

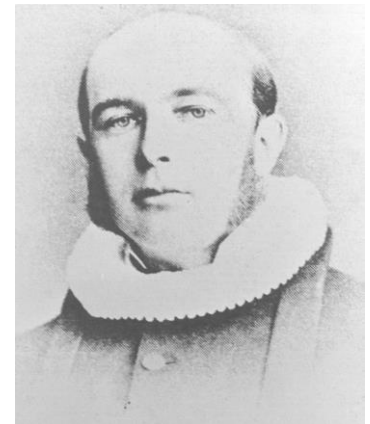
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"Blessed are they who hear God's Word and keep it"

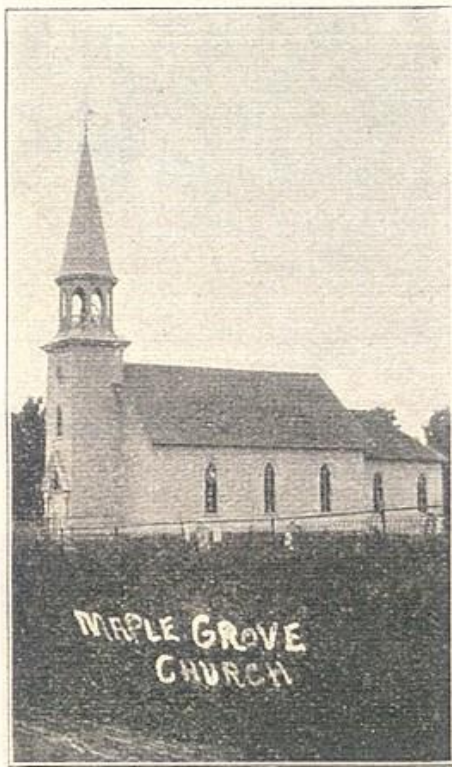
Charter Members - September 6, 1875

**Lars Amundson
Theodor Amundson
Kristian Olson Asak
A. Berglund
Johan Egger
Martin Gjelstad
Ole Hval
Erik H. Huset
Halvor Huset
Trond Wintrone**

**Lars Johnson
Magnus Johnson
Thor Johnson
Gabriel Kringle
Nils Kringle
Peter Olson
Hans Syverud
Knut Syverud
Ole Syverud**



Rev. H. F. Haakenson
"organizer" 1875



Kirke, 1881, \$3,000.
Gravplads, 2 acres.

Ny Skandinavia evangelisk lutherske menighet.

Dallas (3½ mil nordøst), Barron Co., Wis. Utenom (Ns, Am, Kf), 1875-90; Forenede kirke, 1890—.

Organisert 11te mai 1875. Deilt 1892, paa grund av praktiske forhold (Dallas mght.). 150 sjæle i 1875, 330 i 1914. Prester: H. T. Haakenson, 1875-78; J. Waage, 1878-83; K. L. Guttebø, 1883-87; C. J. Helsem, 1887-89; A. J. Ørke, 1889-95; H. Lund, 1895-13; O. L. Kirkeberg, 1913—. Embedsmænd i 1875: a. Tron Vintroen; b. Martin Gjelstad; e. Tron Vintroen, Lars Johnson, Knud Hansen Syverud. I 1915: b. Edw. Otterholt; c. Ingebret Nordhagen; d. Simon B. Syverson, Gust Vintroen, Thomas Hanson; e. Adolph Austin, Otto Austin, John Louis; f. H. E. Halvorsen. 2 kvindefor., 1890, 1891, \$4,500. Ungdomsfor., 1915. Avholdsfor., 1902. Presteløn: \$150 (1875), \$350 (1914), \$4,850 (1875-14).—O. L. Kirkeberg. (269—897)

This picture was probably taken between 1890 - 1900, as the steeple and sacristy were added in 1889. Translation of above: 3 ½ miles northeast of Dallas. Utenom (outside of, or around) The meaning of (Ns, Am, Kf) is not known*. United church, 1890—. Organized 11th May 1875. Divided 1892, on grounds of practical purpose. 150 souls in 1875, 330 in 1914. Prester (Pastors). Embedsmænd (officers). 2 kvindefor (Ladies Aid). Ungdomsfor (Young Peoples Society). Avholdsfor (Alcohol free society). Presteløn (pastor's salary). Gravplads (cemetery).

*(further interpretation from Philip Froiland) "The word "Utenom" means that pastors from different Norwegian Lutheran synods served the congregation in the period 1875-90. The abbreviations in the parenthesis (Ns, Am, Kf) indicate that these came from the Norwegian Synod associated with Luther College), the Anti-missourian brotherhood (associated with St. Olaf College) and the Norwegian-Danish Conference (Associated with Augsburg College). The congregation became a part of the United Norwegian Lutheran church in 1890, as indicated." **Organists** - who have served at New Scandinavia Lutheran Church through the years:

(Those we were able to find recorded) Our apologies if we have missed anyone on these lists.

Even Evenson, Hans Rolstad, Inger Amundson, Otterhold, Amanda Kringler, Gena Espeseth, Minnie Anderson, Hilda Huset, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Syverson, Mrs. Broten, Miss Anderson, Geneva Anderson, Alma Hanson, Minnie Stowe, Agnes Olson, Mrs. Isaac (Signe) Anderson, Beatrice Amundson, Ramona Amundson, Ardis (Rasmussen) Thorsbakken, Myrtle (Huset) Severude, Maxine Huset, Ardelle Haugestuen, Connie Huset, Winette (Parks) Dysland, Diane Huset, Jackie Sandve. **Custodians** - Have included the following: Nils Overgaarden, Knute Hanson, Edwin Ruse, Leonard & Mabel Huset, Lawrence &

Certificate of Incorporation and Articles of Incorporation as recorded at Barron County Courthouse

70 Certificate of Incorporation.

8194^a Know All Men by these Presents, that we Hans Anderson Sporned, Martin Gjelstad, Ole H. Sjoerud, Knud Hanson, Peter Olson Tross, A Winteren Ole J. Wall, Knud Knudson, Christian Olson Asag, G. S. Anderson, Anders Engedretson, Sara Engedretson, Nels A. Kringle, Halvor Eriksson, Erik Halvorson Kuest, Sara Amundson, Tollef Knudson, Anders Tollerud, Gilbert Lewis, Ole Jacobson, Erik Erikson Kuest, Andrew Johnson, Peder Jorgenson, Gabriel A. Kringle, Halvor H. Sjoerud, Anders N. Lien, John Borgen, Nels Nelson Svaberg & Nels E. Omrigaard, whose names are hereunto subscribed, have agreed, and by these presents do agree to become incorporated in a religious Society, in pursuance of the laws of this State, by the name of "New Scandinavia, Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church Society," of the Town of Maple Grove and Dallas of Barron County, Wisconsin and we do hereby agree, that all persons, who may hereafter become associated with us in this organization, shall be entitled to equal privileges and rights in the grants and franchises hereby secured under and by virtue of the Statutes in such case made and provided.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Seventeenth day of April, A.D. 1887.

State of Wisconsin } 88.
Barron County

Thron A Winteren
Martin Gjelstad, Knud Hanson
Nels Nelson & Sara Amundson

Be it Remembered, that on the 28th day of November, A.D. 1883, personally came before me the above named Thron A. Winteren, Martin Gjelstad, Sara Amundson, Knud Hanson and Nels Nelson, to me known to be the persons who executed the above and foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same, to be their own free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Notarial Seal N. M. Rockman
Notary Public.

Filed for record at
6 o'clock P. M. December 10th
A.D. 1883. Christopherow, Register.

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Articles of Incorporation.

The Undersigned two Members of the New Scandinavia Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church Society of the Town of Maple Grove and Dallas of Barron County, Wisconsin do hereby Certify, that on the 5th day of December, A.D. 1883, pursuant to public Notice given for two successive Sabaths, on which said Congregation staidly meet, the male persons of full age belonging to the Congregation, worshipping in the building known as the New Scandinavia Norwegian, Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Maple Grove met at the place of public Worship for the purpose of incorporating themselves and did then and there elect by plurality of voices: Martin Gjelstad, three years, Gilbert Selvis two years, Erick, H. Knuth one year, as Trustees of the said Church incorporation.

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Witness our hands and Seals this 8th day of December, A.D. 1883.

State of Wisconsin } ss.
Barron County }

Fron A Winterom
Nels. A. Kringle

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Be it Remembered, that on the 8th day of December A.D. 1883, personally came before me the above named Fron A Winterom and Nels A Kringle to me known to be the persons who executed the above and foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Filed for record at 6 o'clock P.M.
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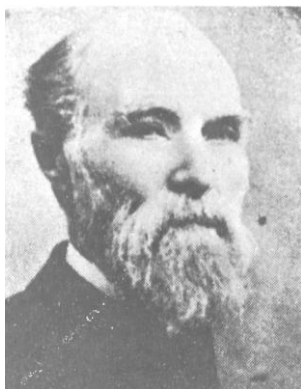
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J. G. Johnson
Justice of the Peace

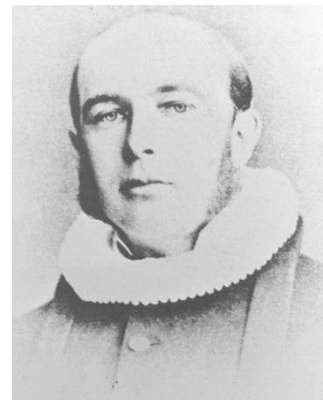


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PASTORS OF NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



From 1869 to 1875 Rev. A. Johnson, from Eau Claire, Wis., Rev. C. J. Helsem of Running Valley, Rev. H. Haakenson from Sand Creek, served the spiritual needs of the pioneer settlers. Rev. Helsem was responsible for bringing many of the settlers to this community with his description of the fine soil and land in this area. They conducted



Rev. C. J. Helsem services in homes and later at the North Pine **Rev. H. Haakenson** Creek School.

On Sept. 6, 1875 the "Nye Scandinavia Menighet was formed with **Rev. Haakenson** as pastor.

Rev. P. Dietrickson accepted the call to be the pastor in 1878 and remained until 1880.

Rev. J. Waage came to be the pastor in 1880 and in 1881 the church was erected. In 1883 Rev. Waage resigned to accept a call to Sand Creek.

Rev. L. S. Gutteboe was sent a letter of call and came in 1884. In 1887 because of doctrinal dissensions that spread throughout the church bodies and also affected this congregation, Rev. Gutteboe sought another parish for himself.

Rev. H. J. Helsem was secured to serve the congregation temporarily until Rev. A. J. Oerke came in 1889.

Pastor A. J. Oerke

Reverend A. J. Oerke was called to be pastor in 1889. He had just graduated from Augsburg Seminary, The parish at this time consisted of Nye Scandinavia, Chetek, Dovre and Faaberg and the pastor resided in Chetek. It was through his efforts, the congregation at Dallas was organized. In 1895 Rev. Oerke resigned and moved to Pigeon Falls, Wis.



Rev. A. J. Oerke

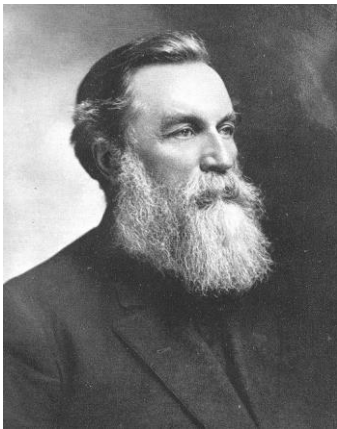
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Pastor Helmer Lund

In September 1895, Reverend Helmer Lund, who was serving a congregation in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, accepted the call to be the pastor here. He was an energetic man and served for 18 years, during which time the congregation flourished notably. In 1902 the parish was reorganized so that Barron, Dallas and Nye Scandinavia formed one charge. A parsonage was erected at Dallas. Rev. Lund resigned in 1913.



Pastor O. L. Kirkeberg



The Reverend O. L. Kirkeberg was installed as pastor on June 22, 1913. The parish at this time consisted of Nye Scandinavia and Dallas. A tremendously well educated man, trained in Norway, he served in a difficult time when there was much demand for a change to the English language in the church, and equally determined opposition to it. He was deeply concerned about the training of the young people, and several times a year he held a public catechization of the confirmation class. He is remembered as a fine pastor who always had a peppermint in his pocket for the children. A Young Peoples Society was organized by Rev. Kirkeberg. Because of advanced age and ill health, Pastor Kirkeberg retired from the active ministry in July 1919.

Pastor A. O Running

The Reverend A. O. Running of Hawkins, Wis. was issued a joint call from New Scandinavia and Dallas, and was installed on September 7, 1919. The congregations were again blessed with a hard working, capable and faithful minister. Under his leadership the congregations grew in membership as well as in spirituality, and the various organizations functioned actively. Pastor Running really loved people and showed it by such things as sending birthday cards to all his confirmands each year. He also published a monthly church paper called "The Church Visitor", copies of which are still treasured by those who have them.. He was instrumental in establishing Luther Park Bible Camp.



Rev. Running obtained his B. S. degree at St. Olaf college in 1909. He attended Chicago University in 1910, University of Minnesota, 1911 to 1912, taught at Owatonna High School, was a professor at Pleasant View Luther College, and taught at St. Olaf College. He resigned in 1938 and became pastor of Christiania congregation near Northfield, Minn. Pastor Running died Oct. 26, 1939 at Northfield.

Mrs. Running was also very talented in art and music and had several stories published in "The Friend" and "Lutheran Herald." They had two sons, Halvard, who became a pastor, and Alf, who passed away many years ago.

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Pastor Hjalmer. S. Froiland



Pastor Hj. S. Froiland, who was serving a church at Mayville, North Dakota, was called to be our pastor and came in June of 1939. Extensive work was done on the church during the time he was here. Pastor Froiland served our congregation faithfully for 18 years. Mrs. Froiland was a great help in his work and served as choir director, and assisted with Bible school and Luther League. They had four children, Jack, Clara, Ruth and Philip.

Pastor Froiland was instrumental in establishing the Good Samaritan Home in Dallas, and starting a Lutheran Church in Ridgeland. Pastor Froiland resigned in 1956 with the intention of retiring, but was called to serve a parish at Sundberg, Minn. for several years.

Pastor Froiland used a horse-drawn buggy to serve 11 churches and preaching points in Bowman County, N.D., and Harding County, S.D. in his first call. Later, he served parishes in Zumbrota, Minn.,

Mayville, N.D., Dallas and New Scandinavia, and Sunburg, Minn. He retired at age 82 and died March 20, 1985 at the age of 103 at Northfield, Minn.

Pastor Duane A. Bottjen



In July of 1957 Duane A. Bottjen was installed as pastor of New Scandinavia and Dallas Congregations. In his last year at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, he conducted services here every other Sunday for several months. Pastor Bottjen is a native of Iowa and attended Morningside College in Sioux City, and St. Olaf College at Northfield,

Minn. He was married to Bertha Gunderson of Sioux City, Iowa on July 10, 1950. They have 4 daughters, Annette, Beverly, Debra & Michelle, and 2 sons, David and Aaron.

As a young pastor, he was well received by the young people and they enjoyed his leadership in their newly formed High School Luther League. Pastor Bottjen started monthly council meetings and the council members were more aware of their responsibilities. He also conducted weekly Bible studies.

In January 1964 after prayerful consideration, he accepted a call to Cashton, Wis. and preached his farewell sermon on January 26. He later served a parish at Oregon, Wis. and is now retired and lives near Ely, Minn.

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Pastor Lyle J. Ness

Pastor Ness held his first service at New Scandinavia on Palm Sunday of 1964, after spending five years at Ascension Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wis.

He was born near Mondovi, Wis. After he graduated from St. Olaf College, the Army called him and while he was in the service he met and married Patricia Graham of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1953 he taught school in Floodwood, Minn. but wanted more education so he enrolled at Eau Claire State College. While he was there he felt the call to become a minister, so the following year he and his wife moved to St. Paul where he attended Luther Seminar, then spent a year of internship at Pittsburgh, Penn. They have 6 children: John, Laurie, Tom, Jim, Bob and Nikki.



A new educational unit was added to the church in 1965, which greatly improved our church facilities. The Family Fellowship and Luther League were very active under the leadership of Pastor Ness. In November of 1973, Pastor Ness resigned, having accepted a call to Lyster and Modena, Wis. He was later pastor at Ettrick, Wis. As of 2013 he is retired and living at Mondovi, WI.

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Pastor Nels S. Magelssen



Pastor N. S. Magelssen began his ministry here in February 1974, after serving a parish at Muskegon, Michigan.

Pastor Magelssen was born at Highland Prairie, Minn. He graduated from Albert Lea Academy, Luther College, and Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul. He was married to Harda S. Hestenes on June 17, 1936. He served parishes at Crooked River, Saskatchewan, Hingham & Glendive, Mont., New Ulm, Minn., and Muskegon, Mich. The Magelssens have two sons, Luther and Jim.

During his ministry the Men's Monday meetings were started and Bible study briefing for the women's study. Church attendance was very good.

Pastor Magelssen retired in 1982 and moved to Eau Claire, Wis. where he worked as visitation pastor at Central Lutheran in Chippewa Falls, Hope Lutheran in Eau Claire and Meridean Lutheran Church. He died Sept. 3, 1993, and was preceded in death by his wife, Harda, in July 1992.

Pastor Erling Carlsen

Rev. Erling Carlsen was installed as our pastor on May 2, 1982, from Blair, Wis. He is a native of Minot, North Dakota, and after from high school, he served in the Navy and later attended College and Luther Theological Seminary. After his ordination in served parishes in Zahl, North Dakota, Cumberland, Neenah and

His wife, Beverly (Nystuen) Carlsen is a graduate of Augsburg College. She was very involved in the work of our church through the women's organizations, and also taught rosemaking classes in the community. The Carlsen's have five sons, Steve, Nathan, Eric, Brian and Matthew.

Pastor Carlsen served the congregation faithfully until the spring of 1987 when he resigned and accepted a call to serve a church in Rockford, Illinois.

They retired and moved to Eau Claire where he died in 2004.



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Pastors Mark & Linnea Papke-Larson

Pastors Mark and Linnea Papke-Larson were installed as our July 1987. They both graduated from Wartburg Seminary in May spent their year's internship in Tanzania, Africa, and also spent a year in Des Moines in a Clinical Pastoral Education program, with emphasis visitation. Having a couple serve as pastors was a new experience for congregation, which worked out very well. Two children, Emily and were born while they were pastors here, and another daughter, Alicia, they left here.

Pastors Mark and Linnea left here in August 1991 and Pastor Mark went into a Hospital Chaplaincy program in Minneapolis. They later moved to Bemidji, Minn. where Pastor Mark is hospital chaplain and Pastor Linnea is part time pastor, housewife and mother.



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The parish was served by interim pastor Alice Hill from August 4, 1991 to November 30, 1991.

Pastor David Kebschull



Pastor Dave began his ministry here on December 1, 1991. He was born and raised in Tama, Iowa. He graduated from Northeast Missouri State University with a music degree, and then went on to Wartburg Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity Degree in June 1991. He and his wife, Leslie, have three daughters, Lauren, Whittney and Micah. A handicap ramp to the basement, and a church office were added during his time here.

In November 1996 he resigned to accept a call to join the pastoral staff at Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls, Wisconsin. As of 2013 he is pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Pastor Harold Oelschlager of Eau Claire, and Pastor Gerald Hibbard of Chetek served the congregation as interim pastors from December 1996 to September 1997.

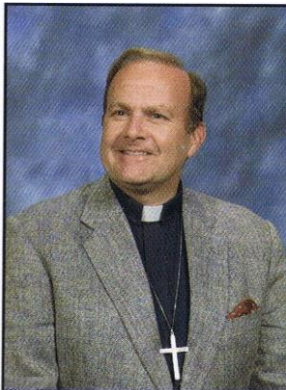
Pastor Ralph Marquardt

Pastor Ralph Marquardt came October 1, 1997 to begin his ministry was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was baptized and Grace Lutheran Church, Green Bay. He graduated from Wartburg Waverly, Iowa, in 1962, and worked as a Recreational Director at the Lutheran Homes for a year before he attending seminary. He graduated Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa in 1967, having served his Pella Lutheran, Sidney, Montana.

He has served churches in Lamont and Dundee, Iowa; Cornell, Illinois; Indiana, and Somonauk, Illinois, before coming to Dallas and New Scandinavia. He is married to Dorothy Nielsen Marquardt and they sons, Michael, Scott, and Jon Paul.



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Pastor Robert Frieze

Pastor Robert E. Frieze began his ministry at New Scandinavia as interim pastor in December 2005. On September 10, 2006, he was installed as our full time pastor. He was born and raised in Arlington Heights, IL, and graduated from Arlington High School. He received a Marketing/Business degree from DePaul University, Chicago, IL, in 1983, and a Masters of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in 1997. His first call was as Associate Pastor at Galesburg, IL, where he served from 1997 to 2001. He then became the Associate Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, WI, from 2001 to 2005. before coming to New Scandinavia in 2005. Pastor Bob enjoys working with people of all ages. God has blessed him with a wonderful voice and he enjoys singing. He has been in several productions at the Mabel Tainter Theater in Menomonie, and participated in several local choirs. His interests include acoustic guitar, reading, and biking.

During his time at New Scandinavia, a new entry was built on the old church, a handicap lift installed, the old church was destroyed by fire and a new one built, and a church website established.

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church

The early history of the New Scandinavia Congregation is in reality a history of several congregations in the area. At one time or another it was part of several different congregations. New Scandinavia Church seemed to form a nucleus for the various congregations, and although several joined, withdrew, and even dissolved, this Church has remained firmly established on the first site chosen by the first pioneers of the area.

The Lutheran Church of Barron County dates back to 1869. This was just six years before the birth of Nye Scandinavia Congregation. In that year, two men of the Lutheran faith visited Barron County. These men, Rev. A. Johnson of Eau Claire and Rev. C. J. Helsem of Running Valley, which is located eight miles northeast of Colfax, were perhaps the first to visit Barron County. In fact, according to records, they were the first church organizers of any faith to visit this county. They visited settlements at Chetek, Pokegama, Rice Lake, Barron and Prairie Farm. Their route circled the area of our present New Scandinavia Congregation.

Rev. Helsem was responsible for bringing some of the settlers who later founded the New Scandinavia Church. While visiting the Sand Creek settlement he aroused the interest of some of the people with his description of the rich soil to be found farther north. Three men, Nils Tollefsen Grannum, Knudt Stenseth and Tollef Stensrud, left their community and went to the area just north of the present village of Dallas. Other settlers followed these and by 1872 the settlement had become quite large.

During this time from about 1870 to 1875, Helsem made several visits to the new community and conducted services at the homes and in the schoolhouses. Another missionary pastor, Rev. Haakensen of Sand Creek, also visited the settlement at various times. He was at that time a young man and gladly shared the trials of the pioneers. In the winter time he would travel on skis and it is told, that in the spring when the rivers were swollen he was often in peril of drowning. He conducted services at the homes and at North Pine Creek School. This school was located across the road from Pine Creek, just east of the Dallas Cemetery.

It was at this schoolhouse that these early pioneers met on May 11, 1875, at the close of their regular service. According to the minutes of the meeting, this was a Tuesday, indicating that services were held on any day that a pastor was in the area. The business meeting was under the direction of Rev. Haakensen. Hans Anderson Syverude was elected president and Rev. Haakensen was elected secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to organize as a congregation. A constitution was constructed, consisting of seven articles. The name was to be "Nordre Pine Creek Menighet." It outlined its basic beliefs, that its teachings were to be based on the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Catechism, the ritual books to be used, the officers to be elected, the duties and responsibilities of the pastor, officers and the congregation.

Another meeting of the congregation was called July 12, 1875. In compliance with their adopted constitution, they elected their first officers. Trond Wintrone was elected president, Martin Gjelstad was elected secretary. The three trustees were Trond Wintrone, Lars Johnson and Knudt Hanson. The pastor's salary was set at \$2 per voting member plus two offerings a year.

During this time another small Lutheran Congregation had been started near Brown's Creek. It was known as the "Brown's Creek Menighet." This group most likely held their meetings at the Burton School which was located about 1 ½ miles north-east of the present church, on the north side of 7 ½ Ave. where it joins Co. O. On Monday, Sept. 6, 1875, the Pine Creek and Brown's Creek Congregations met in joint session at the home of Nels Kringle who lived near the Pine Creek School. At this meeting they consolidated and took the name "Nye Scandinavia Menighet."

At this meeting they also decided that the site which had been selected by an earlier appointed committee was satisfactory. The site was given by Ole Syverude to the congregation. It consisted of one acre of land, in the

southeast corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 36 Town 33, Range 12 West. The acre of ground was 16 rods north and south and 10 rods east and west. This is the present site of the church. In recent years more land has been added to the cemetery and the parking lot. A committee of five was then elected, consisting of Thor Johnson, A. Bergland, Martin Gjelstad, Trond Wintrone and Ole Syverude. They were to plan the work, clean up and enclose the grounds. They agreed to keep the name "Nye Scandinavia Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation" and for the remainder of the year, 1875, to let each congregation continue the pledges they had made concerning the salaries of the pastor and the preceptor. They decided to: (1) to unite as one congregation, (2) to call a pastor through the church council and to ask specifically for Rev. P. Dietrickson, (3) that the pastor was to live in Solum Congregation, (4) that a parsonage be built as soon as possible, (5) that the pastor's salary was to be \$400: Solum to pay \$150, Nye Scandinavia \$130, Hay River \$100 and Vermillion was to pay \$20. Vermillion was to have four Sunday services during the year and the others were to have one-third of the remaining Sundays each. Besides the salary, the pastor was to have two or three offerings a year. The combined congregation covered a large area and serving these parishes in all kinds of weather, with the then available means of transportation, must have made the pastor's work a very challenging one. Many little incidents are recalled by older members of the church: Pastor Lund, on his way to church had a runaway with the horse. He was thrown from the buggy and walked the remainder of the way. The horse went to Dallas. Another pastor was saved by hanging onto the horse's tail while crossing a swollen stream. The pastors often arrived at church, muddy to the knees. One remarked that he was glad the robe was long enough to cover the boots.

At the meeting Feb. 25, 1879, at the Erik Huset home, the discussion centered around the building of a parsonage. Evidently, the plan they had of uniting with Sand Creek didn't materialize because at this meeting they instructed the secretary to write to Rev. Haakensen at Sand Creek to ask that the money they had donated for the parsonage be refunded.

Another meeting was held at the Ole Syverude home, Sunday, Dec. 28, 1879. The members of the Solum Congregation proposed that they buy 40 acres of land costing \$160 from Peder Peterson. This land was located northwest of Prairie Farm. Nye Scandinavia voted to pay one-fourth of this if the parsonage were built there.

Pastor Diedrickson remained as pastor of the congregation until 1880. The vacancy was then filled by Rev. J. Waage. Church services were being held in the homes and the school houses. At this time they began thinking seriously about building a church, and the meeting held Oct. 26, 1880, was the beginning. The building committee elected was Trond Wintrone, J. Borgan, Nils Svaberg and Knudt Syverude. At the meeting they received pledges of \$41 in money, 3500 feet of lumber, 8000 shingles and 101 days of labor. They further decided that the stone for the foundation was to be picked

and hauled as soon as possible. Much of the rock was hauled from the Andrew Syverude place across the road from the church site. They stipulated that the church was to be placed in east-west direction with the entry on the east. Mr. J. Borgan was elected foreman for the erection of the building.

On Jan. 10, 1881, the congregation called another meeting. At this meeting each member was asked to sign a note which would fall due on Nov. 10, 1881. If anyone wished to satisfy the value of the note in lumber, the lumber was to be delivered to the site by March 1, 1881. They also voted that each member who had a team of horses must haul at least one load of lumber and two if necessary. Those who had teams of oxen were to haul that which was nearest the church site. At this meeting they decided that the dimensions of the church should be 45 ft. x 30 ft. x 16 ft. high. They indicated the size of the studdings, rafters and other timber, the materials to be used, the number of doors and windows and their size. The erection of the building was let by contract to L. Johnson for \$134, and he was to have it completed by August, 4, 1881.

Nye Scandinavia .Congregation held its annual business meeting at the new church on Oct. 22, 1882. At that meeting pledges were signed for the purchase of a stove for the church. Plans were also made for a brushing bee at the parsonage site. Nils Overgaarden was elected as church janitor. He was to supply the wood, make the fires and bring in the baptismal water. For these services he was to receive \$2 a year. At a later meeting in 1882 his salary was raised to \$5 a year.

Mrs. Ludwig Johnson gave the following description of the interior of the church as it looked at this time: At the front of the church were a number of sturdy kitchen chairs. The rest of the pews were homemade benches of rough unplanned planks. They had no back rests. A big box, constructed of rough lumber and covered with a white cloth served as the altar. The pulpit was another box also covered with white cloth. A high stool draped in white served as the baptismal font. The walls were the bare studdings. There were no lights, not even a lamp.

In 1882, Trond Wintrone erected the first small stable across the road from the church for the pastor's horse. Several years later a larger shed-type building was erected north of the church near the road. This had room for several teams of horses.

Just a couple of years after the church had been built, extensive changes were made. The windows were changed, the walls plastered and wainscotted, new doors were made with a window added above them, and a chimney was built. A committee was appointed to take care of these repairs and work. The minutes stated specifically that for any inconvenience these members might have because of all this work they were to be recipients of some good deed in return. No mention was made of money.

Rev. Waage, who was pastor at this time, resigned in 1883 to accept a call from the Sand Creek Congregation. The congregation was at this time completing their efforts in becoming incorporated and having the legal papers registered and the deed recorded.

In 1884, Rev. L. S. Gutteboe became the pastor. A school teacher who had recently come from Norway, by the name of Christ Larsen, was hired as a parochial, teacher. He was to teach from whatever time he could begin until November 1. He was paid a dollar a day plus his room and board. School was held at the Pine Creek School.

At a December meeting in 1884, the members, among other things, gave definite directions for the fence that was to be erected around the church property. Their decision was for a four-wire fence of galvanized wire on posts twelve feet apart and a double sized gate about 10 feet wide. The posts were to be sharpened, charred and driven down two feet. Many of the posts and labor were donated.

At an important meeting, March 5, 1887, these pioneers were asked to make the choice as to what Synod they wished to belong. When those present had made their choice, the results showed that the larger number favored to go with the Augustana Synod.

In 1887 a Ladies Aid was organized. There were two sections, the North Ladies Aid and the East Ladies Aid. Charter members of the East Aid were Mrs. Martin Sunde, Mrs. Julia Mickelson, Mrs. Lars Otterholt, Margit Austin and Mrs. Lars Johnson, In the North Aid, they were Mrs. I. Huset, Mrs. K. Hanson, Mrs. Gabriel Kringle and Mrs. Hans Carlson. The first project for which they were asked to work was the organ fund. The Aid has contributed substantially to the church. Many of the improvements of the church have been made possible through their efforts. Five Mission Circles (Bethany, Helping Hand, Faith, Star, and Willing Workers) were formed later and three still meet on a monthly basis for Bible study and fellowship.

At their 1888 meeting the congregation voted to adopt Landstad Salmebog as the hymnal of the church. Each member had his own copy.

In 1890, the parish consisted of Chetek, Dovre and Faaberg, together with New Scandinavia. The pastor lived in Chetek. A new constitution was written and adopted by the congregation. Rev. Orke was now the pastor, and his salary was raised to \$200 a year. The congregation was to have services every third Sunday.

In 1891, the congregation again launched a program for the repair of the church. Gothic-type windows were to replace the others and if possible the top part was to be of stained glass. The Ladies Aid also proposed to pay for an altar ring. The lights were installed in the early 1890's. These beautiful units of four lamps each have been wired for electricity and are still in use. Each unit cost \$11 when purchased.

The Dallas Congregation in 1892 decided to withdraw and build their own church. This caused some mixed feelings, and many of those who lived near Dallas joined the Dallas Congregation. That church was built in 1893.

It is noted that these early settlers wished to keep the church separated from politics. In the 1892 minutes of the congregation's meeting it was clearly stated that the church was not to be used for any political meetings. At this meeting it was also decided that they were to support only one church college.

In 1893, the congregation for the first time sent a delegate to the meeting that was held at Minneapolis. During this year they also purchased a number of good chairs for the church. The meeting in December must have been a very satisfying one as the treasurer's report showed all salaries had been paid, no debts remained on the church property, and they had a balance of \$13.25. They sold a number of old chairs for \$4 a dozen and decided to keep the benches for awhile.

In 1895, Rev. Orke moved to Pigeon Falls, and the Rev. H. Lund was chosen as the pastor. Rev. Lund served the congregation for 18 years and during his time the church expanded and grew rapidly. Changes were also evident in the church. At about this time, perhaps 1893 or 1894, the church replaced the altar and obtained an altar ring. The altar and the ring were made by Martin Granum. To those who worship at this altar it need not be described. To others, who have not seen it, its beauty can't be described. It is a large altar. In fact, it is told that the middle tip had to be cut down in order that it could be brought in and set in place. It has a tall star-tipped spire reaching heavenward. On either side of the picture are plaques containing the Roman Numerals, one through ten, representing the Ten Commandments. Below the plaques and on either side of the painting are handcrafted symbols of the two Sacraments. Above the picture is the Norwegian Bible verse meaning, "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." The base of the altar has inset panels. It was finished in natural wood, varnished and trimmed in black and gold.

An interesting bit of information about this altar may be added. Although Mr. Granum in making the altar left a space in the center for a large picture, they could not afford to buy one at this time. To cover the opening the Ladies Aid bought a dark sateen cloth. With this they covered the opening. They made a large cross fashioned from different colored paper roses and fastened it to the cloth. Some years later they bought the picture that is now on the altar. The exact price paid is not known. The altar and ring cost \$125. At about the same time, a Mr. Berg who lived east of Chetek, made the pulpit and the baptismal font. The pulpit cost \$40 and the font about \$5 or possibly \$10. It was also in the early 1890's that the pews, still in use, were purchased at a cost of \$250.

In 1898, the congregation wished to do further work on their church. The sacristy was added. This new addition was 24 ft. x 20 ft. x 14 ft. The steeple was added, but specific details of obtaining the bell are not known. Edward Petterson initiated the drive to obtain money. Willing volunteers soon made the purchase possible, and the bell was placed in the steeple. It has called the congregation to "come, come, come" over many years. In 1900 the church was dedicated at a circuit meeting by Rev. Hoyme who was President of the Lutheran Church.

The question of reorganization was before the congregation again in 1902. It was then reorganized as a congregation consisting of Barron, Dallas and Nye Scandinavia. They remained as a unit until 1913, when Barron separated itself from Dallas and Nye Scandinavia.

Rev. Lund resigned and became pastor of the Barron Congregation. Rev. O. L. Kirkeberg became pastor of Dallas and Nye Scandinavia and remained until 1919 when he resigned because of old age and ill health. Many remember Kirkeberg as a stately man and a stern teacher of the faith. An important work began while he was pastor - the organization of the Young People's Society, which now functions as "The Luther League."

In 1919, after the resignation of Rev. Kirkeberg, Rev. A. O. Running accepted the call and remained until 1938. Shortly after leaving, he became ill and died. Rev. Running endeared himself to everyone in the congregation. During his nineteen year stay the congregation saw many changes. One of the most important material thing was the purchase of the old Kringle School. The old frame schoolhouse was moved to the site across the road from the church. The site had been given to the church by Gabriel Kringle. The building was repaired, a furnace installed and later a kitchen added. This served as auditorium for the various meetings of the church. The building was named "Ioka Hall," which in the Indian language means

"Beautiful." At this time, also, a cross was constructed and placed on the steeple's pinnacle by Tom Berg and Ole C. Hanson of Dallas.

Another cause close to the heart of Rev. Running, and to which he gave countless hours of work, was Luther Park Camp near Chetek. He spent many hours cleaning up the site and helping to improve it. The Luther League built their cabin at the park. Rev. and Mrs. Running had two sons, Halvard and Alf. Alf passed away several years ago, and Halvard is a pastor. They had a pet dog which they considered a member of their household. Many remember their dog "Trofast."

In the early years of the church the cemetery was quite small. More land has been added at different times. In 1922, Anders Syverude gave the congregation \$100 for the improvement of the cemetery. This gave the impetus for the reorganization of the rules, so that each lot holder was to pay \$1 a year for the upkeep. The cost of lots and upkeep have increased several times since then. The plan resulted in marked improvement of the burying place.

Women were given the right to vote in 1931. This involved the alteration of the constitution in 1932.

When Rev. Running resigned, Rev. Hj. S. Froiland became pastor. He and his family came from Mayville, North Dakota, in June 1939. Pastor Froiland served the parish until 1956. During his time extensive work was done on the church. The condition of loka hall was such that it needed considerable work if it were to be used. Instead of repairing it, the congregation decided to build a basement under the church. In 1947 this was done. When completed it included a modern kitchen, a furnace room with a bin-fed stoker furnace, a new well and an automatic pump. At this same time a new Menshall-Estey electric organ was purchased. This organ was dedicated on Sunday, November 13, 1949. On July 11, 1948 a cornerstone was laid by District President Dr. Anderson.

At the annual business meeting in 1952, plans for a thorough renovating and redecorating job emerged. The interior was stripped to the bare studdings and outside walls. After being insulated, the interior was finished with plaster board. The chancel was changed, a new floor of tile was laid, a raised space for the organ and choir stall was provided and stained glass windows were added. The interior of the church was then painted by an artist in church decorating. His skillful use of color, symbols and words of scripture has given the church unique beauty and has been an inspiration to all who worship. Some carpeting was added, the pulpit was lowered and the altar was painted to blend with that of the church. (We were unable to find any records of what the cost of the painting was. A note in the Ladies Aid Treasurer's book for 1953 states "On June 4, 1953 drew out all of the fund to redecorate the church. The amount \$1,397.60.") In 1954 and 1955 washrooms were installed, the basement was decorated and the floor of the basement covered with tile.

Rev. Froiland resigned in 1956 and served a parish at Sunburg, Minn. from 1957-1964. He passed away March 20, 1985 at the age of 103. Mrs. Froiland is gratefully remembered for the work she did with the choir and her help in many of the activities carried on. The music cabinet near the pulpit was donated in her memory.

Rev. Duane Bottjen accepted the call in 1957. There was no need for any major physical improvements to church property. Many new items were added as memorials to members who were laid to rest in God's Acre. A large lighted bulletin board designed and constructed by Mr. and Mrs.

Noah Kringle was placed in front of the church. Three large, much needed, blackboard dividers were added to the Sunday School rooms. The name, "Nye Scandinavia" was changed to its literal translation of "New Scandinavia". This was done to eliminate the confusion resulting in the mispronunciation of the word "Nye".

The proposed constitution was adopted, with few alterations in 1963. This led to the appointment of a Parish Education Committee. Its duties consist of the responsibility of promoting adult and youth education within the parish. The three members each serve three years, one being elected each year. They help plan and recruit teachers for Sunday School and the Bible School in the summer.

Early in December 1963, Pastor Bottjen informed the council of a call from the parish in Cashton, Wisconsin. After prayerfully considering this call, he felt God had called him and on January 26, 1964, he preached his farewell sermon.

A call was extended to Rev. Lyle Ness, who accepted. He held his first service on Palm Sunday, 1964. In 1965 a new educational unit was planned and built. It consists of seven classrooms and an assembly area. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Petterson planned and donated a small, attractive altar for the area. At the center is a painting, "The Head of Christ". On either side is a door, which has on the inside a specially wrought candle holder with candle. On the middle of the table is a Bible, flanked on either side by a gilded cross. When devotional programs are held, the altar doors are opened, emitting love, mercy, hope and salvation. When not in use the doors are kept closed to protect it. Each new classroom has been furnished with the needed items by family memorials. The facilities of this new unit have proved indispensable. Hardly a day or evening passes that these facilities are not being used. A utility shed was built in 1972 to house the lawn mower and other implements. The parking lots were also resurfaced.

The nave, chancel, sacristy, narthex and cloakroom were carpeted in, 1973. The total cost was \$1,772.77. The A.L.C.W. paid \$910, with the mission circles helping. Donations amounted to \$75. The balance of the carpet installation was paid from the general budget and carpet fund.

The A.L.C.W., Family Fellowship, Mission Circles, Luther League and Sunday School grew in membership and their devotion and faithfulness contributed much to congregational efforts and endeavors. In November 1973, Pastor Lyle Ness resigned, having accepted a call to Lyster and Modena, a two-point parish near Nelson, Wisconsin.

Pastor Nels S. Magelssen was installed on February 3, 1974. He came to Wisconsin from Muskegon, Mich. The membership roll was updated and a church directory with members pictures was made. There were 328 baptized members at this time. In 1975 Pastor Magelssen and other former pastors helped us celebrate our 100th Anniversary. Pastor Magelssen retired in 1982 and moved to Eau Claire, Wis.

Pastor Erling Carlsen was installed and gave his first sermon on May 2, 1982, as the pastor of Dallas and New Scandinavia Lutheran Churches. He and his family moved to Dallas the latter part of April after serving at Blair Lutheran, Zion First and Fagernes Lutheran, in a team ministry for ten years. The educational unit was insulated in 1982. In 1984 the steeple was reshingled and a new steeple cross added. Pastor Carlsen resigned in the spring of 1987 to accept a call to a church at Rockford, Illinois.

Pastors Mark and Linnea Papke-Larson were installed as our pastors in July 1987. Having a couple serve as our pastors was a new experience for our congregation. They left on August 4, 1991.

Pastor Alice Hill from Clear Lake, Wis. served as interim pastor from August 4, 1991 to November 30, 1991.

Pastor David Kebschull was installed as pastor on December 8, 1991, but began his ministry here on December 1. A new Allen Digital Organ was purchased in 1993. The church was resided with new vinyl siding in 1993 which greatly enhanced the appearance. A handicap ramp was built for access to the church basement, a new well put in, a new furnace donated and installed by Rick & Steve Watkins, and a Sunday School room was converted into an office. The altarware and chandeliers were refinished in 1995. A building needs committee was established to look into making the Church handicap accessible. Pastor Dave resigned to accept a call to Ezekiel Lutheran Church at River Falls, Wis. in November of 1996.

The Congregation was served by interim pastors Harold Oelschlager and Gerald Hibbard from November 1996 to September 1997.

Pastor Ralph Marquardt was installed as our pastor in October, 1997. A new Micron Computer, laser printer and fireproof file for Church records were purchased in 1998. In 2000 plans are being considered for a church entry with handicap accessibility and addition above the educational unit.

Through the congregation, God has called two pastors, the late Rev. C. S. Lystig, son of Mrs. Karen Lystig, and the Rev. Joe Haugestuen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Haugestuen.

As the church has grown and changed so have the people that comprise it. It had as its beginning a foundation built by Norse settlers and immigrants. Gradually they absorbed the ways of their adopted country and by the time that Rev. Froiland left, only one Norse service was held each month. Only a handful were there who could understand the Norse language. Now it is heard only in the friendly greetings exchanged by the members attending services at the church.

Through the years many of our youth have been encouraged and renewed in their faith through attending Bible Camp at Luther Park, Outlaw Ranch in South Dakota, Boundary Waters Canoe Trips, National Youth Gatherings in Denver and San Antonio, and Lutheran Youth Encounter gatherings.

Many people have given their time, effort, and means to further His kingdom and spread the gospel. We are especially thankful to God for our pastors and the divine guidance that has made it possible for the congregation to grow, live and serve according to God's will, and for the untiring efforts of all those who have given so generously of their time and means.

On August 5th and 6th the church is celebrating its 125th anniversary. The events include renewal of Confirmation vows and greetings from former pastors, and Synod Bishop Robert Berg speaking at the Sunday service.

In March 2000, Susan Kumm (Bender, after marriage) was hired as parish secretary replacing Beatrice Amdall.

Pastor Ralph Marquardt retired in November 2005, and Pastor Robert Friese began his ministry as interim pastor in December 2005. On Sept. 10, 2006 he was installed as our full time pastor.

During 2006, a new church directory was published, repairs were made to the bell tower, and a handicap lift was installed. In 2007 Karen Kurshner was hired as parish secretary, replacing Susan Bender.

In about 2008 Arthur Huset began video taping the church service and he and Gladys deliver the videos to shut-in members so they can see the service as well as hear it. He had been making cassette tapes of the service since about 1972.

In 2008 a new entry was added in order to enclose the outside steps which needed replacement. This was done with volunteer labor and resulted in a beautiful entrance that gave people a great view of the altar area and picture of the Good Shepherd as they entered the door. It was all paid for within a year. The handicap lift was updated to three stages, so it was accessible to the basement, the front entrance level and sanctuary. New lights were added to the basement and painting and many other improvements done.

On December 10, 2010 our beautiful old church was destroyed by fire. It was determined that it had been vandalized and set on fire. Two young men were later apprehended

and charged with arson. They spent a short time in prison and then out on probation. The day after the fire there was a big snowstorm which covered the remains of the church in several inches of snow. Several members of the congregation salvaged what they could from the contents of the church basement. The upper level was completely destroyed, but they did find and recover 3 of the original light fixtures and 2 of the stained glass windows.

New Scandinavia members were invited to worship at the Dallas Church and they also provided space for storage and other needs, which was very much appreciated. The congregations had joint services and Sunday School classes until the new church was built.

After months of healing and praying about the loss of our church, a poll was taken to determine if members wished to rebuild or join with Dallas. The poll indicated that they would like to rebuild and a later vote was to rebuild, 54-29 in favor.

Karen Kurshner resigned as secretary and JoHanna Hundley was hired as the new secretary in July 2011 and she remained in that position until July 2013. Becky Loftus was hired as secretary in October 2013.

A church website was created by Carrie Popple, which can be viewed at www.newscandinaviachurch.org. It features church news, calendar, pictures, and history.

In January 2013, Jerry and Barb Huset traveled to Honduras with Living Waters, International to help dig a well which was paid for by our church.

A youth group was started in 2012 that meets monthly and has been active in community service, fund raising and youth activities.

A short candlelight service was held at the new church on Christmas Eve, 2012. The Dedication and first worship service was held on May 19, 2013.

After the preliminary plans were developed, architect and contractors hired, the groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 29, 2012 and rebuilding began in August. Demolition and site preparation was done by Antczak Construction Co. Tom Ebler, Jr. was instrumental in drawing up the preliminary sketches of the building. Bob Sexton of Rice Lake Engineering was hired as architect with Bill Kurchinsky drawing the plans, and Clint Doege as general contractor. The church received 1.1 million dollars in insurance money for rebuilding.

The altar area of the new church was made to resemble the altar area of our old church with members of the congregation crafting some of the furnishings.

The altar back was expertly crafted by Jerry Huset to replicate the old altar. He also built the wooden coat rack for the entry. Apparently woodworking runs in the family as the original altar was constructed by Martin Granum, a brother of Jerry's Great-grandmother.

Gary Wigen did a great job of constructing the lectern and base of the altar and staging for the sound system. Gary earlier had built a nice bench using wood from the old stairway when the new entry was built, (the bench was paid for by Tom & Jean Ebler in memory of their daughter, Lorraine.) He also made many wooden plaques with a picture of the old church using wood and nails salvaged from the burned church.

The beautiful altar picture of the Good Shepherd was painted by Tootie (Bakken) Larson, in memory of Tom and Evelyn Bakken and her brother, Donald. She made two other paintings in memory of Halvor Bakken. A stepping stone made with stained glass from one of the church windows was made by Carolyn Stoyke in memory of Carl & Martha Bakken. This was placed on the outside wall near the entry door.

Tom Ebler, Jr. also used his woodworking skills in constructing an altar area for the Sunday School and bulletin boards. Kitchen cabinets were constructed by Koehn Builders, and he also built the pulpit and baptismal font.

Robert Bryngelson, Building Committee Chairman, was instrumental in salvaging and restoring the beautiful original light fixtures and stained glass windows, and getting the new steeple built. Jim Reckert had made the cross for the front of the old church and now cleaned and repaired it. Paul Martinson and Tom Ebler, Jr. did the stonework on the front of the 20 church entry.

Darrvol & VirJean Hedtke, Gary & Marion Wigen, Jerry & Barb Huset, and many others spent many hours moving “stuff”, supervising, and whatever

needed doing. Rick Broten, Arthur Huset, Gary Wigen and Doug Severude worked on the sound and video system.

A Rodgers organ and a Yamaha electronic piano were purchased for the sanctuary. The piano was given in memory of Oscar and Delores (Toots) Rasmussen.

The first service and dedication was held in the new church on May 19, 2013 with about 200 people attending. A public Open House was held on June 22.

In November of 2014 we welcomed Interim pastor Dale Horner to fill in until we called a new pastor. We started a card ministry to reach the ill and shut-in members. The project of a pictorial directory was finished. Thanks to some donations from members’ we purchased matching stained glass windows for the sanctuary.

May 17, 2015 brought us a new style of rostered leader. Minister Heather Kistner joined us as a Synodically Authorized Minister as a member of (TEEM). She was a seminary student that would be our pastor until ordained. Jerry and Barb Huset went to Honduras to drill wells for Living Water International. Pastor Heather started a Blaze Orange service at hunting season, and a Hanging of the Greens service to start Advent.

During 2016 Pastor Heather accompanied our group of young people on a mission trip to Hawaii to work with Wounded Warrior Project and the homeless. We hired a new parish secretary Rhonda Candler. This is the year that we hosted an ordination service for Heather Kistner as she finished her schooling at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary/ We started a new opportunity to do a river float sponsored by the Gary Wigen family.

In 2017 Pastor Heather started Theology on tap where people gathered to share ideas and questions about their faith and have an adult beverage and a sandwich. We also had a ski and tube trip to Christy Mountain near Bruce. To finish our beautiful building the railing was installed along the sidewalks and the blacktop was coated and striped.

2018 brought a growth campaign in which we had Kindness coins made for the members to hand out to people of the community to help invite them to our small country church. We created a Facebook Group for our members to connect with each other. We sponsored a multigenerational trip to The Ark Encounter, and creation Museum. This was well attended. During the summer we had Fam-Ventures events consisting of the river float, Day trip to Wakanda Water Parks, and a community Hayride and bonfire attended mt many members and friends.

In 2019 we were able to send our youth to California on a mission trip, and started a Men’s Bible study on Sundays after service. We welcomed our Bridge Pastor Emily Stelling for September and October. Pastor Pete Friberg joined us in November as our Interim pastor to guide us through this tie of change. We took the Church Assessment Tool to help us in figuring out our future.

2020 brought us an Intern Lucy Hardie, a student from Wartburg Theological Seminary. It has been a difficult year as we are suffering during the Covid-19 pandemic. This has meant virtual Worship services and cancelled activities. We had many Zoom meetings during the year for Sunday School and Confirmation classes along with Pastor Ron Matthews of Barron Lutheran Church.

The fall of 2021 was the time Dallas Lutheran Church decided to go out on their own to join the LCMC. We the called Pastor Ron Gerl as our interim to guide us through the call process. The Churh office was moved to New Scandinavia. It was a learning process for all of us.