster that we pay Frank Kunaths bill. Carried.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Norman Kloster that we pay Norman Klosters bill.

Motion made by Herman Miller second by C. P. Kloster that the treas pay \$45 to the church extension fund and see if Ladies Aid & Fellowship League will pay \$35 each. Carried.

Motion made & second that we adjourn Carried

The meeting was closed by praying the Lords Prayer.

Herman Miller

Secy.

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March 19, 1952

The meeting was called by our president in reference to the Lutheran Brotherhood Ins. Co.

Secy. Report was approved as read.

Mr Messick, the insurance agent, gave an explanation of their plan to help the church with its mission work.

Norman Kloster made a motion, second by Stan Mohning that Mr Messick send us the papers of affiliation. Carried.

Motion made by Emil Johnson, second by C. P. Kloster to pay the synodical budget from the general fund. Carried.

Motion made by Emil Johnson, second by Nick Kloster that we take an offering for the foreign missions. Carried.

In regard to the Lutheran Hospital appeal, the board approves the project as a worthy cause if anyone cares to donate to it.

Motion made and second that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lords Prayer.

Herman Miller

Secy.

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May 19, 1952

The congregation held their annual meeting this evening. The meeting was opened by singing hymn no 443. Rev Christensen read from the 1st & 2nd Chapter of Peters First Epistle and led in prayer

The pastor gave his report.

The secy report was approved as read

The treasurers report was approved as presented.

Next in order was the election of officers

Motion made and second to vote by ballot and the two high be the nominees. Carried.

On the first ballot, Frank Kunath & Elmer Nielsen were the nominees. After two tie ballots motion was made and second to reopen nominations. Carried. On this ballot John Nielsen & Elmer Nielsen were the nominees. The result was John Nielsen 19 Elmer Nielsen 9. John Nielsen elected.

The nominees for second council Member were Elmer Nielsen with 13, Ray Bogh, Frank Kunath & J. A. Kloster with 4 each.

The next ballot showed Elmer Nielsen & Ray Bogh to be the nominees with Elmer Nielsen being elected on the next ballot with a 19 to 9 count.

Next in order was the election of Sunday School Superintendent. The nominees were Mrs. Nick Kloster & Mrs. Emil Johnson. Mrs. Emil Johnson was elected with a 16 to 13 majority.

Motion made and second to declare the second high to be assistant Superintendent. Carried.

Motion made and second that we appoint Kay Bogh & J. A. Kloster as auditors.

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Motion made and second that we appoint Keith Bogh & Delnar Kloster as ushers and Floyd Miller & La Verne Kloster as substitute ushers. Carried.

Motion made and second that we authorize the board to find a delegate to the synodical Convention at Albert Lea and the district Convention at Sioux City. Carried.

The cleaning of the church ground was brought up and Friday, May 23, was chosen as the day.

Motion made and second that the vacant ground north of the church be plowed up and planted to beans. Carried.

Motion made and second that we appoint Phyllis Kloster as organist and Mrs. John Nielsen as substitute organist. Carried.

Motion made and second that we adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was closed by singing Hymn No 228, "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" and praying the Lords Prayer.

Herman Miller
Secy.

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May 20, 1952

The Meeting was opened by singing Hymn no 214. Rev Christensen read the 2nd chapter of Epistle to Titus, and led in prayer.

The Secy report was approved as read. Next in order was the Election of Officers:

The Nominees for President were:

Emil Johnson & Elmer Nielsen

First Ballot. Emil 7 – Elmer 1 –

Emil was elected.

Next in order Election of SEcy.

First Ballot. Elmer 1 Norman 4 John N. 1 – Donald 1 Stan 1-

Second Ballot. Norman – 6 – John 1 – Elmer 1

Norman was Elected.

Next in order – Election of Treas:

First Ballot: Elmer 2 – John 1 – Stan 2 – Donald 3

Second Ballot: Donald 7 – Stan 1

Donald was Elected.

The board was authorized by the congregation to take up the proposal from the Lutheran Brotherhood for affiliation. It was moved by Emil Johnson seconded by John Nielsen to affiliate with Lutheran Brotherhood. Carried.

A nomination for Mrs. Jordahl to be a delegate for the District Convention at Albert Lea Minn. Motion made by Elmer Nielsen, second by Emil Johnson. Carried.

It was moved by C. P. Kloster that Eva Anderson be elected second delegate. Carried.

Motion made by John Nielsen to pay pastors expense to Albert Lea, seconded by C. P. Kloster – Carried.

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Motion made by C. P. Kloster second by Emil Johnson to drop the picking of a district delegate till a later date.

Motion made by C. P. Kloster to try and hire Frank Kunath to take care of the lawn from May 15th or our Annual Meeting till May 15th or the next annual meeting, second by Elmer Nielsen Carried.

The board was very well pleased with the work of Edna as janitoress, and motion made by Emil to try and retain her for another year. Second by John Nielsen Carried.

Motion made by Emil – second by Elmer to adjourn, closed by saying the Lords Prayer in Unison.

Norman Kloster

Secy.

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Nov 17, 1952

Semi Annual Meeting

Rev Christensen opened by reading Scripture and leading in prayer.

The Secy report was read and approved.

Letter from District board was read by the SEcy., about setting a date for mission stewardship committee coming here. Month of March was set by the board, with the date being left to Rev Christensen. Motion made by John Nielsen seconded by Elmer Nielsen to invite them to come. Carried.

A proposal was made by C. P. Kloster for Donald Lund to send for the Lenten boxes.

Rev Christensen made the announcement to the council of his resignation to be turned in about he 1st of March, to be effective the first of June 1953.

Emil Johnson made a motion seconded by John Nielsen to adjourn. Carried. The meeting was closed by saying the Lords Prayer in Unison.

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March 30, 1953

Special Congregational Meeting, Monday eve

Opened the meeting by singing Hymn # 140 – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”. Rev Christensen then lead in scripture and prayer. Rev Christensen then relinquished chairmanship in favor of the president Emil Johnson.

Emil then asked for a motion to accept Rev Christeansens resignation or turn down the resignation. John Nielsen made a motion second by Herman Miller to accept the resignation. Carried.

Money and the calling of a pastor was next in order.

A Vote by ballot was taken to see if we should hand out the pledge cards at this time. 33 yes votes 2 no votes. Pledge cards were handed out to those here. The secy was instructed to mail the rest out so we can have a replay as soon as possible.

Harold Kloster made a motion that we permit Rev Christensen to accept any job if offered one before his time is up as pastor June 1-. Second by Mrs. James Peterson. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Emil Johnson that we drop the discussion of offerings and leave it up to the board at a later date. Second by Harold. Carried.

Roy Bouma made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bill Bogh Carried. The meeting was closed by saying the lords prayer in Unison.

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Annual Meeting

Monday May 11 – 1953

The meeting was opened by singing song # 324 – “A Mighty Fortress is our lord”.

Rev Christensen read a few verses from 5th Mathew, and lead in prayer.

The Pastor gave his report.

The Pastor then called for the President to take charge of the meeting.

Secy report was read. Motion made by Donald Lund seconded by Harold Kloster to approve Secy report. Carried.

The Tres report was accepted as presented. Motion by T. Kloster seconded by Nick Kloster. Carried.

The election of two new board members to replace Emil Johnson & Norman Kloster was next in order.

Nominations: Herman Oetken, Harold Kloster, Roy Bouma, Herman Miller and J A Kloster.

Motion by Mrs. Emil Johnson second by Mrs. Norman Kloster, nominations cease. Carried.

Roy Bouma 11, Herman Miller 9, Herman Oetken 7, Harold Kloster 4 and J A Kloster 2.

Herman Miller & Roy Bouma being two high were the hominees. Herman Miller 20- Roy Bouma 13 – Herman Miller elected.

Nominees for the second council member were Roy Bouma, Nick Kloster, Harold Kloster, Herman Oetken, and J A Kloster. Motion made by Mrs. Herman Oetken second by Mrs. Norman Kloster nomination cease. Carried.

Roy Bouma 9, J A Kloster 8, Harold Kloster 7, Herman Oetken 5, and Nick Kloster 4.

Roy Bouma & J A Kloster were nominees

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Roy Bouma 21 – J A Kloster 12 – Roy Bouma elected.

Next was election of Sunday school Supt. Mrs. Emil Johnson was elected by acclimation. Carried.

Ass't Supt. Mrs. Nick Kloster – motion made by Mrs. Norman Kloster second by Mrs. Stanley Mohning that Mrs. Nick Kloster be elected by Unanimous acclimation

Stan Mohning and Roy Bouma, Floyd Miller and Keith Bogh for Ushers.

Election was vote for two. The two high ushers, other two as ass't Ushers Ray 11, Floyd 16, Keith 16 – Stan 14 – Floyd & Keith as ushers Stan & Roy as ass't.

Delegate to Synodical convention at atlantic Iowa, Motion made to leave it up to the board to appoint delegate. Motion by Norman seconded by Emil. Carried.

Motion made that the board of Directors take care of getting lawn owed. By Mrs Emil Johnson second by Harold Kloster Carried.

Motion by Tina second by Blanche that cleanup day be May 25th. Carried.

Motion by Mildred seconded by Herman Miller that we ask Phyllis to carry on as organist.

Motion was made and seconded that Mrs. Kenmar Jordahl be asked to be ass't or substitute organist. Carried.

It was left to the board of directors to hire Edna for the next year. Carried.

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Emil Johnson explained the letter from the District about the new pension plan. Ballot was taken to see if we approve or disapprove this new pension plan. There were 31 no votes – 2 yes. Disapproved.

The old pews and disposal were next for discussion. A motion made by Harold seconded by Stanley to advertise and sell the old pews. The price to be \$10.00 each not to be lower than \$5.00 Motion by Mildred Peterson seconded by Blanche. Carried. Motion by Mrs. Emil Johnson seconded by Stanley Mohning the Fellowship league take chg of the selling of old Pews. Carried.

Motion by Roy Bouma seconded by Stanley that we adjourn. Carried.

Rev. Chriensen lead in the saying of the Lords Prayer in Unison.

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Organization Meeting

May 18 - 1953.

Herman Miller & Roy Bouma were installed before the meeting.

Rev. Christensen opened by reading from 2nd Timothy 2nd chapter and ended in paray.

Secy gave is report, motion made and second to be excepted as read. Election of officers, for Pres, Nominees were Heman Miller 6. John Nielsen 2. Montion by C P. Kloster second by Roy Bouma this be considered an election, carried. Herman Miller president.

Election for SEcy Roy bouma 3 John Nielsen 2 Stanley Mohning 3, Stan & Roy were nominees, Roy – Stan 4. A montion was made to make Roy Secy by acclimation, carried.

Election for Treasure, Donald Lund 6 John Nielsen 2. Donald was elected.

T. Kloster asked if we would like to pay \$50 toward the town well. Roy Bouma made the montion, second by Elmer Nielsen that it be paid, and taken from the building fund.

A montion was made by Elmer Nielsen second by John Nielsen to pay S. L. Jordahl her convention expense of last year.

A montion was made by Herman Miller second by Donald Lund to send a delegate to the

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Synodical convention at Atlantic, Iowa expense's paid. Left to Herman to find someone who could go.

A motion was made by C P. Kloster second by Elmer Nielsen to ask Frank Kunath if he would take care of the church lawn. Montion by John Nielsen second by Herman Miller to ask Terry Kloster if Frank hasn't time to take care of it.

A montion by C P. Kloster second by Donald Lund to ask Edna Kloster if she would continue to clean church.

T Kloster made the montion to adjourn second by Elmer Nielsen.

Meeting was closed by praying the Lords Pray.

Roy L Bouma

Secy.

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Oct 29-1953

C. P. Kloster opened with scripture & prayer. Special meeting of both church congregations was held in the home of Roy Nielsen. It was decided to start confirmation class every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3 in the church having the late service both class's together.

A call for our new pastor was next in order. It was then decided to call the district President & get full detail in calling a student, having a joint meeting with Marcus at Marcus, when ever convent for him.

Motion by Roy Bouma second by John Nielsen to install dual control on the furnace, for basement & upstairs.

Motion by Herman Miller second by John Nielsen to adjourn, carried.

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

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Nov 9 – 53

Semi Annual Council Meeting.

C. P. Kloster opened the meeting by reading Psalm 26 & 27 and let in pray. Secy gave his report. Approved as read. Increase of insurance was discussed, C. P. Kloster made a motion to increase the church to \$15000.00 and church furniture to \$50000.00 Second by John Nielsen. Carried.

Motion by John Nielsen to adjourn second by Donald Lund.

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Roy L. Bouma Secy.

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Sunday P M. 8- O'clock Nov 22 – 53

Joint meeting with Marcus & Oyens held in the Marcus church, with Dist President Rev. Vedibeck of Atlantic Iowa. Rev Vedibeck opened the meeting by reading from Pauls Epistle, and prayer.

Johan Miller took charge of the meeting. The call of a new pastor was discussed. Rev. Videbeck read a letter from Rev Jersil in regards to Rev Jack Jacobson who has just returned from the mission field in Africa and was available. Niels Paulesen segust we invite Jacobson for a few days trail expense's paid. Herman Miller made a motion to invite Jacobsen for a weeks service second by Donald Lund. Carried.

Rev Vedebeck closed his services to the board with the Lords Prayer & left.

John Nielsen made a motion to phone Jacobsen & ask for a visit Second by Roy Nielsen, carried. Roy Nielsen to do the phoning.

Roy L Bouma Secy.

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Dec 10-53 8:PM.

Special Congregation Meeting in regards to Calling Rev Jack Jacobsen.

Meeting was opened by singing hymn 211, then the reading of the 96 Solem. C. P. Kloster lead in prayer.

T. Kloster made a motion to vote by ballot, second by Stanley Mohning. Results were 21 for & 4 against 1 blank, in favor of calling Jacobsen. Floyd Miller made a motion to ask Marcus to reconsider second by Harold Kloster. Carried. Nick Kloster made a motion to recess the meeting until we hear from Marcus, second by John Nielsen.

The Lords Prayer was given in the recessing of this meeting.

[not signed]

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Annual Meeting
May 10 – 1954

The meeting was opened by Rev Jacobson with the singing of Hymn 29: Blessed Jesus at the Word. Then Reading the 54th Scripture in the Hymnal: The New Jerusalem: Rev Jacobson lead in prayer.

Rev Jacobson gave his report & turned the meeting over to Herman Miller.

Secy gave his report, which was approved.

Treasures reports were past out, motion by J. A. Kloster second by John Nielsen to except the treasures report. Carried.

Election of officers by ballot the two high be nominees: Floyd Miller 7 Jack Kloster 1 Niels Kloster 1 Herman Oetken 5 Emil Johnson 5 Nick Kloster 1 Harold Kloster 5 Norman Kloster 1 Jens Kloster 2.

Floyd-Herman-Emil & Harold were nominated, 2nd vote Floyd 10 Emil 7 Herman otken 5 Harold 6. Floyd & Emil were nominated. 3rd vote Floyd 17, Emil 12. Floyd was elected.

Second director: Emil 11 Herman Otken 8 Harold 3 – Norman 2 – Jens 2 – Nick – 1 Emil & Herman nominated: Emil 12 – Herman 17. Herman Otken elected 2nd director.

Elmer Nielsen asked to resign as councilman so new councilman for one year was next in order. Nick 3 – Niels 1 – Harold 8 – Emil 7 – Herman 1 – Jens 2 Ray Bogh 1. Emil & Harold nominated. Emil 9 – Harold 18. Harold Kloster elected.

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Mrs. Herman Kloster mde a motion 2nd by Mrs. Floyd Miller to nominate from the floor the Sunday school Superintendent, (carried) Mrs. Emil Johnson & Mrs. Herman Miller were nominated. Floyd made a montion 2nd by Johnnie nominations cease.

Jens made amontion 2nd by Johnnie that the high vote be Supt. And the next assistant. (carried). Mrs. Emil Johnson 18 – Mrs. Herman Miller 11, Mrs. Emil Johnson elected Supt.

Harold Kloster made a montion 2nd by Jens Kloster to eclet by acclamation Stan & Norman as Auditors. (carried))

Ushers, nominated were Keith, Bill Terry, Floyd and Garth, Mrs. Ray Bogh made a montion nomination cease 2nd by Harold Kloster. Terry 10, Garth 17, Bill 10, Floyd 5 – Keith 4 - Terry & Garth Ushers Floyd and Bill assitants.

Nick made a montion 2nd by Stan to pay Rev Jcbosen's trunk expense, as the Mission were short. (carried)

Herman Miller brought up Janitor & lawn mowing. Jens made a montion 2nd by Harold to leave it up to the board (carried)

Emil made a montion 2nd by Norman that Phyllis be Organist when possible Tina Made a montion 2nd by Jens that Blanche be her assitant. (carried).

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Rev ZJacobson invited the board & familys to his home for there orgenistion meeting Herman Miller made a montion 2nd by Johning that we except his invitation. (carried)

Delegate to Adabun Iowa Convention. Nick made a montion 2nd by Emil to let the board choose a deigate (carried)

Mrs. Nick Kloster brought up the front sheet on our treasues report, discussed to change from name to number. Donald made a montion 2nd by Virgina to leave as is (carried)

Harold Kloster brought up the current & mission funds be combined to ease the treaures work, This was discussed. Montion by Herman 2nd by Johnnie to put the current & mission funds into one sum. Building fund to be left as it is. Carried.

Emil made a motion to ajoun 2nd by Stan. Carried.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lords Pray in unison.

Roy L Bouma

Secy.

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May 17 - 1954

Orgainzation Meeting

Floyd Miller & Herman Otken new members. Sec gave his report, excepted as read.

Roy Bouma made a motion 2nd by John Nielsen to officaly close the meeting of Dec 10.

Election of officers:

For Pres, Herman Miller recived 8 votes. Herman elected

For Sec. Roy L Bouma recived six 6 Harold Kloster one 1 and Herman Otken one 1. Roy elected.

For Treas. Floyd Miller five 5, Harold Kloster three 3, Floyd elected.

Delagate to Synidnadal convention Motion by Harold Kloster 2nd by Floyd Miller to send Herman Miller (carried)

Clean up day was set for May 31.

Crop for lots Motion by Floyd, 2nd by John to plant beans (carried)

Motion by T. Kloster 2nd by Harold to ask Edna to be Janitor & give her the same. Left up to Pres or Sec?

Motion by Harold 2nd by John to get a furnace man to meet with the board.

Moion by John 2nd by Herman to ajoun

Roy L Bouma

Secy.

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Nov 15 – 54

Semi Annual Meeting

Harold Kloster's

Rev Jacobson opened the meeting by reading scripture.

Treas gave his report 329.23 on hand.

Herman Otken prestended the fuel bill. Motion by John 2nd by Roy to pay for fuel as it is recived. (carried)

John & Roy were elected to fix the side walk going east from church.

Herman Otken made a motion to ajoun 2nd by Floyd.

Roy L Bouma

Secy

Jan 18-55

Joint meeting with Marcus held at John Nielsen home.

Herman Miller opened the meeting by reading scripture. Rev Jacobsen lead in prayer.

Herman read a letter from Rev Vidabeck that a new wage scale had been set as follows: one church \$3200.00 and serving 2 (two) church \$3600.00 Harold made a motion 2nd by Roy to set the raise at \$300.00 for each congregation.

Left up to Marcus to discuss with their congregation.

Oyens council agreed to pay a raise of \$300.00.

Both Oyens & Marcus agreed to buy a desk for the both churches to be left in the study.

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Roy made motion to adjourn 2nd by Harold.

Roy L Bouma

Feb 23 – 1955

The council was invited with the Marcus council to meet with Carmel council for further planning of merging the two churches. A vote by ballot was taken. Sixteen council men present. 14 (fourteen) yes Votes, 1 (one) no and 1 (one) blank.

Meeting adjourned.

Feb 25-1955

Joint meeting with Marcus in the home of Niels Paulsen's.

Rev Jacobsen opened the meeting by reading from the first Salm & lead in prayer

Niels took charge of meeting asking Oyens to consider raising our share of wages \$50.00 (fifty) dollars more than \$300.00

A vote was taken by ballot of the Oyens Council. All six board members present and the vote was six no's.

Marcus to meet with their congregation next Sunday.

Motion to adjourn.

Roy L Mouna

Secy.

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Annual Meeting

May 9 – 1955

Rev Jacobsen opened the meeting, congregation singing hymn 201 Come Thou Almighty King. Rev read the 121 psalm and led in prayer, then gave his report.

Secy gave his report, motion by Harold Kloster 2nd by Jens Kloster to accept report as read.

Carried

Treas gave his report, motion by Jens Kloster 2nd by Herman Miller to accept report as read.

Carried.

Mrs. Floyd Miller made a motion to raise janitor's salary, 2nd by Phyllis Kloster carried. Motion by Mrs. Nick Kloster to raise her wages to \$52.00 2nd by Mrs. Floyd Miller, carried.

Johnnie brought up the lawn & cleaning up around church. Motion by Jens Kloster 2nd by John Nielsen to have two (2) clean up days one in spring the other late in the fall. Carried.

Motion by Herman Miller to clean up & plant beans May 18 2nd by Roy Bouma. Carried. The women agreed to bring Pot Luck dinner.

Mildred Petersen has agreed to be our delegate to convention in Calif, if she visits Calif. As planned.

Rev Jacobsen asked for a two week vacation in August. Motion by Jens Kloster 2nd by Roy Bouma to grant his request. carried.

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Motion by Harold Kloster 2nd by Nick Kloster that we don't have any church during his vacation. Carried. Motion by Mrs. Nick Kloster to give Re Jacobsen nus to help cover his travling expenses 2nd by Mrs. Norman Kloster. Carried.

Motion by John Nielsen to have amount up to the council 2nd by Niels Kloster carried.

Jens Kloster brought up painting the church and leave to council to decide when.

Time for our mission meeting was set for 10:30 to give the ladies more time to prepare dinner.

Motion by Harold Kloster to have the ushers, usher the people out of church to try and do away with confusion in church proper 2nd by Mrs. John Nielsen, carried. It was agreed to try for one month, if approve, to be continued.

Election of two new council members.

Nominated Donald Lund, Emil Johnson, Niels Kloster & Norman Kloster. Motion by Herman Miller 2nd by Jens Kloster nominations cease. Carried.

Donald 10 Emil 6 Niels 4 Norman 8 Norman & Donald high Nest vote Donald 13 Norman 15 Norman Kloster elected.

Nominated Donald Lund & Clerance Reinholdt. Motion by Floyd Miller 2nd by Herman Miller nominations cease. Carried.

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Don 13 Clarence 15 Clearence Reinholdt elected.

Next election of Suncay school supringtendent. Nominated, Mrs. Harold Kloster, Mrs. Herman Miller & Mrs. Emil Johnson. Motion by Niels Kloster 2nd by Nick Kloster moniations cease carried Martha 7 Verna 12 Goodwin 8. Motion by Roy Bouma 2nd John Nielsen that high be Supt 2nd her assistant. Carried. Second vote Mrs. Emil Johnston 23 Mrs Harold Kloster 4. Mrs. Emil Johnson Elected.

Ushers, moninated. Terry Garth Floyd Bill Stan Roy & Herman Otken. Motion by Tina Miller 2nd by John Nielsen mominations cease. Motion by Stanly Mohnig 2nd by Harold Klsoter to vote for two. Carried. Terry 22 Garth 20 Floyd 3 Stan 6 Roy 2 Herman 2 Bill 0. Terry and Garth elected Ushers Floyd & Stan there assistants.

Auditors. Nominatade Hans Miller John Nielsen Niels Kloster & Jens Kloster. Monition by Mrs. James Petersen momitations cease & the two high be elected 2nd by John Nielsen carried.

Hans 8 John 9 Niels 4 Jens 6. Hans Miller & John Nielsen ected.

Phyllis Kloster was asked to be our Organist and Mrs. Blanche Mohning her assistant.

A Standing vote of thanks was given to our organist her assistant our Janitor and all who take part in caring for

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our church.

The hanging of the picture of which the Ladies Aid bought was discussed. Motion by Mrs. Stan Mohning 2nd by Herman Miller to leave it up to the Ladies Aid to decide were it should be hung. Carried.

Roy Bouma brought up the subject of buying an adding machine for our treas. Motion by Mildred Petersen 2nd by Mrs. John Nielsen to have Norman & Myrna look into the matter & report to church council. Carried.

Motion by Niels Kloster 2nd by Mrs. Stanley Mohning to ajoun carried

Closed by saying the Lords Prayer.

Roy L Bouma
Secy.

[This change in the constitution for folded and inserted in the minutes book on a separate sheet of paper. There was no date on the paper.]

To the Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We request that paragraph B of Article III of the By Laws of our Constitution which read: "Annual business meetings shall be held on the Monday after the first Sunday of the month of May." Be changed to read: "Annual business meetings shall be held on the second Monday after the first Sunday of the month of May."

Also, paragraph B of Article II, which reads: "The regular semi-annual meeting of the church council shall be held on the Monday after the second Sunday of the months of May and November," to read: "The regular semi-annual meeting of the church council shall be held on the Monday after the third Sunday of the months of May and November,"

*?? The Church council
By Axel Petersen
Sec.*

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Organization Meeting
May 16-1955

Rev Jacobson opened the meeting in the home of Floyd Miller by reading parts from the councilman's installation services & repeating the Lords Prayer in unison.

Secy gave his report, which was approved as read.

Election of Officers.

Pres. Herman Miller 6 Norman 1 Herman Miller Elected

Secy Norman 4 Roy 2 Clarence 1 Norman Kloster Elected

Treas Floyd 6 Herman 1 Floyd Miller Elected

A Adding Machine was presented to the board & discussed, disided to let Norman & Myrna shop around in Soo City.

The amount of Rev Jacobson's bonus was discussed. Motion by Herman Otken to let each council member give a figure on ballot then take the average. 2nd by Norman Kloster carried. The average was \$72.00. Motion by Roy Bouma 2nd by Norma to make it an even \$75.00 carried.

Building on an addition & bathrooms was discussed by the councilmen, a vote was taken by ballot. Six (6) in favor 1 against. Left to the approval of congregation.

Mo by Rev Jacobson 2nd by Floyd to ajourn

Roy L Bouma

Secy.

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Special Congregation Meeting
Oct 18, 1955

Rev. Jacobsen opened the meeting by reading scripture and prayer. Rev then turned the meeting over to the Pres Herman Miller. The meeting was called to discuss building on the church.

Emil Johnson explained the plan and dif types of roofing that could be used. Motion made by Mrs. Niels Kloster we take a ballot to see if we build or not. Seconed by Harold Kloster. Vote was 22 yeas and 2 no's and 4 blanks yes Carried

Motion by Stan we take a ballot to see if we start this fall seconed by Roy Bouma – Vote was yeas 11 – no 13, 5 Blank – No Carried.

Motion made by Emil Johnson that we start supporting a building fun second by Mrs. Floyd Miller. Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Floyd Miller that the loose Collection taken on the 1st Sunday of each month go into the building fund. Second by Harold Kloster Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Emil Johnson that the ouncil get together in March to go over the building plans and decide what should be adopted – seconed by Mrs. Nick Kloster. Carried.

Floyd Miller made a motion second by Mrs. Floyd Miller that we adjourn. Carried.

The Lords' Prayer was repeated in Unison.

Norman

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Spec Cong Meeting
Feb -6-1956

Pres Herman Miller opened the meeting we sang Hymn 211 "The Churches One foundation" Herman then read the 115th Psalm according to the church calander for this date.

Minutes for the building spec meeting read and approved.

Herman then read the resignation of pastor Jacobsen to take effect May 13-1956 which was accepted.

Herman then explained about how the council came to the conclusion on two pastors. Rev Petersen of Flayton No Dak Rev Roy Mumm of Washington Isl Wne?

Herman then read the inscription of Rev Mumm from the year book. Mildred madea motion that we take a standing vote for Rev. Mumm 2nd by Harold Kloster. 27 favored none opposed.

Harold Kloster made a motion second by Niels Kloster that if Marcus don't vote to call Mumn we have another congregation meeting to decide who to try next. Carried.

Norman then phoned Marcus and they agreed to call Mumn.

Motion by Roy second by Floyd to adjourn. Carried.

We then closed by saying the Lords Prayer in Unison.

Norman

Letter of Resignation (on a separate sheet of paper)

*The Council
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Oyens, Iowa*

Grace and Peace.

This is to notify you that I wish to resign as Pastor and Spiritual guide of Gethsemane Lutheran Church effective May 13, 1956.

(signature)

Rev. J E Jacobsen

[These meeting notes, part in pencil, were written on a separate sheet of paper, folded and kept in Minutes book]

(2 11-56 Marcus & Oyens Council)

Rev. Jacobsen opened the meeting by reading the 91st Psalm – and leading us in prayer.

He then read the names of pastors on call – from Rev Hansen – Also has sent to Blair for list of Pastors on call

*Discussion of possible ministers to call was next and Rev Munn – Washington Island Wisc 36 yrs old and Rev Petersen Johann No Dak 52 yrs old. Motion made by Johann Miller second by Roy Bouma that we list these ministers. Carried. Next we have 1st choices – Rev Munn which was
2nd choice – Rev Petersen*

Taken by ballot among the council.

Motion made by Floyd Miller that both congregations have a special congregational meeting called for Monday nite, seconded by Johann Miller carried.

Motion to recommend to congregation was made that both congregations share the expense of moving not to exceed 300.00 for both congregations motion made by Carried

Motion Johann Miller and Floyd to adj – carried

*Not read at spec Congreg meeting Feb 6 – 1956 - Approved Carried
Norman*

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Council Meeting

Feb 12 – 56

Rev Jacobsen opened the meeting with prayer. Floyd read the letter from Rev. Munn – not accepting. Herman Miller, Pres then took charge of the meeting.

Herman reported that Marcus had made arrangements to call Rev Petersen without another Congregational meeting and that it is up to Oyens.

Next was when to have the next meeting. Tues nite was picked.

Motion made by Floyd that if Cyril wants the lots north of Noman's house by the 1st of May for 125.00 a lot plus abstract cost, he can have them Second by Roy Bouma. Motion carried.

Vote 5 yes no – no.

Motion by Herman Oetken second by Floyd to adjourn. Carried.

Norman Kloster Secy.

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Feb – 20- 1956

Special Cong Meeting

We opened the meeting with Hymn 428 – Teach Me Oh Lord!

Rev Jacobsen read 23rd Psalm followed by prayer. Sec' read the letter from Rev Munn not accepting the call.

Secy's report was read. Motion made by Roy seconded by Harold Kloster to accept minutes as read. Carried.

Harold Kloster made a motion to Vote by ballot to call Rev Petersen or not. Second by Roy.

Ballot taken yes 21 – no 2 – Blank 1

Motion made by John Nielsen that if Rev Petersen returns the call the council contact Student Harry Sorensen, second by C P Kloster. Carried.

Discussion on selling Lots to Cyril Reichling for building homes on. Floyd Miller made a motion second by Roy Bouma that the congregation give the board of trustees authority to sell the lots north of Norman Kloster's house. Ballots were passed and a unanimous vote cast in favor. The cost to be 150.00 each single plus abstract or \$250 for both lots plus abstract costs.

Motion by John Nielsen second by Stan Mohning to adjourn. Carried. The Lords prayer was repeated in Unison.

Norman Kloster, Secy

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Thursday May 10, 1956

Yearly Meeting

Meeting was opened by singing Hymn No # 304 – “My Faith looks up to thee”. Rev Jacobsen then read scripture and lead in prayer.

Rev Jacobsen read and explained his yearly report and letter on church yearly report.

Secy's report was read and stood approved as read.

Treas report explained by Floyd as on yearly report. Niels made a motion second by Roy Bouma that treas report be approved as read, carried.

Old Business. Minutes of Oct 18 – 1955 spec cong meeting were read. Motion by Niels Kloster second by Nick Kloster to table the building plans for the time being till after the new Pastor is here. Carried.

Election of Officers.

Motion made by Herman Miller second by Niels Kloster to vote by ballot. And the 2 highest be nominated. Carried.

Ballots were passed out and Emil Johnson 12 – Donald Lund 10 -0 Nis Kloster 1 Niels Kloster 1 Harold Kloster 4 Jens Kloster 1 Stan Mohning 3, Emil and Donald on 1st ballot Ballots passed Emil Johnson 14 Donald Lund 19 Donald Lund Elected on 1st ballot.

Second Councilman. Ballots passed. Nis Kloster 3 – Emil Johnson 18 Stan Mohning 8 Harold Kloster 3 Jens Kloster 1 Niels Kloster 1 Nominees were Emil Johnson & Stan Mohning

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Emil Johnson rec'd 23 Stan Mohning 12 Emil was elected for council.

Motion by Herman Oetken second by Emil to have nominations for Sunday school Supt. Nominated were Mrs. Herman Miller, Mrs. Emil Johnson, Mrs. Stan Mohning, motion by Harold second by Niels nomination cease. Carried. Harold Kloster made motion that highest be Pres second highest Vice Pres. Second by Niels Kloster. Carried.

Verna 22 – Goodrin 7 Blanche 4 – Verna Pres Goodrin Vice Pres.

Emil Johnson moved to have Secy elect Blanche organist by acclimation. Carried.

Roy Bouma made a motion seconded by Niels Kloster to leave it up to the council to get a janitor and someone to cut grass carried.

Ushers – Terry 19 – Garth 8 – Stan 6 – Nom?? Harold made a motion second by Mrs. Stan Mohning that Terry & Garth be ushers Stanley and Norman be alternate ushers. Carried.

Motion by C. P. Kloster seconded by Ray Bogh that same auditors be carried over for next year. Carried. Hans Miller & John Nielsen.

Motion by Mrs. Norman Kloster second by Mrs. Donald Lund that Herman Miller be alternate auditor. Carried.

Motion by Emil Johnson second by Herman Miller Mr. & Mrs. J A Kloster be delegate to Cedar Falls carried

Motion by Nis Kloster second by Mrs. Ray Bogh that Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kloster be alternate. Carried.

Motion by Harold Kloster second by Ray

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Bogh that the Secy get a safety deposit box for Valuable church papers in some bank. Carried.

Motion by Herman Miller seconded by Harold Kloster the council set a day for clean up date. Carried.

Motion by Niels Kloster second by Ray Bogh that Herman Miller be elected Deacon to assist C P Kloster. Carried

Motion by Herman Miller second by Niels Kloster to leave the time of mission meeting up to the ladies Aid. Carried.

Motion by Emil Johnson second by Harold Kloster – We adjourn. Carried.

We then prayed the Lords prayer in Unison.

Norman Kloster, Secy.

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Organization of Council Meeting

May 14 – 1956

Herman Miller opened the meeting by reading scripture from 2nd ch of James and lead in Prayer.

SEcy report read & approved.

Floyd Miller made a motion second by Herman Oetken to nominate by ballot. Carried.

Election Emil 6 Donald Lund 2 –

Emil Pres. Floyd 6 – Donald 1 – Floyd Treas

Norman 5 – Roy 1 – Donald 1 – Norman SEcy.

Emil Johnson new pres took charge. Nest was hiring a janitor. Emil appointed Donald Lund and Clarence Reinholdt to see Jens about both cutting grass and janitor work.

Cleanup day set by council - May 28th.

Emil appointed Herman Miller to see about moving Pastor Petersen.

Motion by Herman Miller second by Floyd we adjourn. Carried.

We repeated the Lords Prayer in Unison.

Norman Kloster, Secy

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Spec Council Meeting

10/25/56

Rev Petersen opened the meeting by reading scripture and leading in prayer. Minister read and approved.

Floyd Miller resigned from the council and as treas.

Election of treas to fill unexpired term, then balloted.

Herman Miller 1 – Clarence Reinholdt 4 Herman Oetken 1 – Donald Lund 2 - Clarence & Donald were nominated on 1st ballot each had 4 –

Motion to vote over for treas by Floyd seconded by Norman Herman Oetken 4 – Donald 3 Clarence 1 – Herman Oetken elected.

Motion by Herman Miller seconded by Emiol Johnson that this meeting be considered the semi annual meeting as no new business is in the foreseeable future. Carried.

Motion made & seconded we apply 200.00 on our synodical budget. Herman made the motion seconded by Floyd.

Herman Miller made a motion seconded by Herman Oetken to see Jens about how much we owe him for cutting lawn & etc. Carried.

Motion by Norman seconded by Floyd to adjourn. Carried.

Rev Petersen closed the meeting with us all saying the lords prayer in Unison

Norman Kloster Secy

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Yearly Meeting

May 13 1957

Rev Petersen opened the meeting by Singing Hym No 211 The Chruch one Foundation Rev Petersen Read from Scriptor & lead in Prayer. Rev Read his report to the Congergation approved by Congergation Meeting of last Yearly Report was Read & Approved Treasurers Report explained by Herman Oetken approved as Read Old Bussnes None

Election of Officers Ballots Passed out The Vote was as follows Niels Klsoter 7 Harold Jelken 2 Stan Mohning 8 Roy Bouma 4 Ray Bogh 3 Harold Kloster 3 James Petersen 1 Blank 1

Herman Miller 1 the Vote of the two Highest Niels Kloster 13 Stan Mohning 18 Stanley Mohning Elected

For Second Nomination Niels Klsoter 16 & Roy Bouma 15 Niels Kloster elected Next Election SS superintend a Motion was Made by Mrs. Niels Kloster Seconded by John Nielsen to Noninate from the Floor carried Nomnations for Sunday School Sup't Nominations were Mrs. Herman Miller Mrs. Emil Johnson Mrs. Niels Kloster Mrs. Stan Mohning Mrs Norman Kloster Mrs Roy Bouma Motion made by Niels Klsoter Seconded by John Nielsen nominations Cease A Motion was then de and Seconded that the Seconded High be asst Supt carried Mrs. Herman Miller 9 votes Mrs. Emil Johnson 1 Mrs. Niels Klsoter 3 Mrs. Stan Mohning 4 MRs. Norman Klsoter 4 Mrs Roy Bouma 10 Mrs Roy Bouma Elected SS Supt Mrs Herman Miller 9 asst Supt Motion was Made by Herman Miller seconded by Mrs. Emil Johnson that Mrs Blanch Mohning be electged by acclimation as Church Organist carried Motion by John Nielsen Seconded by Roy Bouma to let the Councle Hire Janitor carried Nomnation of Ushers Dennie Nielsen Dennis

Johnson Clarence Reinholt Herman Oetken Terry Kloster David Nielsen Norman Kloster Motion made by Mrs. Niels Kloster Seconded by Mrs. Emil Johnson to Hi be Ushers next 2 H as assistant carried Vote Dennis Nielsen 16 Dennis Johnson 23 Clarence Reinholt 5 Herman Oetken 3 Terry Kloster 9 David Nielsen 3 Norman Klsoter 2 Dennie Nielsen & Dennie Johnson elected Ushers.

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Clarence Reinholt & Terry Kloster Asst Ushers Nomination for Auditors Donald Lund Roy Bouma Harold Kloster ZJens Kloster James Petersen Myrna Kloster motion was mad & Seconded nomination Cease carried The Vote Donald Lund 1 Roy Bouma 6 Jens Kloster 5 Harold Kloster 3 James Petersen 3 Myrna Kloster 10 Niels Kloster 1 Myrna Kloster & Roy Bouma Elelcted carried motin was made & seconded that Jens Kloster act as alternate Motion was made by Herman Miller Seconded by Niels Klostger in View of fact convention being so far away and treasurs Report show low No one be appointed carried Motion was made & Seconded that the councl set date for church cleanup & seeding down the north lot Carried Motion was made by acclimation the Herman Miller be appointed Deacon carried Nomnation for 3 Deacon Jens Kloster was nominated Elected – Motion made Nominaton Cease A motion was made if we should continue Reading Prayer before & after Services yest to continue no to Discontinue and Minister Reading Same The Vote to continue 27 Vote ainst 8 We will Continue Reading Carried Motion was Made by Herman Miller Seconded by Mrs. Emil Johnson We Vote to See if at Special offerings to lay on alter or Pass Collection Plates Vote 10 YHes & 18 No. Collection Plates Carried Motion waS by Harold Kloster SEconded by Roy Bouma to have something to say about who is called for Mission Meeting carried A motion was Made by Ruth Kloster that we Paint the Church this year second by Harold Kloster carried Motion was made & Seconded that any Members who could not help Paint a day Donate a days Wages the Wages to be from \$5.00 & up Let Your Councence be your Guide Stan said Pay according to as good a man as you are Carried Motion Made by Niels Kloster Seconded by Harold Kloster We adjorn Carried.

Rev Petersen & Congeragation Closed with the lords Prayer

Norman Kloster SEcy

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May 27 1957

Orgnatzation Meeting

Rev Petersen opened the Meeting with Scripture & lead in Prayer Motion Made by Herman Miller Seconded by Niels Kloster to Nominate by Ballot for President

Emil Johnson 8 votes Stan Mohning 1 Emil Elected

Ballots Passed out for Trea Donald 4 Stan 3 Niels 3 Norman 1 the two High were Voted on again Donald 5 Stan 3 Donald Elected Ballots Past for Secy Niels Kloster 2 Norman Kloster 6 Stan Mohning 1 Norman Elected Motion Made by Niels Kloster Seconded by Stan Jens Kloster be Janitor carried Motion Made by Stanly Mohning Second by Niels Kloster to Hire Ben Harvy to cut grass at 1.25 Per hr & Shovel Snow 1.00 Per hr carried Clean up day was set for Tuesday June 4

Motion was Made by Stan Seconded by Norman that we transfer \$400 from the building fund to the General Fund to relieve the shortage of Cash Presently carried We had a discussion on minister for mission Meeting as asked by Rev Petersen and the Councle left it up to the Minister Motion was made by Clarence Reinholt Seconded by Stan to adjorn carried we closed by Repeating the Lords Prayer –

Norman Kloster, Secy.

Dec 2 1957 The Church Coucle Met this evening for its Semi Annual Meeting Emil asked Jens Kloster to act as Secy The Last Meeting was Read & Approved as read A motion was made to accept Norman Kloster Secy Resignation Carried It was agreed that Jens Kloster act as Secy till yearly meeting carried Motion was made to adjorn

The meeting Closed with the Lords Prayer in unison

J A Kloster Clerk

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Jan 27 1958

The Church Council Met this evening at the Home of Emil Johnsons The President Opned the meeting by Having Rev Petersen Read Scripturs Romans 5 & Lead in Prayer the President had a few letters to Read. The First was from Harvey Thomsen Latimer Iowa they want the Congergation to appoint 3 for Fellow Ship Committee the President hande out ballots. The Vote Emil Johnson Herman Miller & Stan Mohning were elected The next letter was in Regards to Sewer system in Oyens The Council Voted to Pay \$100.00 one Check June 1 1958 & one check June 1 1959 if the Town is able to get the system started other wise the Checks will be Returned A Motion was made & Seconed that we try to get in money as we will be short at the end of church Year which will be decited how a little later as there were no further Bussnes A Motion was made to adjorn Carried

J A Kloster, clerk

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May 10 1958

The Yearly meeting of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church was held the Evening The President opened the meeting by Singing 214 in the Absence of Rev Petersen The President called on Herman Miller to Read from Bible & Prayer He read from Romans 12 chapter Emil Johnson Read the Ministerial Report The Secy Read the Minutes of last yearly meeting and was approved as read The Treasuers Report was Distributed and Donald gave Report which was accepted as Read Next in Order was election of two Trustees Norman Kloster who resigned and Clarence whose term expired The Ballots were distributed for Nomination Nominations were

John Nielsen 6

Harold Kloster 9

Roy Bouma the Vote were 14 Roy Bouma 4 Harold Klsoter were voted on for first Member Roy Bouma 15 elected

Nomination fro Second Member

Harold Klsoter 26 John Nielsen 3 Ray Bogh 1 James Petersen 1 Hans Miller 1 Jack Kloter 1 Keith Bogh 1

Election for the two High Harold Kloster & John Nielsen Harold Klsoter 18 John Nielsen 8 Harold Elected The rules were supended to Vote on Sunday School Sup.

Mrs Roy Bouma nominated

Mrs. Herman Miller nominated

Mrs. Emil Johnson nominated

The Vote was

18 for Doris

8 for Verna

2 for Godrin

Doris Bouma Elect Sup & Verna Miller Ass Supt A Motion was made & Seconded to have Blanch Mohning as Organist carried

Motion was made & Seconded to Elect the Same Ushers Dennie Nielsen & Dennie Johnson and the Sae to as last year for Subistute Ushers

Nominataten of Auditors Elected were Myrna Kloster 10 John Nielsen 7 Peggie Bogh 8 Myrn & Peggie Elected Motion made & Seconded the Present Deacons hold over carried.

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A Motion was Made by Herman Miller Seconded by Harold Kloster That the concle go to Blair for advise Concerning Rev Petersen. Carried

A Motion was made & Seconded that the Lady's Aid Decide on when to Paint the Chruch carried

A Motion was made & Seconded to Vote on whether to Continue Using [Ushering] out of Chruch at the close the Sunday Vote was as follows 16 to continue 8 for not it Carried to continue ushering

As there were no further Bussnes there was a motion to adjourn Carried

We closed with the Lords Prayer in Unatium

J A Kloster Clerk

Letter from Blair, Nebraska

United Evangelical Lutheran Church

Off of the President

William Larsen – President – Post Office Box 336- Blair, Nebraska – Phone 3560

May 30, 1958

Mr. Emil Johnson

Le Mars, Iowa

Mr. Jens Haahr

Marcus, Iowa

Gentlemaen:

Your pastor, the Reverend Johan Petersen, has just left my office. He told me that he had been at Iowa City Hospital for three weeks. The doctor there indicated to him that he ought o have a period of rest from his parish work.

I have written to Pastor Videbeck of Atlantic, Iowa, who is the district president, suggesting that he call a meeting of the church councils from both congregations to discuss the matter.

It is my hope that the congregations will deal kindly with Pastor Petersen as possible under these circumstances, and that the Lord by His Spirit may guide the congregations.

We continue to remember Pastor Petersen and your congregations in prayer before His throne of Grace,

Sincerely yours,

(signature)

William Larsen

WL: il

Cc – Pastor C. M. Videbeck

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June 6 1958

The Council met this evening to organize All Members Present The President opened the meeting First in order was to nominate & Elect a Secy. Nominations were Stan Mohning Roy Bouma Niels Kloster JA Kloster Vote were as Follows

Roy Bouma 3

Stan Mohning 3

Niels Kloster 1

J A Kloster 1

As there was a tie a Motion was Made to Vote on the Two high men

Roy Bouma 5

Stan Mohning 4

Roy Bouma Elect Treas [Secy?]

There was then a motion by Harold Kloster Seconded by Niels Kloster to Suspend the Rules and Vote by acclamation to Elect President & Treasure carried

Emil Johnson was elected President

Donald Lund was elected Treasurer

The question was up about Sending delegate to the Convention was decided if any one would like to go – to go as there were no Further Business motion was made to adjourn

J A Kloster Secy

[These notes were written in pencil on a separate sheet of paper and inserted in the minutes book.]

June 6 1959 The Council met this evening to Organize All Members Present The President opened the meeting Just ??? was to Elect Secy 1 Ba???

Stan Mohning 3

Roy Bouman 3

N Kloster 1

J Kloster 1

[2nd ballot]

Stan Mohning 4

Roy Bouma 5

Roy Bouma Elect Secy

Emil Johnson President

Donald Lund Treasure

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Special Meeting May 58

Rev Videbeck opened the meeting held in Nazarth church basement.

Rev Johan Peterson installed the two new board members. (Roy Bouma & Harold Kloster)

Rev Videback took charge of the meeting, which was to discuss Rev Peterson's request for a leave of absents.

Emil Johnson made a motion to give Rev Peterson 3 months leave of absents & the two congregations pay the visiting pastor \$200.00 a month and a \$100.00 a month to Rev Peterson. 2nd by Niels Kloster, carried.

Motion by Emil 2nd by Herman to ajourn. Carried
 Closed by repeating the Lords Prayer.

Roy L Bouma, Sec.

Speical Meeting. Aug 21 – 58

Joint meeting with Marcus held in Oyens. Herman Miller opened the meeting with prayer. Emil acted as spokesman.

Vote to except Rev Peterson's resignation carried.

Kenneth Paulson ["Pallesen" penciled in] made a motin that the 2 councils call a new pastor on approval of congragations. No 2nd.

Motion to ajourn

Roy L Bouma Sec

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Special Cong Meeting Aug 27-58

Meeting to except Rev Petersons resignation. Meeting opened by Herman reading Psalm 105 & leading in prayer. Song 214 My Church My Church My Dear old Church. Sec report on last council meeting. Carried.

Emil read the letter from Nazareth Sec on the Congragatons report to except Rev Petersons resignation.

John Nielsen made a motion the except Rev Petersons resignation 2nd by Keith Bogh. Carried.

La Vern Kloster made motion that the 3 councils meet (Gethsemane, Nazareth and Carmel) & our congration gives our council authority to try to merge with the Carmel Church and the Augustana Synod 2nd by Keith Bogh. Vote by ballot. Carried.

First ballot, 27 yes 3 blank 2 no's.

Second ballot 28 yest 2 blank 1 no's.

Third ballot 30 yes 2 blank 0 no's.

Keith Bogh made a motion that we invite Nazareth & Carmel board members over to Oyens Sept 10 and discuss our congrations decision with them 2nd by Herman Miller. Carried.

Motion to ajourn

Roy L. Bouma Sec.

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Sept 10 - 58

Special meeting of Nazarth & Carmel of Mraucus & Gethsemane at Oyens.

Rev Delpho Peterson opened the meeting with prayer. Emil Johnson was appointed spokesman for the group. Open discussion on plans for the furture, nothing diferent arose from this meeting.

Motion to ajourn.

Roy L. Bouma Sec.

Sept 24 – 58

Special meeting of the 3 church councils held in the Nazarth basement. Rev Peterson opned the meeting with prayer. Johs Hahr was appointed spokesman. Rev Peterson advised us all to inform our synods of our diccesion & intentions. Emil made a motion to have Rev Peterson write to the onfirence? Pres on advise in joining the 3 churchs together 2nd& carried.

Motion made & 2nd to have a lawyer at there next meeting for legal advise on the property. Fee to be paid from the new congregation. Carried.

Motion to ajoun carried.

Roy L. Bouma Sec.

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Nov 10 – 58

The council met in the church basement all members present except Roy Bouma, J. A. Kloster was asked by Roy to act as Sec. The first of new business was the fixing of the broken water line leading into the church. Motion made & 2nd that Jens contact some one to fix it carried. Motion made & 2nd to pay \$100.00 to the sewer project. Carried.

Motion to ajoun

J. A. Kloster

Special Cong Meeting Jan 13 - 59

The Purpose of adopting a new constitution.

Rev Peterson opened the meeting by reading Acts 10 – 28 & prayer. Emil Johnson presented a copy of the letter of which he has sent to Dr. Larson giving the Synod our intentions.

Proposeal of new constitution read by Rev Peterson. Motion by Emil Johnson to adopt same. 2nd by Tina Miller. Carried. Emil Johnson made a motion that our church year end with the calendar year, 2nd by Harold Kloster, carried. John Nielsen made a motion that all old council member's carry over till Jan 1960 2nd by Mrs. Nick Kloster, carried. Mildred Peterson made a motion that the council appoint a third Deacon, 2nd by Mrs. Emil Johnson, carried. Mildred Peterson made a motion Mrs. Ray Bogh go

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To District Convention 2nd by Mrs. Stanly Mohning, carried.

Emil Johnson made a motion to ajoun, 2nd by Mildred Peterson. Carried. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Roy L. Bouma Secy

Special Meeting Jan 8 – 59

Meeting of Gethsemane council and the new board of Faith, purpose to call a new pastor and whom to call. Niels Kloster suggested we call Rev. Delpo Peterson which was voted on and carried. Emil Johnson made a motion that we pay \$1400.00 2nd by Niels Klsoter, carried.

Faith agreed to pay \$3600.00. It was also agreed by both councils to give the new Pastor 1 "one" month's paid vacation and we to pay our share of Social Security.

Meeting was closed by repeating the Lords' Prayer.

Roy L Bouma Secy.

April 8 - 59 Council Meeting held at the home of Herman Miller.

Rev Peterson opened the meeting with prayer. The board iscsed the elections of a third Deacon and disited to wait till the annual meeting. Herman Miller made a motion that the treasure give a quartley report 2nd by Emil Johnson carried. Harold Kloster made a motion that Emil Johnson send \$150.00 to the Synod and a letter asking to be released from the old Synod, 2nd by Stanly Mohning, carried

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Motion to ajoun by Stanley Mohning 2nd by Emil Johnson, carried

Roy L. Bouma Secy.

Special Meeting of the Council July 14 -59.

Purpose of meeting was to build onto basement for indoor toilet's.

Rev Peterson opened the meeting with prayer. Niels Kloster made a motion that we build a basement 12 ft wide full length of the church, and that Emil Johnson go ahead and make plan's and start when ready 2nd by Stanly Mohning carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Roy L. Bouma Secy.

Special meeting of Council – Dec 8 – 59

Rev Peterson opened the meeting with prayer. Harold Kloster made a motion to put \$200.00 back into the building fund 2nd by Jens Kloster, carried. Herman Miller made a motion to send \$200.00 to the conference, 2nd by Harold Kloster. Carried. IT was decided that the council go in teams & call on the members and explain our proposed budgets for 1960. The teams are Team 1 Jens Kloster & Emil Johnson to call on Annie Kunath, John Nielsen, Nick Kloster

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Elmer Nielsen, Team 2 Don Lund & Roy Bouma to call on Chris Kloster, Nis Kloster, James Schultz and S. L. Jordahl. Team 3 Stanley Mohning and Niels Kloster to call on Hans Miller, James Peterson and Clarence Reinholdt. Team 4 Harold Kloster and Herman Miller to call on Ray Bogh, Keith Bogh and Bill Bogh.

Annual meeting set for Jan 13 – 1960. Motion to adjourn by Stanly Mohning and 2nd by Harold Kloster.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Roy L Bouma, Secy.

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Yearly Meeting Jan 13 – 1960

Rev. Peterson opened the meeting reading the 2nd letter of Peter verses 1 through 15.

Sec gave the report of the 1958 meeting as known meeting was held in 1959. Excepted as read. Carried. Rev Peterson gave his year's report, Excepted as read. Carried.

Treasure gave his report (Don Lund). Outstanding bills Wells Lbr. \$69.40 and Oyens Lbr. \$ 194.63 Motion Emil Johnson 2nd by Herman Miller to except as read. Carried.

Sunday School report by Blanche Mohning. Dorcas Ladies Aid report by Blanche Mohning. Fellowship League report by Rev Peterson in absence of Dennis Johnson. Motion by John Nielsen 2nd by Mrs. Herman Miller to except reports as read. Carried.

Election of two new board members and a Deacon. Out going are Emil Johnson and Don Lund.

Ballot for Deacon. Emil, Donald and John. Emil 14 Don 3 Johnie 5 Emil Johnson was elected Deacon.

Trustee first ballot. Clarence Rheinholt 6 Ray Bogh 6 John Nielsen 9 Mrs. Don Lund 13 Mrs. Harold Kloster 1 Nick Kloster 1 Mrs Nick Kloster 1 Keith Bogh 2 Mrs. Emil Johnson 3 James Peterson 2 Mrs. Donald Lund elected. Second ballot Clarence Reinholt 10 – John Nielsen 12 Johnie elected.

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Sunday School Supt – Vote by ballot

High for Supt 2nd high asst.

Verna Miller 12

Mona Lund 1

Martha Kloster 1

Doris Bouma 3

Marie (Nick) Kloster 3

Herlig Nielsen 1

Tina Miller 2

Niels Kloster 1

Mildred Peteron 3

Peggy Bogh 3

Doloris Rheinholt 1

Goodrin Johnson 7

Ameila Bogh 2

Blanche Mohning 1

Harold Kloster 1

Louise Kloster 1

Mrs. Herman Miller was elected with 12 votes Mrs. Emil Johnson 7 Assistant.

Ushers by ballot. 2 high be reulars and next 2 high be ass't. Dennis Nielsen 14 Regular Dennis Johnson 13 Regular Vernon Kloster 12 ass't. Tommy Peterson 8 ass't.

Auditors. Nomanated wre Mrs. James Peterson MRs. Nick Kloster and MRs Ray Bogh. Voted by ballot Mildred 17 – Marie 15 Amiela 6 Mildred and Marie elected.

Delegate to conference in Soo City in April John Nielsen will go if possible Sec is to send a note of thanks to Farmers Savings Bank for the \$100.00 Christmas gift.

Motion made to ajourn. We closed with the Lords Prayer.

Roy L. Bouma, Secy

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Organization Meeting January 19 – 1960

Herman Miller opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

First election of officers:

For President Emil Johnson 4 Harold Kloster 4

Second ballot Emil Johnson 4 Harold Kloster 4

Third ballot Emil Johnson 1 Harold Kloster 7

Jens Kloster made amotion 2nd by Harold Kloster to keep the same Secretary. Carried. Harold Kloster made a motion 2nd by Emil Johnson to elect Mrs. Donald Lund as our treasure, carried.

Harold Kloster made a motion we transfer \$200.00 back to the building fund 2nd by John Nielsen, carried. All is paid back to the building fund.

Jens Kloster made a motion to let Don Lund have the Old toilet 2nd by Harold Kloster carried.

Stan Mohning made a motion we ajourn 2nd by Niels Kloster carried.

Roy L Bouma Secy.

Special Meeting of Board

May 3 – 1960

Herman Miller made a motion 2nd by Harold Kloster to pay Johnie Nielsen 10.00 for his conference fee. Carried.

Our pension fund in \$31.88 [or \$3188?]

Harold Kloster made a motion and Jens Kloster 2nd to pay our conference Dues by the month, carried.

Motion to ajourn

Roy L. Bouma Secy.

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Yearly Meeting Jan 9 – 1961

Rev Peterson opened the meeting by reading the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians & lead in prayer.

Sec gave his report, approved as read.

Pastor gave his report. Motion by Harold Kloster 2nd by Jens Kloster to except report as read. (carried)

Blanche gave the Sunday school report, approved as read.

Mona Lund gave the treaure's report, approved as reported, (carried)

Rev Peterson read our new church constitution, voting age was changed to all confirmed members. Motion by Harold Kloster 2nd by John Nielsen to except the new constitution (carried)

Nomination of Trustees. Clarence Rheinholt, Bill Bogh, Don Lund were Nominated, Axle Peterson made a motin Nomination cease 2nd by Niels Kloster.

Ballot – Clarence 17 Bill 9 Don 2. Clarence Rheinholt elected.

2nd trustee.

Bill Bogh, Don Lund, Mildred Peterson & Blanche Mohning were Nominated Axle made a motion the Nomination cease 2nd by Tina Miller. Bill 15 Don 6 Mildred 6 Blanche 1 Bill Elected

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Sunday School Supt.

Nominated were Doris, Goodwin and Verna. Motion by Mildred 2nd by Emil that nomination cease. Vote for one 2nd high assistant. Doris 20 Goodwin 7 Verna 0

Doris Supt Goodwin assistant.

Ushers. Nominated were Dennis Nielsen, Vernon Klsoter, Garth Johnson and Tom Peterson. Vote for 2. Two high be ushers other to assistant. Dennis 19 Vernon 15 Garth 12 Tom 8. Dennis & Vernon are the regular Ushers.

Goodwin made a motion that the board instruct the ushers as to there duties. 2nd by Herlig Petersen carried.

Herman made a motion 2nd by Garth that Blanche be our organist, carried.

Auditors. Harold made a motion 2nd by Don to leave to the Board. Carried. Delagates to Conference, Jens & Marie, Herlig Peterson & Tina Miller were appointed Jens as our regular Delagate.

Mona made a motion that the congregation take on the full Janitors salary 2nd by Blanche, carried.

Emil made a motion that the board appoint a nominating committee to prepare a ballot for next years election of officers 2nd by Stan carried.

Motion by Nick 2nd by Stan to joun carried.

Closed with the Lords Prayer

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Council Meeting May 2, 1961

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. in the church basement.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Rev. Peterson and John Nielsen submitted bills for attending Conference. These bills were allowed.

A motion was made by Mona Lund that the church give Bibles to the members of the confirmation class. John Nielsen seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Herman Miller made a motion to give Ben Erholm \$5.00. John Nielsen second it the motion carried.

The Confirmation Class will be confirmed on the 21st of May.

The motion was made and seconded the the individual families take turns mowing the lawn all summer. The motion Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill R. Bogh Secy.

Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. in the church.

The discussion was on why we give to O.C.C.A. and on all our giving to the different branches of the Church.

A motion was made to look into the Possibilitities of purchaseing and installing a sliding door for the addition to the North side of

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Basement by Mona. It was seconded by Stanley Mohning.

Emil Johnson made a motion to have the furnace checked. It was seconded by John Nielsen.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill R. Bogh Secy.

Yearly Meeting Jan. 16, 1962

Rev. Petersen opened the meeting with Prayer and Scripture.

The Secretary's report was read and was accepted as read. This motion carried.

Rev Peterson gave a summary of the necessity of an annual meeting.

At the present time there are 59 Confirmed members in the curch; 19 children in the Sunday School; and 21 Family Units.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mona Lund. Herman Miller made a motion that the report be accepted; it was seconded by Mildred and carried.

A report on the Sunday School was given by Blanche Mohning and accepted.

A report on the Fellowship League was given.

A Report on the Luther League was given by Janet Miller.

Financial Reports were given on the Sunday School by Blanche Mohning; on the Fellowship League by Verna Miller; on the A. L. C. W. by Mildred Peterson all these reports were accepted.

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Election of a Deacon was held. Nominated for Deacon was James Peterson; Jens Klsoter; and Stanley Mohning. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Ballot – James 5; Jens 12;

and Stanley 13. Since there was not a majority a second ballot was held between Jens and Stanley. Stanley was elected.

Election of Trustees:

Nominated for trustee were Jens Kloster; Harold Kloster; and James Peterson. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Ballot – Jens 7; Harold – 15; and James – 5. Harold was elected.

The second Turstee; nominated were Roy Bouma and Jens Kloster; a motion was made and seconded the nominations cease. Ballot – Roy Bouma 17; Jens – 13; Roy was elected.

Nominations wre made for Sunday School Superintendent; Nominated were Doris Bouma and Louise Kloster. Ballot – Doris – 19; Louise – 12. Doris was elected Superintendent with Louise to serve as assistant.

Nominated for ushers for the next year were Curtis Miller; Vernon Kloster; Tom Peterson; and Garth Johnson. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Ballot – Curtis – 10; Vernon – 24; Tom – 8 and Garth -12. Vernon and Garth were elected and Curtis and Tom are to serve as substitutues.

Nominations were opened to elect a nominating committee for next year’s meeting. Nominated were Donald Lund ;

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Goodwin Johnson; Jens Kloster; and Mildred Peterson. Ballot. Don-7; Goodwin – 24; Jens – 10; and Mildred – 15. Mildred and Goodwin were elected.

Nominations were opened for auditors. Nominated were Marie Kloster; Emelia Bogh; and Blanch Mohning. Ballot: Marie – 20; Emelia – 24; and Blanche – 14; Marie and Emelia were elected.

Blanche Mohning was unanimously elected to serve as organist; with Goodwin Johnson to serve as assistant.

Herman Miller was unanimously elected to serve as Delegate to the District Conference at Spencer.

Jens Kloster was elected as Delegate from this Congregation.

It was decided to continue the same method of keeping the lawn mowed as was used last Summer.

It was also decided to get a speaker for a series of Services like were held last year.

The first Sunday in February we’ll be installment of new officers.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Bill R. Bogh Secy.

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Special Meeting – April 8, 1962

A brief meeting was called by Rev. Peterson after the Service. The discussion was held to decide whather or not we should allow the Fredonia Votes to use the church basement as a Polling place, due to the fact their original Place had been sold.

A motion was made that they be allowed to use the church basement, and to keep it confined to the kitchen section, Entering by the side door. 5 votes for the motion and 2 abstencions. A letter of explanation is to be written by Rev. Peterson to the congregation on this subject.

Other business discussed; was who was to be Delegate to the Conference at Boone. Nothing was decided, but board members were urged to ask their wives to attend, do to the busy season.

It was also decided that the lending of the church Dishes to outsiders should be decided and taken care of by the Ladies Aid.

Bill R. Bogh Secy.

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Reorganization Meeting – 1962

The meeting was called to order by the president.

It was discussed to use the Church as Fredonia Twp. Voting place. Emil made a motion that they could use it if they clean up and store their booth and pay \$25.

For our annual election a motion was made by Harold Kloster and seconded by John to vote by acclamation.

Votes were as follows: -

Vice Chairman – Emil 5 Harold 2

Secretary – Bill 7 – John

Treas – Mona 7

Emil moved to ajourn. Seconded and carried.

Bill R Bogh Secy

May 13, 1962

The Board met to discuss getting Bibles for those being confirmed. A Motion was made by Herman that we get them. Seconded & Carried.

Clarence and Roy are appointed to set up the lawn mowing Committee for the summer.

Bill R Bogh, Sec'y

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Annual Meeting January 14, 1963

The meeting was opened with devotions by Rev. Peterson.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read by the Secretary. They were accepted as read.

Rev. Petersen then gave his yearly report on the church.

A report was given by Mona Lund on the Dorcuas Aid, it was accepted as read.

A report was given on the Fellowship League by Blanche Mohning, for Barbara Mohning.

A report was given by Doris Bouma on the Luther league.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mona Lund, and was approved and accepted as read.

A report on the Sunday School was given by Blanche Mohning.

A financial report was given by Mildred Peterson on the Dorcas Aid.

A Thank you letter from Rev Peterson for the \$100 Bonus was read by the Secretary.

It was unanimously decided to take care of the church lawn mowing as has been done the last two year's. Roy Bouma agreed to set up a schedual as he did before.

Elected to trustees were Niels Kloster and Emil Johnson.

Elected as Deacon was Jens Kloster.

Elected as Head Usher was Roy Bouma

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With Stan Mohning to serve as assistant.

Elected to Sunday School Superintendent Verna Miller, with Louise Kloster to serve as assistant.
Elected as ushers were Curtis Miller and Dean Mohning. Vaughn (sp) Kloster and Garth Johnson were elected to serve as alternate ushers.

Elected as Auditors were Lynne Bogh and Herlig Nielsen

Elected to the nominating Committee for next year were Deloris Reinholdt and Herlig Petersen.

After the election, the budget for 1963 was discussed. It was noted that we give a \$50 donation to Grandview College in Des Moines; and that it would be continued at this rate for three years.

The new constitution of the church was discussed briefly.

It was decided that the board would reorganize next Sunday morning January 20 after the morning Worship Service.

The meeting was then closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Bill R. Bogh
Sec'y

May 6, 1963 [Handwritten notes from a joint meeting at Marcus on a separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted into minutes book.]

May 6, 1963

Joint Meeting at Marcus

Reverend Lack opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

Motion made by Roy Galigan

Seconded by Emil Johnson

To consider Pastor Geroge W. Fisher as possible candidate to serve as Pastor. Also - to invite him to the parish for a meeting with the board to pay his expenses.

Motion carried

Motion made by Harold Kloster

Seconded by Roy Galigan

Adjournment

May 29, 1963 [Handwritten notes from joint board meeting with Marcus on a separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted into the minutes book.]

Minutes of joint board meeting at Marcus, May 29

Rev Lack opened the meeting with prayer

4 members from Oyens present, 9 members present from Marcus

Pastor Fischer was discussed pro & con.

A motion made and seconded that we take a vote to decide if we should extend Pastor Fischer a call. The vote was 11 yes and 2 no.

Motion was made and second to recommend to Faith-Marcus and Gethsemane-Oyens that a pastoral call be extended to Pastor Fisher of ?epton offering \$1400 from Oyens and from Marcus \$4000 salary, utilities and pension, moving expenses and a yearly review of the salary by both boards. Carried.

Oyens Congregational meeting to be held June 11 at 8 P.M.

Niels

June 11, 1963

[These handwritten notes were written on a sheet of notebook paper, folded and inserted in the minutes book.]

Minutes of special cong. Meeting at Get. Oyens, June 11. 1963

Specacil Congregation meeting called to order by Rev. Lack {?} Rev Laack {?} led in prayer

Be it resoleved that Gethsemane at Oyens Pay \$1400 of a Pastor salary and board review pastors salary each year 2nd by John Nielsen that this be resolved and tha we send a joint call for Rev Geo Fisher Vote was taken to Send a call to Rev Geo Fishcer Motion made by Harold to go ahead and vote. Donald Lund and Stan Mohning asked to be tellers by Rev Lack

Yes 21 ballots cast in favor

No

Motion made to allow 8% of wages paid to pension fund for Rev Geo Fisher also 8 % of 20% of \$1400 Motion made by Herman 2nd by Jen to pay 8% of wages increased by 20 % of 1400 for utilitiy. Motion made by Harold that we vote by acclamation motion carried

Motion made Emil Johnson 2nd by John Nielsen

Adjorn

Rev Lack led in prayer

Niels

July 1963

[These July 5, 1963, meeting notes were handwritten in ink on a separate sheet of paper and inserted in the minutes book.]

July 5 – 63 –

Meeting called to order by Jerry Palesen. He asked Student Hackerson to read scripture and lead us in prayer

Jerry read a letter from Rev. Fisher as turning down the call

Motion made and carried {?} that Oyens pay 60 dollar a month to Mr. Hackerson and 20 dollars car extpence {?} Marcus pay the balance of \$230 and 25 dollars car expenses

Motion made by

Niel

July – 1963

A Special Joint board meeting was held at Rev Lacks church Office in Cherokee –

Rev Lack opened the meeting with scripture reading and a prayer. A telephone call was made minister at Centerville Ia,- but he declined to accepced a call at this time nothing else was acomplised {?} at this meeting

Niels

August 2, 1963

{Typed on a separate sheet of paper and inserted in the minutes book in 1963.}

A meeting of the joint boards of Faith Marcus and Gethsemane , Oyens was held August 2 [1963] at 8 p.m. Pastor Lack Lead in Scripture and prayer. Moved by Don Grey and Seconded by John Fry that the Rev. Loyal Mortensen of Rising City, Nebraska be recommended to the congregations for the purpose of extending him a call to become pastor of this parish. Motion carried.

A motion was made seconded and carried that the terms of the call be as follows:

Salary \$5000.00

Parsonage and Utilities provided

8 % of Salary to be paid to Pension Fund

4 week Vacation

Annual Review Salary by joint boards.

Of this amount, Gethsemane, Oyens shall apy \$1400.00 salary plus 8% of that amount increased by 20% for Pension Fund.

Of this amount, Faith, Marcus shall pay \$3600.00 salary, plus 8 % of that amount increased by 20% to Pension fund, furnish parsonage and utilities.

Congregational meetings were called for August 12, 1963 at Oyens at 7 p.m. and at Marcus at 8 p.m.

[Handwriting in ink on a separate sheet of paper, the following notes from the above meeting.]

Meeting opened by Pastor Lack, who officered scripture and prayer. Minutes of previous joint board meeting was read. Moved and second that we call Pastor Loyal Mortensen on Rising City, Neb. Add moving expenses – (in favor yes – 20- all in favor.)

Against no –

Motion made by Harley Peterson to adjourn. Rev Lack closed the meeting with a prayer

[Handwritten in ink concerning Aug 2, 1963 meeting on a separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted in minutes book.]

Aug 2, 1963

A joint meeting was held between the two church boards – Rev Lack lead us in scripture reading and prayer

Moved that Rev Loual Mortensen be sent a call made by Don Gray 2nd by John Fry motion carried by all voting yes—

Moved and 2nd that the letter that was just read be sent to Rev. Mortensen made by Don Graya 2nd by Roy Gallinger Moition made or amend thre the salary be changed to 5000 instead fo 5400. Made by Jerry Paleson 2nd by John Fry put in call letter for annual review of salary

In Favor – 7 –

Against – 4 –

Oyens to pay 1400 Salary and 8 % of salary for penion pay

Faith Marucs 3600 Salary parsonage and utility and 8 % on salary and 20 Salary for parsonage allows

In Favor – 14 –

Against – 5 –

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Congregation meeting called for Aug 12 at 7 oclock and 8 oclock at Marcus

Motion made by Jens 2nd by Eirck Pearson

Meeting yound [?]

Motion made by Harold to ajorn 2nd by Roy

[Handwritten notes in pencil on a separate sheet of paper from a joint board meeting at Marcus Aug 28, 1963 and inserted in minutes book.]

Aug 28 1963

A joint board meeting was held at Marcus –

Ronold Haakensen [?] Lead us in prayer

A letter was read by Loarn [?] STowater that Rev Mortensen did not accept the call we sent him.

Motion made and 2nd that we get a supplied pastor from Central Lutheran Seminary at Fremont for the time being Motion made by Lora STowater 2nd by Harold Kloster motion carried

Motion made by John Fry [?] 2nd by Don Grey that we pay \$50 to the student or whoever comes

Motion made and 2nd that made by Gerold 2nd by Loran Oyens pay 15 dollars - Marcus pay 35 dollars. –

Motion made by Emil 2nd by Lorane Hohback that we get Rev Benson from St. Peters for our pastor for the time being.

Motion made by Emil that Gerald Palison be appointed as president to appoint two to work with them to get a set wage for Rev Benson John Fry & Loran Stillwatr to work with him.

Motion made to ajorn Rev Lack closed the meeting with a prayer

November 6, 1963

[Handwritten notes in ink on separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted in minutes book.]

Special Congregation Meeting

Held at Gethsemane Lutheran Chruch on Nov. 6, 1963.

Reverand Lack opened the meeting by reading scripture and leading in prayer.

The decision of the last joint Board meeting was to send a call to Reverand Calvin

Rossman – wages to be \$5500 plus utilities.

Oyens to pay \$1400 and 8 % of pension on \$1400 and/plus 20% housing and 1/3 of moving expenses.

Motion made by Harold Klsoer seconded by Jens Kloster that congregation vote whether to send call to Pastor C. Rossman.

17 members present

Yes vote – 17

No vote – 0

We sent a call.

1964

January 13, 1964

[The following meeting minutes were typed on a separate sheet of paper, folded, and inserted in the meeting minutes book.]

Annual Meeting – Gethsemane Lutheran Church was held on January 13, 1964.

The meeting was opened by Mona reading the 29 Psalm. Motion made by Harold Kloster, seconded by John Nielsen that Jens Kloster act as president for the meeting – motion carried. Minutes of last years meeting were read and approved. Motion made by Mona seconded by Harold to leave it up to the board if they think we can afford to send 50 dollars to Grandview College. Motion carried.

Herlig Petersen gave a report on ladies' aid. Motion made by Blanche seconded by Roy report accepted as read. The motion carried.

Blanche gave a report on the Sunday School. Motion made and seconded report be accepted as read. Harold gave the treasurer's report. Motion made by Goodryn seconded by Stan that the report be accepted as read.

Motion made by Herlig seconded by Roy that lawn cutting be the same as last year. The motion carried.

Martha read the budget set up for next year.

Blanche made a motion that money in the building fund be left as it is and the loose collection taken on first Sunday of the month be put in the general fund. Motion carried.

Election of officers

1st Deacon – Donald Lund 11 Nominated by Blanche Mohning
John Neilson 5 Nominated by Doris Bouma
Goodryn made a motion nominations cease.
Donald Lund elected.

2nd Deacon - Herman Miller 6 Nominated by Harold Kloster
John Nielson 11 Nominated by Martha Kloster
Blanche made a motion nomination cease
John Nielsen nominated [elected?]

3rd Deacon Herman Miller 10 Nominated by Herlig Nielsen
James Petersen 6 Nominated by Mona Lund
Doris made a motion nominations cease.
Herman Miller nominated [elected?]

Motion made by Goodryn Johnson seconded by Blanche Mohning that we vote on ushers by acclamation. Curtis Miller and Dean Mohning were elected as head ushers, Vaughn Kloster and Kenny Bouma as alternates. The motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Mona Lund and Verna Miller act as superintendent and ass. Superintendent. Seconded by Doris Bouma. Mona Lund got eleven votes, elected superintendent, Verna Lund got six votes, elected as assistant superintendent.

Herlig Nielson, Goodryn Johnson were voted by acclamation to serve as audtors.

John Nielsen, Goodryn Johnson were voted by acclamation to serve as nominating committee.

Stan Mohning made a motion seconded by Deloris Reinholdt that meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

Niels Kloster

Sect

June 7, 1964

[These meeting notes were hand written on a separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted in the minutes book.]

Sunday June 7, 1964

Special Meeting

Meeting called about selling the lots. Emil made a motion to see the lots for \$700.

Moved by Herman Miller

Seconded by Harold Kloster

Lots 3 -4 -5

Special meeting of council be called with minister present at meeting

Niels Kloster

June 19, 1964 [unofficial meeting to Dissolve]

[These notes were written in ink on a separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted in the minutes book.]

Special Congregational Meeting

June 19, 1964

Called by Reverend C. Rossman.

Meeting opened by singing hymn 441

Rev Rossman read Psalm 120 and led us in prayer.

Motion by Herman Miller Seconded by Emil Johnson to vote on weather to dissolve our congregation.

Yes votes – 16

No votes – 11

Wrote letter to Rev. Lingwall about this meeting and ask him to advise us on this undertaking.

Motion by Jens Kloster Seconded by John Nielsen We keep on as a group until we contact Pastor Lingwall.

Motion made by Stan Mohning, Seconded by Roy Bouma to sell lots North of church to Emil Johnson. Lots sold to Emil Lots 3 – 4 5 Unanomious [in pencil]

July 7, 1964

[This is a letter written by Pastor Calvin Rossman to the Congregation. The letter is contained in a folder at the Archives at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque.]

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

July 7, 1964

The Gethsemane Lutheran congregation will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 15, to vote on dissolution of the congregation. Dr. Raynold Lingwall, synod president, will be present. There will be a potluck supper at 6:30, a council meeting with Dr. Lingwall at 7:00, and a congregational meeting at 7:45 pm. Since Dr. Lingwall has to be in Omaha the next day we are starting early so he can be on his way after the meeting. (This meeting will have been officially announced at two Sunday services.)

This is about the only time we could have this meeting. Dr. Lingwall has been attending the L.C. A. convention in Pittsburgh, July 2-9. I will be on vacation July 22 to August 12, and dean at church camp July 12-18. (Will make a special trip back for the congregational meeting.) Thus the only other time for the meeting would be late August or September.

It is my feeling that a congregation cannot be dissolved simply with a majority vote. (Dr. Lingwall will clarify this for us.) As long as there is a group wanting to remain faithful to the Synod they have the property and assets of the congregation. However, the Synod can disband a congregation that has become too small to maintain its property and worship services. This would mean that those wishing to leave the congregation can ask for letters of transfer, and those left can continue operation until the Synod decides they should disband.

I hope you recognize the importance of transferring your membership to another congregation in case of dissolution. Dissolution will create a problem of my pastoral responsibility toward you, and it can best be clarified by asking for a transfer. The Marcus congregation will be happy to serve anyone desiring to join its fellowship, and I will continue to be your pastor.

VACATION SUNDAYS – It has been impossible to know just what to do in securing pastoral supply during my vacancy. I have written several men with the idea there would be two services and money available from both churches. One has accepted for August 9. Then last Sunday the group at worship voted 17 to 7 not to have services during vacation. This would also mean you do not want anyone in case of an emergency. So if there is a special need you will have to make your own arrangements while I'm gone. Possible Dr. Lingwall will ask that we do have services during vacation.

I'm sorry we had to have this commotion and confusion. And I pray we may solve it in a spirit of Christian love. It might be well for everyone to read the first 13 chapters of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. When he heard about the problems and division of this congregation, he wrote this letter and concluded his thoughts with the 13th chapter. This chapter was not written for weddings---it was written to a congregation struggling with problems and arguments. We need to bear witness to our Christian love even in trying to dissolve a congregation.

Calvin Rossman

July 25, 1964 Council Meeting: [Handwritten notes on a separate piece of paper, folded and inserted in the minutes book.]

Special Council Meeting July 25, 1964

Opened by Reverend Rossman reading Psalm 42

Reverend Rossman turned the meeting over to Reverend Lingwall.

Reverend Lingwall suggested to table the vote on disbanding and let all who want to leave the church, leave, and the rest go on with services as long as possible. After this the synod will take over

July 25, 1964 Congregational Meeting: [Handwritten minutes on a separate sheet of paper, folded and inserted in the minutes book.]

Special Congregational Meeting July 25, 1964

Called to order by Reverand Rossman reading Psalm 8 and leading us in prayer.

Meeting turned over to Reverand Lingwall.

Reverand Lingwall wanted to leave it up to the synod whether we should dissolve or not.

Motion made by Jack Kloster

Seconded by Harold Kloster

To table voting concerning breaking up of church.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Harold Kloster

Seconded by Emil Johnson

Those who wish to join any other Lutheran Church – do so – with the best wishes of the people remaining in the congregation.

Motion carried.

Rev Lingwall stated that we should bring the articles of incorporation up to date, and have it recorded at the Court House.

Meeting closed by Prayer led by

Reverand Rossman

December 8, 1964

[The following report is from Pastor Rossman and includes his recollection of the December 8th meeting. It is handwritten and was kept in a fold at the Archives.]

Gethsemane Lutheran congregation held a duly called special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1964, 7:30 pm in the church at Oyens, Iowa. 16 members were present. The purpose of the meeting, announced from the pulpit the two preceding Sundays was : to act on the problems of dissolution, including the sale of all of the property.

The meeting was opened with Scripture & prayer by the chairman, Pastor Rossman. Minutes of the June 19th & July 15th meetings were read & approved.

Jens Kloster reported that the city of Oyens wanted to buy the church bldg. & two lots for \$2000. After some discussion a vote was taken on whether to sell the church or tear it down. Results of ballot were: 14 to sell, 0 to tear down. It was moved to sell the church bldg. & lots 1 & 2 Teirnay Addition to the city of Oyens for \$2000, stove refrig, water heater, cupboard, & abstract of title to be included & requirement that steeple be removed. Seconded & carried unamionsly.

It was moved to sell lots 11-12 to Emil Johnson for \$600 (abstract furnished with previous purchase of lots 3,4,5), Seconded & carried.

It was moved that last worship service be held on Sunday, Dec. 26, that there be no service on Xmas Day.

The rest of the property was distributed as follows:

- 1 – new tables go back to family who gave them as memorial gift.*
- 2. Flags returned to Mrs. H. Petersen*
- 3. Altar chairs to Jens Kloster 1 to Annie Kunath 1 to Hans Miller*
- 4. Vote taken on whether to give pews to congregation at Hawarden or Blair – 5 for Hawarden, 10 for Blair*
- 5. Hymnals, organ, altarware, altar cloth, offering plates, hymnboard, altar, font, movie projector, filmstrip projector, screen, to Synod for use at Bettendorf mission or Camp*
- 6. Cross, candleholders, coffe urn, to Carter Lake*

7. Altar Bible to Mrs. Jordahl

8. Picture –

9. It was decided to have council put price on other items for sale – chairs, blackboard, carpeting, clock, members to have 1st choice.

It was decided by vote to send \$500.00 to Sunrise Manor, Sioux City, to pay rent for Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kloster as a gift from congregation. It was decided to send rest of residual cash to the Iowa Synod with request that a portion be given to Central Seminary, Madrid Lutheran Home, L.W. A. & Lutheran Social Service. (\$50 will be held back for golden wedding gift to Mr. & Mrs. Hans Miller).

When all business is settled the Council will call a special meeting to legally dissolve the congregation.

Meeting adjourned by the chairman at 10:00 PM.

Above is my version of the meeting. Please feel free to add anything you have in your notes. Whenever you can make an appointment with the lawyer, I can come over to help sign papers. It would be helpful if Emil could settle his at the same time. – I also want some help from lawyer on dissolving the corporation so mention it to him when making appointment.

C. A. R.

[This is another version of the same meeting

December 8, 1964 Special Congregational meeting was call for Dissolution of Congregation Rev Rossman opened the meeting Reading 1st Letter to Peter chapter 2. The Secy Read the last three Meetings June 19 1964 Special Meeting in July Rev Rossman opened the meeting and turned His meeting over to Rev Lingwall who met with the Council of the Church and then met with the Congregation The meeting was called to see what to do with the Church & Inside Furnishings There was some talk about the church and a motion was made to Sell Church & Lots 1 & 2 to the town of Oyens for \$2000.00 occupancy after the 1st of January 1965 this is to Include Furnace, Water Heater, gas Stove Refrigerator and all Cupboards with the understanding The town Remove Cross & Steeple & Bell of Church to be use as a Town Hall. Second by Emil Johnson The Vote was 14 For 2 not Voting Discussion what to do with the Seats [?]; had a couple that asked for them Terry Kloster at Blair and Mrs. Johnson as for a Church from Hawarden. There was some discussion and a Vote was taken 10 for Terry Kloster 5 for Hawarden. Mrs. Floyd Miller had asked for the Altar Things the Cross Chandler & Flags Rev Lingwall at his meeting in Soo City asked the Council for the Organ Communion Set & Song Books for a New Mission at Bettendorf Iowa was agreed on. Motion was Made by Hans Miller Second by Niels to give \$500 to Nick & Marie Kloster at the home or to Pay as Rent for Room and after all expenses are Paid to Send Balance to the Iowa Synod to give 10% to the Home at Madrid to Central Seminary at Nebr & L.W Action There then was a Motion that the council take care and Set Prices what is left with the exception of 6 Tables which were given in honor of C P Kloster let Family decide walk to with it There then was a discussion on Lots 11 & 12 a Vote was made to Sell to Emil Johnson for \$600.00 The President & Secy to carry the Contract and Deed a Motion was made that the Church abstract to town Motion was made & Seconded that the last Sunday of Dec 1964 would close the Lutheran Church at Oyens as there was no further Business Motion made to adjourn Rev Rossman Closed Meeting with the Lords Prayer.

[J.A. Kloster?]

1965

April 14, 1965

[This letter from Pastor Calvin Rossman to the congregation announces the time and place for the final meeting to dissolve and sell some lots.]

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Oyens, Iowa
April 14, 1965

Dear Friends,

Following are the persons who, according to my records, have not officially transferred from Gethsemane Lutheran congregation. (I have no signed statement that you were accepted into membership of another church.) All but two have indicated which church they wish to join, and this will be completed as soon as the final congregational meeting is held. If someone wishes to be officially transferred before this meeting, I will be glad to do so, especially if unable to attend.

Mr. & Mrs. Jens A. Kloster, Edna Kloster, Mr. & Mrs. Hans Miller, Mr. & Mrs. John Nielsen, Dennis Nielsen, Mr. & Mrs. Niels Kloster & children, Mrs. Annie Kunath & Ruth, Mrs. Tina Miller, Jack Kloster, Mrs. S. L. Jordah (18 confirmed).

The final meeting of Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be held at the home of Jens A. Kloster in Oyens, Iowa, on April 28, 1965, beginning at 2:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt a motion concerning the sale of the lots Emil Johnson did not buy, and to formally (legally) dissolve the corporation. Both motions must be taken to the lawyer to clear up your affairs. The lawyer asked me to sell all property and then hold a meeting of the remaining members to vote to formally dissolve the corporation. This requires a 75% majority of all members (14) of the above) so we hope you will attend or get a completed transfer, so we can have the legal majority voting.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. This meeting was delayed because of Jens' surgery. We are happy he is back in circulation, and pray God will restore him to full health for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,
Calvin Rossman, president

April 28, 1965

[These meeting minutes were typed on a separate sheet of paper and inserted in the minutes book.]

April 28, 1965

A special meeting of Gethsemane Lutheran congregation, Oyens, Iowa, was held at the residence of J.A. Kloster to act on the sale of lots and the closing of the congregation, as announced in mailed notice. The following voting members were present: Mr. and Mrs. Hans Miller, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Kloster, Edna Kloster, Tina Miller, Mr. & Mrs. John Nielsen, Mrs. Anna Kunath (nine).

The meeting was opened at 2:00 pm, with Pastor Rossman reading Psalm 8 and leading in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report for 1964 and to date was distributed and approved.

An affidavit from Emil Johnson, concerning action to sell him lots 11 and 12, was read. Since Mr. Johnson did not wish to complete the purchase, John Nielsen moved, that Emil Johnson be released from the agreement to buy lots 11 and 12, and that they be sold to Redi-buld Homes – Reichling and Kneip, for \$600, buyer to furnish own abstract. Seconded and carried unanimously.

It was moved that J. A. Kloster be given a bonus of \$240 for his many years of work, lighting furnace and cutting grass. Seconded and carried.

It was agreed that funds turned over to the Iowa Synod be divided equally for Central Seminary, Madrid Lutheran Home, Lutheran World Action, Lutheran Social Service (Luth. Welfare Society).

The congregation in Nebraska decided they did not want the pews, and one in Canada can use them, therefore, it was agreed to send them to Canada if they pay the expenses.

J. A. Kloster moved that the Board work with the lawyer to legally close the Gethsemane Lutheran congregation corporation. Seconded by Hans Miller and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Calvin Rossman, president

(signature)

J. A. Kloster, secretary

(signature)

Thank-You Letter from Carter Lake Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Ninth and Mayper Drive
Carter Lake, Iowa
Clair Geibert, Pastor

Church Bulletin, March 7, 1965: "We are most grateful to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Oeyns, Iowa, for the following gifts: (2) Brass Electric Candleabra, (1) Electric Altar Cross, (1) Brass Altar Missal Stand, (2) Flags, (American and Christian), (2) Offering Plates, (1) Memorial Book, (2) Pictures, (Christ in Gethsemane and "What Happened to Your Hand"), (1) Coat Rack, (10 doz.) Place settings of silverware and dishes, (30) Aluminum Serving Trays, Miscellaneous Kitchen Equipment, and Christmas Decorations.

Thank-You Letter from Hawarden American Lutheran Church

Hawarden American Lutheran Church

Hawarden, Iowa 51023
Norval R. Wigtil, Pastor

February 4, 1965
The Rev. Calvin Rossman
Marcus, Iowa

Dear Pastor Rossman,

Thank you for the card informing me of the possible soon removal of the bell from the steeple of Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Whenever you are ready please inform me and we will have our truck there so that the crane may load it directly to our truck.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
(signature)
Norval R. Wigtil

Thank-You Letter from North Bettendorf Mission

North Bettendorf Lutheran Mission
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
Pastor Keith A Pearson
Mission Developer

July 30, 1965

Mr. J. A. Kloster
Oyens, Iowa

Dear Mr. Kloster:

Enclosed is the invoice stub for the rental of the truck last Monday. You may pay the bill yourself by preparing a check payable to "The Hertz Corporation" and mailing it to:

The Hertz Corporation
110 Gaines Street
Davenport, Iowa 52802

(enclose stub)

The organ arrived here safely and we expect to use it for our worship services this coming Sunday.

I appreciated very much your assistance in so many ways. I was pleased that you found loading help so rapidly.

Sincerely yours,

(signature)
Pastor Keith Pearson

Cc: Pastor Olsen

Thank-You Letter from Lutheran Church in Canada

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Coquitlam
655 Schoolhouse St., (Coq.)
New Westminister, B.C.

1324 Willow Way, Coq.,
New Westminister. B. C.
June 29, 1965

Oyens Lutheran Church
c/o N. Mortensen
103 3rd Ave. N.W.
Le Mars, Iowa

Dear Friends in Christ:

We want to sincerely thank you for the gift of your pews.

As a young and growing congregation we sometimes find it difficult to keep up with all the needs in our work here. One of our present needs has been for pews, and your gift comes as a welcome help.

May the Lord bless you as you carry on your work in your new parish alignment.

Sincerely,
(Signature)
THE CHURCH COUNCIL
Per Mrs. Evelyn Gower,
Secretary.

[The above Thank-You Letters were given to Phyllis (Kloster) Krumrey from Pastor Rossman's wife, Esther, in 2002 with the letter written below.]

November 18, 2002

Dear Phyllis,

It was so good to see you yesterday. Wasn't that a wonderful concert-recital? Most enjoyable!

Today I worked again in my storeroom. I came across these papers. Perhaps you already have the information. If not, it is a reminder of the congregations that benefited from the generosity of Gethsemane.

I know the closing of the congregation was not an easy matter, but the congregation was really creative in the way it disposed of its assets. My son recently told of a funeral of a friend of his. This was a young, healthy person who died of a brain aneurysm (sp?) It was announced that 18 individuals had benefited from organ, bone and tissue transplants. Some good came from this person's death. In the same way Gethsemane's closing benefited several congregations.

I am also enclosing the picture of Jens Kloster's and a copy of the letter of call to Calvin. Have a good celebration!

Sincerely,
Esther