

TIMELINE 1907-2025

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The following are excerpts from logbooks of pastors, annual reports, plus minutes of congregational and council meetings:

Spring 1907 - informal discussions among members of Southern District of Spring Prairie Evangelical Lutheran Church in Keyeser and their neighbors who belonged to the Hauges Lutheran Church in Keyeser .[Mandt, Strand, Skrenes, Reinen, Larson, Rutlin, Quamme, Bjørnson, Bareis, Bøyum, Nordness, Vethe, Vigen, Vagen, Dahle, Reindahl, Tjugum, Ulvestad, Knutson, Krøger, Kvalheim, Hove, Mikkelsen, Severson, Simonson, etc.]

June 19, 1907 - first documented meeting with Rev. L. S. J. Reque and other members of the Southern District of Spring Prairie Evangelical Lutheran Church about the desire to form a separate congregation closer to their homes in Bristol Township.

June 23, 1907 - 2:30 p.m. - first Lutheran worship service in Bristol Township led by Rev. L. S. J. Reque. [Andreas Reinen home] followed by the first congregational meeting of those interested in forming a new congregation.

July 10, 1907 - Rev. Reque met with Bristol Township leaders of Southern District of Spring Prairie Lutheran Church.

July 14, 1907 - 2:30 p.m. - second worship service in Bristol Township led by Rev. L. S. J. Reque.

July 24, 1907 - Rev. Reque met with Bristol Township leaders of Southern District of Spring Prairie Lutheran Church.

July 29, 1907 - second congregational meeting with Rev. Reque in Bristol Township. At this meeting incorporation papers were signed to form a new congregation.

July 30, 1907 - incorporation papers filed by Rev. Reque for new congregation.

August 11, 1907 - 3:00 p.m. - third worship service in Bristol Township led by Rev. L. S. J. Reque.

August 28, 1907 - meeting with Bristol Township leaders of new congregation.

September 1, 1907 - 10:30 a.m. - worship service in Bristol Township in Norwegian then in English.

September 18, 1907 - third congregational meeting in Bristol Township.

October 2, 1907 - fourth congregational meeting with Rev. Reque in Bristol Township.

October 20, 1907 - joint worship service and whole parish meeting at Norway Grove - to vote on reconfiguring the parish - Spring Prairie, Norway Grove, Bristol, and both congregations in DeForest.

October 23, 1907 - fifth congregational meeting with Rev. Reque in Bristol Township for organizing the congregation.

November 13, 1907 - sixth congregational meeting with Rev. Reque in Bristol Township.

December 1, 1907 - worship service and seventh congregational meeting with Rev. Reque in Bristol Township.

December 14, 1907 - Agreement to Purchase Methodist-Episcopal Church property, which consisted of a one-room sanctuary with a basement divided into Sunday school rooms, a meeting hall, a kitchen with a stairway up to the pulpit area, and a rear exit door. Signers were T. O. Mandt, John Rutlin, Ole Burnson, E. E. Tjugum, Thomas Skrenes, H. H. Reindahl, and Andreas Reinen. Price was \$1,200. Earnest money paid was \$250.

January 5, 1908 - first time Rev. Johan Arnd Aasgaard preached in Bristol Township. He did not conduct a worship service that day but was invited to speak to see if the congregation would accept him if he were later called.

January 13, 1908 - T. O. Mandt conducted the eighth congregational meeting in Bristol Township. Men aged 21 or older were permitted to vote as the first Constitution was adopted. Rev. J. A. Aasgaard was not present, but at this meeting it was voted to call him to serve temporarily as pastor and for the congregation to join the United Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.

February 9, 1908 - first worship service that Rev. J. A. Aasgaard conducted in Bristol Township.

February 12, 1908 - first meeting of Ladies Aid at home of T. O. Mandt.

March 8, 1908 - morning worship with first time communion was served to Bristol congregation by Rev. Aasgaard.

March 22, 1908 - Rev. H. B. Kildahl led worship.

March 29, 1908 - Rev. C. J. M. Grønlid led worship.

March 31, 1908 - at the parsonage in DeForest, Rev. Aasgaard officiated at the first wedding for members of Bristol congregation - Karl Reinen and Nellie Møller.

April 12, 1908 - Palm Sunday worship with communion by Rev. Aasgaard.

April 20, 1908 - day after Easter Sunday - worship with Rev. Aasgaard and ninth congregational meeting in Bristol Township. It was decided to have two-months religion school and pay \$30 salary plus costs. Hans Larson was elected as School Superintendent.

April 26, 1908 - morning worship.

May 6, 1908 - first meeting of Young Folks Society at home of Arne Weigen.

May 24, 1908 - morning worship.

May 28, 1908 - meeting with Hans Larson to organize first summer “religion school.”

May 30, 1908 - meeting to recognize children’s instruction. This was Rev. Aasgaard’s first time to meet with the children and their parents to talk about the summer parochial school, Sunday school, and pre-confirmation catechism classes.

June 1, 1908 - morning worship with preaching by seminary student C. M. Horneland.

June 16, 1908 - Warranty Deed from Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church signed; it was registered October 2, 1908.

June 21, 1908 - morning worship with preaching by C. M. Horneland.

June 23, 1908 - first funeral of the congregation was for five-year-old Adolf Erickson, stepchild of Thor Kvalheim. The funeral was conducted by Rev. P. A. Dietrichsen.

July 19, 1908 - morning worship with preaching by C. M. Horneland.

July 20, 1908 - religion school begun by C. M. Horneland. [weekdays for two months]

August 2, 1908 - worship with C. M. Horneland and fall session of Sunday School began.

August 16, 1908 - morning worship with C. M. Horneland.

September 6, 1908 - school fest (end of summer weekday parochial school) with C. M. Horneland and catechism students enrolled for pre-confirmation instruction.

October 18, 1908 - morning worship with preaching by Rev. P. J. Johnson plus two baptisms.

October 20, 1908 - pre-confirmation instruction began.

November 8, 1908 - morning worship and communion.

December 15, 1908 - purchased _____?___ from Gjoldies for \$700; _____?___ for \$445.

December 22, 1908 - collection to pay bill to Gjoldies.

December 27, 1908 - Rev. Aasgaard present for evening *Jultrefest*, a Christmas Tree Festival. Offering collected was payment for pastor. [His other logbook indicated it was January 1, 1909.]

January 10, 1909 - morning worship at Bristol.

January 11, 1909 - annual congregational meeting voted \$100 for school items not donated; \$145 to pay off debts.; \$15 to pay church warden. Hans Bøyum and A. Johnson families joined; Rev. Aasgaard authorized to purchase altar for \$155.00. Andreas Reinen chosen as first warden. Committee to repair steps to altar was chosen – John Rutlin, Sjur Ulvestad, and Andreas Reinen. Re-elected as Trustee for 3 years was Targe O. Mandt. Elected to collect oats for the pastor’s horses were Torkjeld Skrenes, Jens Mikkelsen, and Sjur Ulvestad.

February 2, 1909 - morning worship with baptism of four children of Halvor Reindahl.

February 21, 1909 - morning worship and *County Optiva Petition to stent*.

March 7, 1909 - morning worship with baptism.

March 21, 1909 - morning worship.

March 23 & 30 - children's instruction.

April 3, 1909 - morning worship.

April 4, 1909 - Palm Sunday - worship with dedication of altar.

April 12, 1909 - morning worship - Hageroy Jorgenson & wife joined.

May 2, 1909 - morning worship.

May 4, 11, 18, 25 - children's instruction.

May 8, 1909 - morning worship.

May 23, 1909 - morning worship.

June 20, 1909 - seminary student P. E. Nelson spoke about China where his parents were missionaries when he was a child. [This is the first example of Mission Fest.]

June 28, 1909 - pastoral candidate M. J. Berge began two months of religion school with 30 children. He was paid \$40 per month.

July 4, 1909 - M. J. Berge preached.

July 10, 1909 - "shake Evangelicals" sermon by Rev. Aasgaard.

July 18, 1909 - M. J. Berge preached.

August 1, 1909 - M. J. Berge preached.

August 22, 1909 - school fest.

August 29, 1909 - morning worship.

September 19, 1909 - morning worship.

October 22, 1909 - morning worship with questioning of pre-confirmation class.

October 31, 1909 - Reformation Sunday- more extensive questioning of pre-confirmation class by Rev. G. G. Krostu who preached in Norwegian; confirmation; building dedicated by Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen; Rev. Otto Mostrom preached in the p.m. in English after reception into United Norwegian Lutheran Church. After this acceptance, delegates were annually elected to represent the Bristol congregation at district meetings of the UNLC.

November 28, 1909 - first communion for the confirmation class.

December 25, 1909 - Christmas worship.

January 10, 1910 - annual congregational meeting. It was the first time the pastor received a salary of \$100 instead of a collection; religion school teacher was paid \$60. paint for church cost \$70. Jacob Møller chosen as leader of choir. Torkjeld Skrenes elected trustee for 3 years.

May 15, 1910 - Rev. Dietrichsen preached.

August 21, 1910 - worship and school fest after six weeks of religion school.

September 18, 1910 - worship and congregational meeting. Ole Tweiten and family joined.

October 9, 1910 - Mission Fest proceeds given to mission for Norwegian Children and to the Martin Luther orphan's home in Stoughton.

October 18, 1910 - baptism of Julian Johnson plus children's instruction.

October 26, 1910 - Ladies Aid plus children's instruction.

January 2, 1911 - funeral for Arnold Harold Hanson age 4 months 8 days.

January 9, 1911 - Of the 41 confirmed members and 87 souls present, 21 men were entitled to vote. Six weeks of summer religion school were approved along with staking the grave lots, fencing the cemetery, and repairing the sheds. Representatives were sent to a United Norwegian Lutheran Church synod meeting.

February 12, 1911 - Delegates to a conference - Tom Simonson and Jay Strand.

March 12, 1911 - worship led by Rev. Otto Mostrum with a baptism.

May 14, 1911 - Rev. Aasgaard resigned to accept a call to serve Concordia College. The congregation invited the pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc to provide 12 sermons and be paid \$125.

May 28, 1911 - worship and offering to enroll and organize students for religion school.

July 16, 1911 - worship and catechization of pre-confirmation students by Prof. C. O. Solberg with sermon in English. Six weeks of religion school completed with 36 students taught by Miss Marion Aasgaard, sister of Rev. J. A. Aasgaard.

July 20, 1911 - pre-confirmation instruction.

July 30, 1911 - seminary student P. C. Forseth preached.

August 21, 1911 - discussion and practice procession with confirmands.

August 27, 1911 - morning worship, confirmation, communion, baptism, and resignation of Rev. J. A. Aasgaard. [It was unusual to have first communion at the same service as confirmation, but

the pastor was apparently anxious to leave the area.]

September, 1911 – June, 1914 - Rev. Christian S. Thompson (originally from Spokane, WA) served the congregation. He provided statistical reports, served as foreman of the congregational meetings, hired the summer school teacher, held separate offerings for “inner mission” and “heathen mission.” and attended Ladies Aid meetings.

January 8, 1912 - congregational meeting voted to hold religion school in May and June. Decision to pay half of pastor’s salary in June and half in December instead of all at end of year.

January - mission service - Rev O. J. M. Wilhelmson preached a.m. and Rev. Christ S. Thompson in p.m.

February 12, 1912 - worship with communion.

February 27, 1912 - wedding

April 3, 1912 - funeral for Mary Orvald

June 23, 1912 - funeral for Magnus Nieman Vethe age 4 ½.

July 15, 1912 - Mission Fest - Rev. O. J. M. Wilhelmson a.m.; Rev. Christian S. Thompson p.m.; religion school begun with O. C. Torgerson as teacher for six weeks.

August 25, 1912 - Religion School Fest in p.m.

September 22, 1912 - Mission Fest - Rev. N. A. Stubkjær of DeForest a.m. in Norwegian; Rev. Christian S. Thompson in English in p.m.

September 26, 1912 - funeral for Ole Twiton

_____, 1912 - bell which is used today was purchased from _____ at a cost of \$ _____. It was paid for by the Ladies’ Aid and the Young People societies. Andreas Reinen (who had only one arm, having lost the left in a corn shredder) rang the bell. He also was the first janitor.

November 2, 1912, additional land on the southwest corner was purchased for \$65 from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dahle for cemetery use.

November 7, 1912 - Plots drawn and lots sold for \$5 or single graves for \$2. Book to record purchases of lots and graves was started. Congregation gave trustees authority to borrow money if not enough was coming in.

January 13, 1913 - congregation voted for six weeks of religion school. Papers such as deeds to be taken care of by Secretary. Authority to borrow money given again.

May 5– June 22, 1913 - religion school with Miss Marion Aasgaard as teacher for six weeks.

June 5, 1913 - private confirmation of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Johnson.

May 12, 1913 - funeral for Oscar Bøyum

June 22, 1913 - School Fest p.m.

September 29, 1913 - Mission Fest - Rev. C. J. Nølstad a.m. in Norwegian; Rev. Christian S. Thompson p.m. in English.

October 26, 1913 confirmation after had met with students 30 times since September 5, 1912.

January 12, 1914 - congregation gave money to Norway's Jubilation fund (which helped pay for its 100-year celebration of its declaration of independence) and Ladies Aid paid the balance on the cemetery land.

March 1, 1914 - congregational meeting; voted for 6 weeks of religion school with Miss Marion Aasgaard.

May 1, 1914 - congregational meeting at which Rev. Thomson resigned. An interim clerk from Oconomowoc would serve temporarily. Call Committee - T. O. Mandt, John Rutlin, Andreas Reinen, and Ludvig Strand negotiated for a new pastor.

July 12, 1914 - Rev. Peter Emil Nelson (also of Oconomowoc) installed by Rev. Stubkjær of DeForest. Rev. Nelson presided at congregational meetings, provided statistical reports, but made no major changes or improvements.

September 14, 1916 - Ladies Aid

September 27, 1914 - baptism of Alin Nickolina [or Olin Nickolas]Ilgen & Stanly Winifred Miller.

October 2, 1914 - 8:00 worship service in English

October 3, 1914 - questioning of confirmands

October 25, 1914 - questioning of confirmands 9 a.m.; Mission Fest 10:30 in Norwegian - baptism of Harold Oliver Skrenes & Norman Sigurd Skrenes; dedication of church yard 2 p.m.; sermon at 2:30 p.m. in English.

November 12, 1914 - questioning of confirmands 10 a.m.; Ladies Aid 2:30

December 9, 1914 - Ladies Aid and questioning of confirmands

December 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1914 - questioning of confirmands a.m. and p.m.

January 11, 1915 - congregational meeting.

May 29, 1915 - School Fest.

June 27, 1915 - confirmation.

_____, 1915 - Mission Fest - with candidate for theology degree, B. N. Nelson.

September 29, 1915 - funeral for Anne Kristina Reinen who died of diphtheria

December 3, 1915 - sick visit to Ole Burnson

January 10, 1916 -Theodore Jensen family accepted as members. Collectors asked \$1 from each girl and \$2 for each boy confirmed where before they had collected only from head of household on an annual basis.

March 23, 1916 - wedding of Henry Reinen and Minnie Larson

_____, 1916 - Mission Fest Rev. O. J. M. Wilhelmson a.m.; Rev. P. E. Nelson p.m.

July 23, 1916 - Rev. P. E. Nelson resigned but would serve until next pastor came. He stayed until November 26, 1916, when he gave his *avskjedspreken* (farewell sermon).

January, 1917, a merger of three Lutheran synods was finalized. That year Bristol was served by three neighboring pastors – N. A. Stubkjaer of the United Norwegian Lutheran Synod, L. S. J. Reque of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and J. N. Walstead of the Hauges Norwegian Lutheran Synod – representing the three Lutheran bodies who had merged. Each pastor was paid 1/3 salary. Services were every two weeks in the afternoon. Rev. Reque conducted 11 worship services while Rev. Walstead conducted nine plus the confirmation classes. Rev. Stubkjær gave an oral report, so his number wasn't noted in the minutes.

January 8, 1917 - congregation chose Andreas Reinen delegate and Ludvig Strand alternate to District Meeting. Ladies Aid agreed to pay for cement for basement floor; Theodore Jensen to get the gravel; men do the work of cementing floor in basement.

June 10, 1917 - Trustees Meeting - Andreas Skrenes died and was replaced with Theodore Jensen as interim trustee.

October 21, 1917 - Mission Fest - Rev. L. S. J. Reque a.m. Rev. J. N. Walstead p.m.; congregational meeting at which Ed Hoel joined; John Rutlin was delegate to a meeting in Stoughton. Call Committee (Andreas Reinen, Ludvig Strand, and Theodore Jensen) asked Rev. Reque to serve Bristol congregation.

January 1, 1918 - Rev. L. S. J. Reque accepted a call to Bristol, in addition to his duties at Spring Prairie Lutheran Church.

January 21, 1918 - congregational meeting was held a week later because of bad roads. It was postponed again until February 10 then April 7. It was voted to pay \$150 per year to Rev. Nelson for his past services. A letter of call was issued to Rev. Reque agreeing to pay him the same amount as Rev. Nelson had received.

September 15, 1918 - Rev Reque resigned to accept a call to Galesville, WI. Rev. J. N. Walstead served temporarily. Rev. Walstead was paid \$35 for remainder of 1918 after Reque left.

November 3, 1918 - congregation chose a committee (Andrew Reinen, Ludvig Strand, Tom Waagen, Hans Larson, and John Rutlin) to confer with Spring Prairie as to the possibility of sharing the pastor being called to that site. Since Rev. C. G. Naeseth would also serve the small Norway Grove faction in DeForest and the former Hauges Synod church in Morrisonville, the

committee recommended to continue the arrangement with Rev. Walstead, who at that time was serving at Lodi.

January 1, 1919 - regular services began every other Sunday at 2:30 p.m. led by Rev. J. N. Walstead who then also served Trinity Lutheran in Madison. On intervening Sundays, Bible class and Sunday School were held until 1947.

January 13, 1919 - elected Andreas Reinen delegate and Ludvig Strand as alternate to the annual District Meeting. Andreas Reinen and Theodore Jensen were elected as assessors ; two from each congregation in the parish - Spring Prairie Evangelical, Spring Prairie Hauges, Bristol, Morrisonville, and DeForest met to set the value on DeForest congregation's share of the cemetery at Keyeser.

March 11, 1919 - funeral for Mrs. Matt Strand.

May 11, 1919 - communion

May 14, 1919 - Bristol voted to be independent, not a part of Spring Prairie Lutheran parish and not subject to the pastor of that parish. Ladies Aid met.

July 24, 1919 - funeral for Ole Boyum

October 5, 1919 - Mission Fest - Speaker not noted.

November 2, 1919 - President of Synod preached.

November 30, 1919 - communion.

December 28, 1919 - *Jultrefest*.

In 1919, sixteen services were in Norwegian and two in English. Rev. Walstead met with confirmands 25 times.

January 12, 1920 - Ladies Aid at 10:30 a.m. with annual meeting after. Walstead asked to continue serving congregation for 1 year. Norwegian services continued afternoons. Youth group to hold meetings once per month in English. Charlie Tjugum family joined.

February 8, 1920 - Rev. C. G. Naeseth preached 2:30 p.m.

March 7, 1920 - Rev. C. G. Naeseth preached 2:30 p.m.

April 11, 1920 - communion.

May 20, 1920 - funeral for Andrew Bøyum.

June 6, 1920 - children's meeting [Pastor met with them occasionally as part of the Sunday school activities led by lay people].

July 11, 1920 - confirmation a.m.; communion in p.m. Professor Lön was paid \$30 [for religion school].

July 15, 1920 - children's meeting.

August 4, 1920 - Ladies Aid.

August 8, 1920 - children's meeting.

August 29, 1920 - Mission Fest - speaker not noted.

October 11, 1920 - children's meeting.

December 25, 1920 - *Jultrefest* - offering given to Martin Luther Children's Home \$38.14.

In 1920, worship was held in Norwegian 20 times, in English 5 times; and four times with the Young Folks Society; Pastor met with pre-confirmation classes 18 times.

January 10, 1921 - Andrew Reinen elected first superintendent of graves. A more complete plat of the cemetery was requested. Walstead was paid as salary \$87.38 – what was left in treasury.

1921 - worship alternated between Norwegian and English; children's meetings continued; pastor met with pre-confirmation students 19 times.

October 20, 1921 - Mission Fest - Rev. T. O. Thompson a.m. and p.m. \$103.74 was collected for missions.

December 25, 1921 - *Jultrefest* - offering was given to charity.

January 9, 1922 - Ladies Aid 11:00 a.m. then annual meeting. Collected for "Heathen Mission." Voted to start Men's Brotherhood organization, which met 4 times that year. Elected Tom Vågen as president; Andrew Reinen as vice-president; Jacob Møller as secretary-treasurer. Mabel Skrenes as organist received yearly offering instead of salary.

March 1, 1922 - Ladies Aid - Mrs. Ole Midthun and her sister were hostesses.

March 19 & Feb 26, 1922 - Children's meetings.

April 9, 1922 communion.

April 16, 1922 - Easter.

April 23, 1922 - children didn't meet that day because of interrogation of confirmands; confirmation 11 a.m. after students had met 31 times; communion 2 p.m.

June 8, 1922 - Ladies Aid at Mrs. Kari Weigen's 2:30 p.m.

June 28, 1922 - Young Folks Society 8 p.m.

Logbooks up to this time were translated from Norwegian. From this time through 1949 notes were found in a combination of Norwegian and English.

July 16, 1922 - children's meeting.

October 25, 1922 - Mission Fest - no speaker noted - and Ladies Aid.

October 29, 1922 - pre- confirmation classes begun

Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec 29, 16, 23, 1922 - adult class

December 25, 1922 - *Jultrefest*

In 1922, Rev. Walstead met with pre-confirmation class 30 times, held 18 worship services (13 in English), attended 5 Ladies' Aid meetings, and 4 Men's Brotherhood meetings.

January 8, 1923 - Voted to put new roof on church; *kalsimanert* on inside. Money from men's, women's, and youth organizations paid for the improvements. John Auby family joined. Voted to install new cement floor in lower level. Pastor's salary to be paid every six months instead of at end of year. Sunday school classes to be held after worship at 2:30 p.m.

May 27, June 10, July 15, 1923 - Young Folks Society 8 p.m. It was unusual for a pastor to meet with this group every month.

June 3, 1923 confirmation a.m.; communion p.m.

September 13, 1923 - Mission Fest - Rev. Stubkjær spoke a.m and p.m.

December 22, 1923 - Sunday School Christmas Service 8 p.m.

December 25, 1923 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2 p.m.

January 7, 1924 - annual meeting postponed because of snow and cold

January 14, 1924 - reported that cement floor put in lower level was fully paid. Two exits were provided. New hot-air furnace installed for \$150. Andrew Reinen went early to each meeting to start it. Bills remaining \$30. Insurance paid on church \$140. Ole Moe family joined. Delegates to annual convention were Ludvig Strand and Charlie Tjugum. Final decision on grave lots. Paid balance of treasury to Rev. Walstead. Dues remain same. Afternoon services all year.

July 6, 1924 - confirmation.

July 20, 1924 - communion in English.

July 27, 1924 - communion in Norwegian. For several years the language of communion alternated.

August 24, 1924 - Mission Fest - Norwegian 11 a.m.; English p.m. - speakers not noted.

December 21, 1924 - Sunday School Christmas service in English 8 p.m.

December 25, 1924 - Christmas service in Norwegian 2 p.m.

January 12 [or 13?], 1925 - Josephine Strand chosen as organist and paid \$20 per year. Mabel Skrenes given an additional \$5 for prior year. Ole Moe and Jens Mikkelson delegates to District Meeting. Voted to purchase electric lights; Theodore Jensen, Matt Strand and Mrs. Marie

Skrenes were elected to choose the light fixtures.

February 1, 1925 - Rev. C. G. Naeseth preached 2:30 p.m. in English; classes at 10 a.m.

May 30, 1925 - Meeting to further organize things at church. Collections this year used reduced tax list, meaning that inactive families had been dropped from the membership rolls.

August 2, 1925 - confirmation 11 a.m.

August 9, 1925 - communion 2:30 p.m.

September 27, 1925 - Mission Fest - speaker Rev. D. Borge.

October 11, 1925 - Grieg concert 8 p.m.

December 23, 1925 - cantata by Trinity Lutheran Church choir 8 p.m.

December 25, 1925 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

December 26, 1925 - Sunday School Christmas program 3 p.m.

January 18, 1926 - Approved English and Norwegian worship services every other Sunday. Walstead to get \$200 per year salary. Money from Christmas tree service given to the church treasury. Committee elected to purchase organ – Miss Marie Skrenes, Mrs. Theodore Jensen, and Mrs. Hans Nordness. Same membership list used to collect \$10 per member family plus \$2 for each youth confirmed.

April 18, 1926 - cantata by Trinity Lutheran Church choir 8 p.m.

June 1926 - a pump organ was purchased. It required the organist to pedal with both feet while playing the keyboard in order to get the sound to flow through the pipes.

July 18, 1926 - confirmation in English 11 a.m.

July 25, 1926 - communion in English 3 p.m.

September 19, 1926 - worship service in English with wedding of Leonard Skrenes and Violet Finger

October 3, 1926 - Mission Fest - Rev. Fjelstad a.m. Norwegian; p.m. English

December 20, 1926 - Sunday school Christmas program 2 p.m.

January 10, 1927 - annual meeting postponed because of bad weather.

February 7, 1927 - elected Matt Strand and Hans Nordness delegates to District meeting. Rev. Walstead's salary \$250. Approved that a new addition be made to bylaws: Article 3, Paragraph 3 "belongs to domestic unions which use religious rituals. All members are entitled to vote who are 21 years of age." Hereafter women could vote at congregational meetings. Hattie Hermanson and her youngest son joined.

May 1, 1927 - cantata by Trinity Lutheran Church choir 2:30 p.m.

July 31, 1927 - confirmation in English 11 a.m.

August 7, 1927 - communion in English 2:30 p.m.

September 4, 1927 - Mission Fest - a.m Norwegian; p.m. English - no speaker noted.

October 23, 1927 - Sunday School Service 2:30 p.m.

December 22, 1927 - Sunday school Christmas service 8 p.m.

December 25, 1927 - Christmas service in Norwegian.

January 9, 1928 - elected Theodore Jensen and Andrew Reinen delegates to District Meeting. Ole Burnson chosen delegate to Synod Meeting. Rev. Walstead's salary to be \$300. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerstad and daughter Fern joined.

April 1, 1928 - communion.

July 15, 1928 - confirmation in English.

July 16, 1928 - at 20th Anniversary Festival service in Norwegian 11 a.m. Rev. Aasgaard preached. He wrote a 2-page history of the congregation, making it sound as if he had given the first sermon in the area, arranged for the incorporation, presented the constitution, procured the building, and recruited the first members all in 1908. Rev. Aasgaard ignored the original documents from 1907 and did not have access to the logbook of Rev. L. S. J. Reque to find the roots of when, where, and how this congregation was formed prior to Rev. Aasgaard's being called as the second pastor to serve Bristol congregation. This rendition, errors and all, was repeated for celebrations thereafter until 2007.

July 29, 1928 - communion.

September 1, 1928 - pre-confirmation class enrolled.

September 2, 1928 - Mission Fest a.m. Norwegian; p.m. English - no speaker noted.

December 25, 1928 - Christmas service in Norwegian 2 p.m.

December 30, 1928 - Sunday school Christmas program.

January 15, 1929 - annual meeting postponed because of bad weather.

January 21, 1929 - Andrew Reinen was elected warden and paid a salary of \$25 per year. Organist Josephine Strand was paid \$25. Mrs. Norman Nordness was elected Sunday School Superintendent for three years. Hans Nordness and Matt Strand to attend a meeting in Madison Jan 30th. Rev. Walstead was paid \$300 per year. Tom Skrenes was designated to care for trees and replant trees as necessary. Gravelots #47-51 were sold to non-members for \$25 per lot. Matt Strand and Theodore Jensen were elected to repair buildings.

February 17, 1929 - worship service cancelled because of snow storm.

March 31, 1929 - Easter worship service cancelled because of snow storm.

April 7, 1929 - Easter service was held in English 2:30; pre-confirmation class 3:00 p.m.

April 21, 1929 - communion.

July 28, 1929 - confirmation in English 11 a.m.

August 11, 1929 - first communion for confirmands in English 2:30 p.m.

September 1, 1929 - Mission Fest - Rev. O. J. Akre Norwegian in a.m.; English in p.m.

September 7, 1929 - pre-confirmation class enrolled.

December 22, 1929 - Sunday school service 8 p.m.

December 25, 1929 - Christmas worship in Norwegian.

January 13, 1930 - Approved to not change the name of the synod, Norwegian Lutheran Church in America. Approved to take pension plan for pastor.

March 30, April 13, November 9, 1930 - communion.

July 16, 1930 - first time congregation paid into pension plan for pastor.

September 28, 1930 - Sunday school picnic.

December 7, 1930 - confirmation in English with communion at 11 a.m.

December 21, 1930 - Sunday school service 8 p.m.

December 25, 1930 - Christmas service in Norwegian.

In 1930, Josephine Strand, Jane Skrenes, Signy Skrenes, and Edna Betlach were in charge of Young People's Society.

January 12, 1931 - Chose delegates to Synod meeting Ole Burnson and Ludvig Strand and delegate to District meeting Hans Nordness. Harry Hanson joined.

March 15 & 29, 1931 - communion.

July 26, 1931 - confirmation in English 10 a.m.

August 2, 1931 - communion 2:30 p.m.

August 30, 1931 - Mission Fest - Rev. C. O. Thompson 11 a.m Norwegian; 2:00 p.m. English.

December 20, 1931 - Sunday school Christmas program 2 p.m.

December 26, 1931 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

In 1931, the building was painted and the kitchen remodeled.[web]

January 11, 1932 - Chose delegates to Circuit meeting Charles Tjugum and Tom Waagen and delegate to Synod meeting Andrew Reinen. Rev. Walstead received \$300 salary. Trustees had to collect outstanding amount of this salary.

May 29, 1932 - worship service with Golden Wedding celebration for Louis Strand & Theodora Thyse 3 p.m.

July 31, 1932 - confirmation in English 11 a.m.

August 14, 1932 - communion in English 8 p.m.

October 16, 1932 - Mission Fest - Rev. J. A. Wang 11 a.m. Norwegian; 2 p.m. English.

December 25, 1932 - Christmas service at 2:30.

December 26, 1932 - Sunday school Christmas program at 8:00 p.m.

January 9, 1933 Chose delegates to Circuit meeting Ole Moe and Ole Burnson and delegate to Synod meeting Charles Tjugum. Trustees had to collect from unpaid members. First resignation from membership – Lyder Kvammen and family who had moved to Madison.

1933 - Decision to have Easter service in English and Christmas service in Norwegian.

March 17, 1933 - communion in Norwegian.

April 2, 1933 - communion in English.

_____, 1933 - Worship service held in Norwegian 11 a.m. at the Sundfjordlag at Quam's.

September 3, 1933 - Mission Fest - Rev. J. O. Tweten 11 a.m. Norwegian; 2 p.m. English.

September 9, 1933 - pre- confirmation class enrolled.

October 1, 1933 - communion.

December 24, 1933 - Sunday school Christmas program 2 p.m.

December 25, 1933 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

January 8, 1934 - Chose delegates to Circuit meeting Andrew Reinen and Norman Nordness. Approved 16 English and 8 Norwegian worship services. Special collection for paying bills to date. Christian Skaar family joined.

Jul 1, 1934 - confirmation 11 a.m.; communion 8 p.m.

July 8, 1934 - worship in Norwegian at Sundfjordlag 11 a.m.

July 29, 1934 - communion.

September 9, 1934 - pre-confirmation class enrolled.

October 7, 1934 - Mission Fest 11 a.m; 2 p.m. - no speaker noted.

November 4, 1934 - Norwegian sermon by John Melvig.

November 18, 1934 - worship service with catechization at 2:30 p.m.

December 23, 1934 - Sunday school Christmas service 3 p.m.

December 25, 1934 - Christmas service in Norwegian.

1934 - Mrs. Nordness gave \$50 to the budget.

January 14, 1935 - Helen Reinen was paid \$25 as organist. Approved equal English and Norwegian services. 1935 Mrs. Mabel Skaar was Sunday School Superintendent.

March 24, 1935 - Circuit meeting in Rio, WI, - no worship service.

March 31, 1935 - communion in Norwegian.

April 7, 1935 - communion in English.

May & June - Mrs. Walstead taught pre-confirmation classes 2:30 p.m. while Rev. ill.

June 9, 1935 - Rev. Wilhelmsen conducted worship.

June 23, 1935 - Rev. Lars Kleve conducted worship in Norwegian.

July 28, 1935 - confirmation 11 a.m.; communion 8 p.m.

September 7, 1935 - pre- confirmation class enrolled.

September 29, 1935 - Mission Fest - Rev. Wilhelmsen a.m. Norwegian.

September 30, 1935 - Mission Fest - Rev. Wilhelmsen in English. [First time done on separate days]

December 22, 1935 - Sunday school Service 8 p.m.

December 25, 1935 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

January 13, 1936 - Decided Trustees should ask Matt Strand if he will cut grass in cemetery. Approved 2 English worship services for each Norwegian service. Trustees to purchase church pews from Hauges Synod church in Keyeser.

June 7, 1936 - catechization service in English 2:30 p.m.

July 12, 1936 - confirmation in English 11 a.m.; communion 8 p.m.

October 18, 1936 - Mission Fest a.m & p.m. - no speaker noted

December 20, 1936 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1936 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

1936 - the steeple roof was shingled. [web - no documentation in minutes]]

1936 - Signey Skrenes was secretary of the church.

January 11, 1937 - Gordon Gehrke joined. Sunday School Superintendent ordered to set a specific time for Sunday school meetings. Continued 2 English for every 1 Norwegian service.

April 11, 1937 - communion in English.

April 25, 1937 - communion in Norwegian.

May 16, 1937 - catechization 2 p.m. in English.

July 11, 1937 - confirmation 11 a.m.; communion 8 p.m. in English.

July 18, 1937 - Sunday school service and picnic 11 a.m.

August 11, 1937 - ice cream social at Carl Reinen's home 8 p.m.

October 17, 1937 - Mission Fest - Rev. L. K. Johnson a.m. Norwegian; p.m. English.

November 29, 1937 - catechization.

December 18, 1937 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1937 - Christmas worship in Norwegian.

Prior to this time, the church had a wood stove. In 1937, the first furnace was installed. Andrew Reinen filled it with coal. The heat came through a round vent in the center aisle. The sanctuary was insulated by covering walls and ceiling with celotex boards and the floor with carpeting – all for a cost of \$500, with \$300 of that paid by the Ladies' Aid and the remaining \$200 by the congregation. All expenses were paid plus an amount paid to the Synod, and the Centennial drive received over \$257 from this congregation.

January 10, 1938 - voted to keep Article 3 Paragraph 3 of the Constitution as is. The following leaders were noted: secretary - Signey Skrenes; treasurer - Oscar Tjugum; trustees - Henry Reinen, Oscar Tjugum, Hans Nordness; collection committee - Christ Strand, Chris Skaar; audit committee - Matt Strand, Charles Tjugum; organist - Mrs. Matt Strand; janitor - Carl Reinen; Sunday school superintendent - Mrs. Chris Skaar; Sunday school secretary/treasurer - Mrs. Arthur Paulman; Ladies' Aid president - Mrs. Charles Tjugum, vice-president - Mrs Oscar Tjugum, secretary - Miss Signey Skrenes, treasurer - Mrs. Norman Nordness.

In 1938 - the church was wired for electricity.

May 15, 1938 - catechization.

June __, 1938 - Synod meeting.

July 17, 1938 - catechization 11 a.m.; confirmation 2 p.m.; communion 8 p.m.

September 4, 1938 - Mission Fest - Rev. J. O. Twiten 11 a.m.; **30th Anniversary was celebrated** 2 p.m. The writeup from the 20th was repeated with a few later additions. No other special activities were mentioned.

December 18, 1938 - Sunday school Christmas program 2:30 p.m.

December 26, 1938 - Christmas worship in Norwegian.

January 9, 1939 - Loren Johnson family joined. Approved charging \$10 per grave lot for members.

April 23, 1939 - communion.

September 2, 1939 - confirmation class has studied one year; enrolled for next.

September 17, 1939 - communion.

October 29, 1939 - Mission Fest a.m. Norwegian; p.m. English - no speaker noted.

December 23, 1939 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1939 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30.

January 8, 1940 - Voted to have three English worship services for each one Norwegian service.

June 30, 1940 - confirmation 11 a.m. in English; communion 8 p.m.

July 28, 1940 - worship service at *Sundfjordlag* 11 a.m. at Ingvald Kvam's.

September 7, 1940 - confirmation class enrolled 1 p.m.

September 8, 1940 - Sunday school began; picnic at 11 a.m.

December 1, 1940 - Mission Fest - Rev. B. M. Schroeder 11 a.m. Norwegian; 2 p.m. English.

December 22, 1940 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1940 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

January 13, 1941 - Voted to go back to having two English worship services for each Norwegian service.

June 29, 1941 - confirmation 11 a.m. in English.

July 6, 1941 - communion 11 a.m. in English.

July 20, 1941 - communion 11 a.m. in Norwegian.

September 28, 1941 - Mission Fest - Rev. N. P. Scheide a.m. and p.m.

October 26, 1941 - communion.

December 21, 1941 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1941 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30 p.m.

1940 floor carpeted.

January 12, 1942 - Rev. Walstead reported on missions budget - the first mention of a budget rather than free will offering for missions. The congregation was assessed \$300.20 for missions and that amount was paid in full. Mrs. Helen Strand, Mrs. Clifford Tjugum, Mrs. Denver Tjugum, Mrs. Alfred Reinen joined. Report on pension fund with congregation assessed \$20 per year. Eastern District planned to build house for District President and asked \$25--\$200 per congregation be donated toward it. George Thomson family and Otto Kittleson family joined.

March 29, 1942 - communion in English.

April 12, 1942 - communion in Norwegian.

June 28, 1942 - confirmation 11 a.m. in English.

July 12, 1942 - communion 11 a.m. in English.

July 26, 1942 - communion in Norwegian.

August 2, 1942 - Rev. S. Topness conducted worship. Rev. Walstead in hospital.

October 4, 1942 - Mission Fest - Rev. Stener Turmo a.m. and p.m.

December 20, 1942 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1942 - first Christmas worship service at Bristol conducted in English 2:30 p.m.

January 11, 1943 - Robert Renk family, Adolph C. Harbort family, and Julius Harbort family joined.

August 1, 1943 - confirmation 11 a.m. in English.

August 15, 1943 - communion 11 a.m. in English.

August 29, 1943 - communion in Norwegian.

September 5, 1943 - dedication of church flag and US flag. Sunday school picnic p.m.

October 10, 1943 - Mission Fest - Rev. S. Topness a.m. Norwegian; p.m. English.

December 19, 1943 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 20, 1943 - at 2:30 p.m. was the first Christmas worship service that was not on December 25. Dedication of the framed war service Honor Roll with 12 names and the service flag with 12 stars presented by the Ladies' Aid Society.

January 10, 1944 - Voted to again try three English worship services to each Norwegian worship service. Approved that yearly finance reports be printed and distributed on confirmation day.

April 23, 1944 - catechization 2:30 in English.

May 7, 1944 - Luther League worship service 8 p.m.

July 2, 1944 - confirmation 11 a.m. in English.

July 16, 1944 - communion 11 a.m. in English.

December 17, 1944 - Rev. Borgen preached.

December 23, 1944 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 23, 1944 - Christmas worship 2:30 p.m. in Norwegian.

This concludes the portion excerpted from logbooks of Rev. L. S. J. Reque, Rev. J. A. Aasgaard, and Rev. J. N. Walstead plus congregational meeting minutes translated from Norwegian as written in *BRISTOL LUTHERSKE MENIGHED'S PROTOKOL - Bristol Township, Dane Co., Wisconsin* begun in 1908. What follows is a continuation of that minutes book in English starting page 102:

January 8, 1945 - Rev. Walstead as chairperson opened every meeting with a hymn, scripture reading, and prayer. Hans Nordness reelected trustee 3 years; Mrs. Matt Strand elected organist 1 year \$25; Carl Reinen elected janitor 1 year with his salary raised to \$100 per year; Rev. Walstead reelected as pastor for 1 year with his salary raised to \$300 per year; Voted to have all church services in English except Mission Fest and Christmas. Voted to have forenoon services at 10:45 a.m. when can be arranged by pastor. Mission budget was met in 1944 and raised to \$350.20 for 1945; Members asked to bring dues for current expenses to collectors on designated Sundays in June and November. Voted to have annual meeting minutes in English. Voted to have annual meeting financial reports printed and distributed on confirmation day to members at a cost of \$10. Voted to repair roof and paint exterior. Mrs. Christ Skaar reelected as Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Clarence Severson Sunday school secretary/treasurer.

New members during 1945:

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Beck & –Arthur Burdette, Robert Duwayne & Gerald Roger

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Hahn

Mr. & Mrs. Otis Moe & –Audrey Ann & Sharon Lee

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Paulman & –Dorothy Emma & Arthur Kenneth.

June 24, 1945 - confirmation.

July 8, 1945 - memorial service for PFC Leonard A. Miller 2:30 p.m.

July 22, 1945 - communion.

October 14, 1945 - Mission Fest - Rev. Sven Thompson Norsk 11 a.m.; English p.m..

December 23, 1945 - Sunday school Christmas program 2:30 p.m.

December 25, 1945 - Christmas worship in Norwegian 2:30.

January 14, 1946 - Rev. Walstead chairperson; Oscar Tjugum reelected trustee for 3 years; Carl Reinen elected janitor - 1 year with salary \$100; Mrs. Matt Strand reelected organist 1 year for \$40 with assistant's salary to be paid by organist. Dorothy Paulman elected assistant organist; Oscar Tjugum & Harry Hanson - auditing committee for 2 years; Rev. Walstead elected pastor 1 year with salary \$300; Mrs. Christ Skaar reelected Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Clarence Severson Sunday school secretary/treasurer. Mission budget of \$350 was paid plus \$10 extra. Voted to have treasurer create a church building improvement fund and to collect for it on Confirmation and Thanksgiving Sundays. Ladies' Aid asked to distribute mission containers to homes in February and collect them in May. Luther League to be held first Sunday of month during winter. Voted to print the annual meeting financial report.

February 10, 1946 - Rev. O. G. Birkeland preached 2:30 p.m.

June 9, 1946 - confirmation 10:45 a.m.

June 16, 1946 - communion 2:30; new communion set dedicated.

June 18, 1946 - Luther League song service directed by Rev. F. E. Olden.

June 30, 1946 - used new collection plates for first time.

July 7, 28, & August 18, 1946 - Luther League song service.

August 25, 1946 - memorial service for Lt. Willard J. Moe.

September 1, 1946 - special meeting - Voted to ask Rev. Wahl or Rev Thvedt to be guest speaker for Mission Fest Sunday September 22, 1946; neither were available until November. Voted to buy 7 book racks for back pews and 50 hymn books - Ladies Aid will pay for racks and congregation pay for books. Prior to that, each confirmed member paid for his own hymnbook and carried it to and from worship. Voted that offering on September 8 given to F. E. Olderr and family.

New members 1946:

Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Haakenson & Raymond Vernon & Carl James

Mr. & Mrs. James Garfield Burnson & Robert Willard, Clayton James, Donald Wayne Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Monroe Ellingson

Mr. & Mrs. Arne Merland & Lois Mae & Sonja Johanna

Mr. & Mrs. Nels Midthun & Lois Ann, Ruth Ellen, Nelda Mae, William Robert

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sigurd Skrenes & Norman Dale

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Anders Everette Tjugum

1946 present altar furnishings paid by memorial gifts, except the missal stand which was donated by the Luther League. [40th]

September 3, 1946 - Luther League meeting at which Rev. F. E. Olderr was speaker.

November 13, 1946 - Luther League song service and ice cream social.

November 17, 1946 - worship with dedication of candelabra, altar cloth, and missal stand.

November 24, 1946 - Mission Fest - Rev. I. M. Thvedt 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

December 8, 1946 - catechization service 10:45 a.m.

December 15, 1946 - Luther League candlelight worship service 8 p.m.

December 22, 1946 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1946 - Christmas worship 10:45 a.m. with reception of new members.

January 6, 1947 - Luther League 8 p.m.

January 13, 1947 - Rev. Walstead chairperson; treasurer now has a checking account, so all bills will be paid by check. Overpaid mission budget by \$20 and Lutheran World Action by \$2. Elected Signey Skrenes secretary for 3 years, Henry Reinen treasurer 3 years, Chris Skaar trustee 3 years, Mrs. Matt Strand organist 1 year for \$40, Miss Dorothy Paulman assistant organist for \$25, Carl Reinen caretaker for \$100, Matt Strand and Clarence Severson collectors. Voted to use envelope system for 1 year trial with Mrs. Robert Renk as finance secretary. Voted offering be given to Rev. Olderr for January 19 service. Voted to raise Rev. Walstead's salary to \$600 and omit giving him the Christmas and Easter offering. Voted all money taken in January through Easter be given to Skaalen Old Folks Home in Stoughton. Voted to have building committee of 3 –chairperson Arthur Paulman, Chris Skaar, and Robert Renk– to submit plans. Ladies Aid officers elected for 2 years – president Mrs. Robert Renk, vice-president Mrs. Matt Strand, secretary Mrs Clarence Severson, treasurer Mrs Norman Skrenes. For Sunday school elected Mrs. Chris Skaar superintendent and Mrs. Clarence Severson secretary/treasurer. It was again voted that all services be in English.

January 19, 1947 - worship service and sermon by Rev. F. E. Olderr.

January 26, 1947 - contribution envelopes collected for first time.

February 9, 1947 - storm cancelled worship and classes rescheduled for February 16.

February 23, 1947 - Luther League worship service 8 p.m.

March 9, 1947 - funeral for _____ Selje who was buried at Keyeser. [not noted in BLC record book]

March 10, 1947 - Luther League at Robert Renk home.

April 6, 1947 - Easter worship service for Skaalen Home; contributions first quarter \$408.18 given to Skaalen Home.

April 24, 1947 - first meeting of year for Ladies' Aid - hostesses Mrs. Matt Strand, Mrs. Clarence Severson, Mrs. Robert Renk, and Mrs. Leonard Hahn.

April 27, 1947 - quarterly business meeting 2 p.m. with reports from building committee. Henry Reinen and Hans Nordness elected as delegates to Circuit Convention at DeForest Lutheran Church on April 29; Clarence Severson elected delegate to Eastern District Convention at Bethel Lutheran Church May 28-29. Voted \$409.18 be sent to Skaalen Old Folks Home Building Fund. Voted \$6 be paid for printing bulletins. Blueprints for remodeling the church presented with bid \$7,150. Voted to add a sacristy with basement for new kitchen, new stove and kitchen equipment, narthex with central entry and outside vestibule. Voted again that treasurer set up separate building fund.

May 11, 1947 - first mention that Bible class meets with the Sunday school at 10 a.m. from May through December. Bible class was for post-confirmation high school students.

May 15, 1947 - Meeting voted to install oil-burning furnace. Printing Easter bulletin cost \$12. Book racks for hymn books cost \$10.29.

June 5, 1947 - Ladies' Aid hostesses were wives of Charles, Oscar, Denver, and Clifford Tjugum.

June 15, 1947 - confirmation 10 a.m. with mission offering.

June 29, 1947 - communion.

July 6, 1947 - adult baptism and confirmation 4 p.m.; choir 8 p.m.

July 20, 1947 - Luther League service 8 p.m. sermon by seminary student Walter Hallerud.

July 31, 1947 - Ladies' Aid hostesses were wives of Arne Merland, Harry Hanson, Asa Ilgen, and J. N. Walstead; choir 8 p.m.

August 10, 1947 - sermon by Walter Hallerud.

August 24, 1947 - celebrated 40th Anniversary with 10:30 a.m. sermon by Rev. Lyle Gaugsei; 2 p.m. sermon by Rev. F. I. Smith; organist Mrs. Matt N. Strand, choir director Prof. John Mael. History written for 20th was repeated. Offering put into building fund.

September 2, 1947 - Luther League at Henry Reinen home 8 p.m.

October __, 1947 - started to remodel church, added sacristy with basement for expanded kitchen with new range and other equipment, added central entry narthex with an outside vestibule.

December 2, 1947 - Luther League election of officers for 1948.

November 1, 1947– February 28, 1948 - worship services and classes held at school house while

church being remodeled.

December 7 [or 9], 1947 - annual church supper held at Sacred Hearts parish hall (600 attended).

December 23, 1947 - Sunday school program used Methodist church 8 p.m.

December 25, 1947 - Christmas worship 10:30 a.m. at Methodist church building.

December 28, 1947 - Christmas song service at Methodist church building 8 p.m.

January 4, 1948 - worship at school house; choir practice.

January 6, 1948 - Luther League at school house 8 p.m.

January 12, 1948 - Elected Robert Renk to auditing committee, Hans Nordness trustee, Carl Reinen caretaker for \$100, Mrs. Matt Strand organist for \$40, Miss Arlene Reinen assistant organist for \$25. Reports from Ladies Aid and Luther League. Voted to make envelope system permanent. Mrs. Robert Renk continued as finance secretary. Noon recess then resumed. Walstead elected pastor 1 year. Church insurance for \$7,000 drawn up by Arthur Paulman. Voted current expenses for fuel, light, insurance be paid by treasurer. Trustees designated responsible to raise money for church building and furniture for sacristy. Ladies Aid to pay for equipment for dining room and kitchen. \$200 sent to Mission Advance. Elected same Sunday school officers as last year.

New members voted in:

Mr. & Mrs. Orris B. Ulvestad & Joan Rae, Larrie Orry, & Lois Mae

Mr. & Mrs. Olin G. Nelson & Ronald Gary

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Femrite

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Larson

Mrs. Mabel Hoppe & Ralph Harold, Ferne Leona, Joyce Delores, Shirley Arlene

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer H. Johnson & Richard Duane

Mr. Floyd Edgar Johnson

Mrs. Viola Wolfram & Delores May & Merline Jerome

Mr. & Mrs. Ole Hanson

Mr. & Mrs. Merton Raymond Holton & Pamela Jean Wolff & Sharon Rae

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Randall & Marva Adeline & Ruth Althea

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew O Oen

Mrs. Richard M. Scott

January 17-February 21, 1948 - Jakob Møller teaching class in Sun Prairie.

February 4, 1948 - Building committee met at Robert Renk's home 8 p.m.

February 28, 1948 - Classes resumed meeting at church.

February 29, 1948 - Luther League public song service at church 8 p.m.

April 4, 1948 - Sunday school resumed.

April 11, 1948 - worship with catechization at 10:00 a.m.

April 18, 1948 - Luther League public song service with speaker Rev. F. E. Olderr 8 p.m.

May 9, 1948 - reception of new members – Ole Hanson, Arthur Randall, Mertin [or Merlin] Holton, Andrew Oen, Mary Waage.

May 30, 1948 - Luther League service 8 p.m. with Rev. Puls.

June 6, 1948 - Rev. Walstead attended meeting of Job's Daughters.

Dane County Title Company noted this property as exempt from 1947 taxes on 23 June 1938 Order No.50649 by Roick and Opsahl dated 5 August 1948 and again on 5 July 1948 Order No.52290 without a new search. This clarification was sought prior to applying for a mortgage to cover the improvements.

Mortgage \$3,000 dated 30 July 1948 recorded 31 July 1948 Mortgages v.640 p.469 \$768263 – The First Norwegian Lutheran Church and The First Lutheran Church of the Town of Bristol by Christ Skaar, Oscar Tjugum, and Hans Nordness, Trustees, to DeForest-Morrisonville Bank, located at DeForest, Wisconsin.

Satisfaction of Mortgage 9 December 1948 recorded 13 December 1949 Mortgages v.668 p.306 #790343 of Mortgage v.640 p.469 \$758263–DeForest-Morrisonville Bank, located at DeForest, WI, by President and Secretary, to First Norwegian Lutheran Church, Town of Bristol by Trustees.

Certification of Clear Title added by direction of Rev. J. N. Walstead 26 September 1950 by Order No.70199.

July 4, 1948 - catechization.

June 19, 1948 - Luther League bake sale at Sun Prairie 2-4 p.m.

July 11, 1948 - Bible class led by Arthur and Carrie Paulman.

July 18, 1948 - confirmation at 10 a.m.

July 25, 1948 - Luther League dinner 4-8 p.m. then building committee.

July 30, 1948 - mortgage for \$3,000.

August 1, 1948 - worship service by L. L. Masted of the Norwegian Trinity Society.

August 15, 1948 - reception of new members at worship; Sunday school picnic.

August 21, 1948 - communion for 81 participants.

August 22, 1948 - Luther League service.

September 19, 1948 - Luther League service.

October 17, 1948 - Mission Fest - Rev. Presched at Poynette 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

October 20, 1948 - Luther League service with Art Rendall.

October 31, 1948 - Luther League service by Rev. Olderr.

November 2, 1948 - Luther League Bible class.

November 7, 1948 - first mention of a Christmas program rehearsal.

November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 1948–January 9, 1949 - Mrs. Art Rendall taught pre-confirmation classes while Rev. Walstead in hospital.

November 14, 1948 - rededication of building - service by Rev. J. A. Aasgaard 10 a.m.; Rev. Anderson and Rev. Mathre at 2 p.m. Services were tape recorded. Rev. Walstead was still in hospital. Thank offering for missions \$801.

November 26, 1948 - worship led by Rev. L. A. Benson.

December 9, 1948 - mortgage of July 30, 1948 satisfied.

December 18, 1948 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 25, 1948 - Christmas worship with Rev. Hetland.

January 3, 1949 - funeral for Mrs. Bertha Nordness conducted by Rev. L. A. Benson.

January 5, 1949 - Luther League Bible study with Mrs. Christ Skaar.

January 9, 1949 - worship with seminary student Gerald Thorson.

January 10, 1949 - Hans Nordness chaired congregational meeting. Voted for board of 5 trustees instead of 3 - added Clarence Severson for 2 years, Arthur S. Randall 1 year, Arthur Paulman 3 years.

Elected Stanley Moe and Alfred Reinen for 3 years on auditing committee, Mrs. Robert Renk finance secretary 1 year, Mrs. Matt Strand organist for \$65 and let her pay her own assistant. Carl Reinen caretaker with salary raised to \$150 with extra duties to dust church pews and furniture before services. Voted to elect a cemetery committee of 3 - Henry Reinen, Alfred Reinen, and Christ Strand for 3 years. After lunch, voted to pay for *The Ruralist* sent to all member families and to others who send children to Sunday school. Voted to have all financial reports printed prior to annual meetings. Rev. Walstead elected pastor 1 year with \$75 per month to be paid to him every month. Mrs. Arthur Rendall to contact pastors for Sunday services and let trustees know if transportation is necessary until Walstead can resume his duties. Luther League report. Vote whether to take in masons or members of secret societies was inconclusive - no decision made. Elected Mrs. Clarence Severson Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Denver Tjugum assistant, and Mrs. Alfred Reinen secretary/treasurer.

January 18, 1949 - Methodist youth were invited to a Luther League event.

January 23, 1949 - worship with seminary student Robert Thorkelson.

February 3, 1949 - Luther League service led by Beverly Ethun.

February 6, 1949 - worship led by David Nelson.

February 20, 1949 - worship led by seminary student Robert Thorkelson.

March 6, 1949 - worship with communion led by Rev. Leonard A. Benson.

March 13, 1949 - worship led by seminary student ____ Lokken.

March 20, 1949 - Rev. Walstead was back for worship. Every Sunday services began as a trial for 3 months at 10 a.m. with an active choir and Sunday school at the same time.

April 3, 1949 - quarterly congregational meeting voted to release building committee from its duties. Rev. Walstead suggested that board of trustees have regular meetings every month to look after property and finances and prioritize and submit bills to treasurer. Easter offering applied to debt reduction. Voted not to sell grave lots to non-members; price of lots was raised from \$25 to \$50.

Report about School Drive indicated the congregation's apportionment was \$600, for which Walstead suggested using dime books instead of house to house canvas, giving them out at Easter and collecting them at Pentecost. Trustees approved use of Lutheran World Action envelopes for ingathering May 15. Luther League giving a song service and can keep the collection that day. 113 boxes of envelopes given to members for Sunday collections. Pledge cards used for first time.

Hans Nordness, Carl Reinen and Mrs. Arthur Randall were elected to draft a new constitution. Voted to have worship every Sunday. Luther League would help with Sunday worship Services.

April 10, 19, May 15, 1949 - Luther League led services.

April 22, 1949 - funeral for Mrs. Gunhild Strand - \$130 memorial given to church.

June 16, 1949 - Ladies' Aid with 5 hostesses. Report by Mrs. Ole Moe from Eastern District Convention of WMF in Eau Claire, WI. Served 700 at Lutefisk supper to earn \$1,983.35.

June __, 1949 - Andrew Larson repaired the windows and the cemetery committee worked with Stanley Moe to replat cemetery lots. The original church pews were refinished.

June 20-July 1, 1949 - religious day school sponsored by the Sunday school teachers – Miss Dorothy Paulman, Miss Dorothy Twiten, Mrs. Robert Renk, Miss Lois Merland, and Miss Delores Wolfgram.

June 30– July 3, 1949 - International Luther League Convention in Saskatoon, Canada.

July 3, 1949 - catechization; Sunday school program and picnic.

July 10, 1949 - confirmation.

July 17, 1949 - communion.

July 24, 1949 - At quarterly meeting a proposed constitution was discussed and received. Call committee looking for new pastor. Rev. Walstead suggested no less than \$1,500 salary per year.

Lutheran World Action paid \$260, of that \$25 paid by Ladies' Aid. Paid *Ruralist* \$20 for 1949. Envelopes for 1950 ordered early saved \$10

July 31, 1949 - Luther League plate supper.

August 7, 1949 - Luther League picnic and worship service.

August 28, 1949 - Luther League service.

September 3, 1950 - Rev. Walter H. Kampen installed by Rev. Walstead. Photo of transfer of *Ministerialbog I* and outdoor group photo.

September 12, 1949 - Trustees meeting 8 p.m.

September 18, 1949 - Mission Fest - Rev. L. L. Masted 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

October 14, 1949 - Trustees meeting; Kenneth Skrenes wedding.

October 24, 1949 - Rev. J. N. Walstead chaired quarterly meeting. Secretary Mrs. Arthur Randall and treasurer Stanley Moe were mentioned. New members were Mr. and Mrs. Williams L. Baudler and Bernice. Hans Nordness and Stanley Moe were elected as delegates to Circuit Meeting Convention at Christ Lutheran in Stoughton Nov 11. Discussion of constitution proposed in July. Voting age set at 18 years. Voted than no mention of cemetery association be in new constitution and to organize a separate cemetery association. Constitution adopted and name changed from First Lutheran Church of Bristol to Bristol Lutheran Church. The present 5 Trustees also became the call committee to report to January 1950 meeting. 150 offering envelope packs distributed, 84 pledges returned.

November 3, 1949 - Ladies Aid bazaar.

November 5, 1949 - wedding in Milwaukee.

November 15, 1949 - trustees meeting.

November 24, 1949 - Luther League service Rev. Finn Hanson speaker.

December 18, 1949 - Sunday school Christmas program 8 p.m.

December 20, 1949 - Luther League social at Richard Scott's.

December 25, 1949 - Christmas worship.

December 27, 1949 - trustees meeting.

January 1, 1950 - Luther League song service.

January 9, 1950 - Rev. Walter Kampen present, secretary Mrs. Richard Scott, treasurer Stanley Moe.

for 1949 - 22 baptisms, 14 funerals, 6 confirmed, 14 weddings, 3 communion services; 211 registered members. Voted to pay for *Ruralist* 1 more year. Voted to print constitutions so every

member can have copy. Elected Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. C. A. Severson assistant, Mrs. Alfred Reinen secretary/treasurer. Elections were held after lunch - Mrs. Arthur S. Rendall secretary, Mrs. Robert Renk finance secretary, Stanley Moe treasurer. Auditing committee - Alfred Reinen, Matt Strand, Christ Strand. First time board of deacons were elected - Kenneth Skrenes - 3 years; Mrs. C. A. Severson 3 years; Mrs. Norman Nordness 2 years; Charles Tjugum 2 years; Orris Ulvestad 1 year. Board. of trustees - Christ Skaar 3 years; Arthur S. Randall 3 years. Voted to add 2nd vice-president to Ladies' Aid officers - Mrs. Norman Nordness 1 year. Mrs. Matt Strand - organist, Christ Strand - custodian, parking committee - Alfred Reinen, Gordon Gehrke, Arne Merland. Cemetery committee - Christ Strand, Alfred Reinen, Henry Reinen. Cemetery committee had a balance of \$35 and lots were \$50 each. Voted to write to Bishop Martin Anderson stating that Bristol was willing to share a pastor with Burke as the Bishop had recommended, but Bristol was not willing to start building in Sun Prairie, thereby abandoning its newly remodeled church. New members: Mr. Edwin Wipperfurth; Mrs. Eugene Skrenes; Mrs. Kenneth Skrenes; Mr. Gerald McGovern; Mr. & Mrs. John M. Codwell and Sandra Jean, Deborah Kay, and John Wayne; Mr. & Mrs. Al Haller and Sandra and Penelope; Mr. & Mrs. Arlo J. Xins and Arlo Duane and Darlene Ellen; Mr. & Mrs. Anton P. Zins and Tony; Mr. Marvin Mickleson; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Shiller and Ramona Jane; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Shiller and Richard, Patricia, David, and Jo Ann.

1950 - Luther League choir; Luther League paid \$100 to start organ fund.

January 19, 1950 - funeral for Charles Swendson.

February 5, 1950 - installation of Luther League officers.

February 12, 1950 - deacons meeting.

February 14, 1950 - Trustees meeting; Luther League; choir practice.

February 18, 1950 - wedding Lien-Tjugum.

February 19, 1950 - special business meeting; baptism Ulvestad; adult class begun; Letter from Mrs. Zillig, Clam Lake, WI, inquiring if Bristol Lutheran Church was interested in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. across the street from the church. It was voted to have nothing to do with that cemetery. Mission budget met. Letter from Dr. J. A. Aasgaard about whether congregation would be willing to call a pastor for Bristol alone - 34 yes 10 no; call be extended to Rev. F. E. Olderr of Elroy, WI, or Rev. Leonard Benson of Madison, WI- voted 27 Olderr 17 Benson.

March 19, 1950 - adult class confirmed.

April 9, 1950 - Easter offering given to debt retirement.

April 11, 1950 - quarterly meeting read letter of March 17, 1950, wherein Rev. F. E. Olderr declined the call. Letter from Rev. Richard O. Johnson of Arkdale. Letter from Dr. J. A. Aasgaard recommendation for Bristol church to disband. \$500 from Easter offering used to pay off debt. Rev. Clayton Engen of Our Savior's Lutheran in Chippewa Falls mentioned as candidate. Voted to ask Rev. Richard O. Johnson of Arkdale to preach. Call committee asked to contact President of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie about merger of the 2 churches using same pastor but function as 2 separate congregations. Voted to have special meeting of congregation on the Sunday after which Rev. Johnson speaks.

April 19, 1950 - funeral for Pvt. L. A. Miller.

April 30, 1950 - special congregational meeting reported that Peace Lutheran was willing to confer with Bristol. Bristol membership 62 families + several singles. 115 envelopes. Motion to ask Rev. Engen of Chippewa Falls to preach.

May 9, 1950 - new call committee from trustees formed.

May 13, 1950 - wedding Tjugum-McGovern.

May 14, 1950 - Reception for Rev. Walstead's birthday; Rev. Walter H. Kampen guest speaker.

May 28, 1950 - special congregational meeting to read letter from Rev. Engen. He couldn't be away from his congregation real soon and not interested in call. Rev. Leonard Benson had had several calls and was not interested in another call at this time. Call committee to meet with committee from Peace Lutheran Church June 1.

June 4, 1950 - catechization.

June 11, 1950 - confirmation after class had met 52 times.; wedding Johnson-Lemming.

June 18, 1950 - special congregational meeting - Call Committee of Peace Lutheran Church interested in working with Bristol but would not be having a meeting of Peace congregation until July, so Bristol asked not to have another meeting until after that. Rev. Walstead given a vacation during July. Rev. Walter Kampen to conduct services during July.

June 12-23, 1950 - religious day school with teacher Miss Dorothy Paulman for 10 days.

June 25, 1950 - day school program and Sunday school picnic; baptism of Craig Reinen and Larry Skrenes.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1950 - worship with Rev. W. H. Kampen.

July 30, 1950 - special congregational meeting with Hans Nordness as chairperson. Peace congregation had met and determined that merger with them was not possible because Peace could not leave its Synod at this time. Motion to call Rev. Walter Kampen with 64 voting members present, 75 votes for Kampen. Voted to offer \$2,500 per year salary. Voted to pay Kampen \$100 for services in July. \$475 in bank included debt retirement fund. Need to increase contributions to meet current expenses.

August 8, 1950 - Trustees meeting.

August 20, 1950 - Deacons meeting.

Trustees and deacons were separate groups with each electing a chairperson and a secretary.

August 22, 1950 - quarterly congregational meeting with Hans Nordness chairperson. Rev. Kampen suggested increasing pledges and sending envelopes with someone else if planning to be absent. Voted to repair driveway.

August 27, 1950 - Rev. Walstead's farewell sermon and reception of new members. [notice how thorough he was to make sure the mortgage was paid and the title cleared before he fully retired.]

August 29, 1950 - Luther League social at Walstead's residence as thanks for all the worship services they had led during Rev. Walstead's illness.

September 3, 1950 - Rev. Walter H. Kampen was installed by Walstead; group photo. A photo of the two pastors transferring the first *Ministerialbog* was a significant milestone.

September 10, 1950 - Mission Fest led by Rev. Walstead with sermon by Rev. H. Hetland; lunch by Ladies Aid; 1:30 led by Rev. Kampen with sermon by Rev. Waldo R. Wold. Walstead reported that in 9 months he attended 33 morning services, 20 Sunday School sessions, 10 day school days, 5 Ladies Aid, 5 Luther League, 5 choir rehearsals, and met 22 times with the pre-confirmation class in 1950.

January 8, 1951 - Rev. Walter Kampen chairperson; elected Mrs. Richard Scott secretary; Stanley Moe treasurer; Mrs. Robert Renk finance secretary; Christ Strand, Matt Strand, and Alfred Reinen auditing committee; Mrs. Matt Strand organist; Christ Strand custodian. Elected to board of deacons were Orris Ulvestad 3 years, Kenneth Skrenes 2 years, Mrs. Clarence Severson 2 years, Mrs. Norman Nordness 1 year, Charles Tjugum 1 year; to board of trustees Matt Strand and Clarence Severson; to board of education Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Severson assistant, and Mrs. Alfred Reinen secretary/treasurer; to cemetery committee Christ Strand, Henry Reinen, and Alfred Reinen; to parking committee Alfred Reinen, James Burnson, and Matt Strand; to committee to study choir, organ, music, and direction problem Andrew Betlach, Kenneth Skrenes, Mrs. Matt Strand, Richard Scott, Robert Renk, and Dorothy Paulman; to Ladies' Aid officers Mrs. William Baudler president, Mrs. Norman Nordness vice-president, Mrs. Edwin Wipperfurth 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Alfred Reinen secretary, and Mrs. Leonard Hahn treasurer. Income was \$4,462.20; expenses \$4,492.52; borrowed \$31; balance in bank \$.68; \$100 in organ fund. Luther League and Ladies' Aid gave reports. A proposed amendment to the constitution to set the annual meeting for 2nd Sunday in January at 1:30 p.m. was tabled until next quarterly meeting. After discussion about possibly abolishing Mission Fest, it was voted to have one this year. Policy of Cradle roll was changed to have Ladies' Aid present the certificates of membership in place of the usual \$1 gift to new babies.

January 14, 1951 - special congregational meeting - C. A. Severson presided. It was voted to have 6 Wednesday evening services during Lent at 7:45 p.m.

February __, 1951 At a special meeting, Bertram Weber of Forbes Meagher Music Store, Madison, WI, explained the difference between the 1-manual organ for \$1,349 and the 2-manual for \$2,450. It was voted 49 for 1-manual; 27 for 2-manual.

February 24, 1951 - At another special meeting with Clarence Severson presiding, Mrs. Matt Strand discussed drawbacks of 1-manual organ. Revote with 45 votes cast was unanimous for 2-manual organ which cost \$1,100 more than the 1-manual organ. Purchased organ for \$2,449.

April 8, 1951 - quarterly meeting motion changed article 7 of constitution to read 2nd Sun in Jan 2 o'clock for annual meeting in place of 2nd Monday.

June 29, 1951 - Rev. Walstead died.

1951 - every member visitation for pledges for 1952.

January 3, 1952 - with 43 present Rev. Walter Kampen presiding, Mrs. Ed Wipperfurth secretary, and Stanley Moe treasurer noted 29 new members from 11 families. Ladies' Aid paid \$1,000 plus interest on loan. leaving only \$1,600 left. Ladies had 12 mtgs plus annual meeting. 44 hostesses, 13 paid instead of host; 2 life membership pins, 3 babies added to cradle roll, 7 new members & 2 resignations. There were 14 new members of Luther League. Sunday school enrolled 65 plus 5 in Bible class for 34 Sundays. Of 137 contributors, 130 used boxes of envelopes; 43 overpaid pledges; 22 underpaid; 5 paid nothing; 7 withdrew pledges before end of year. Elected were Mrs. Richard Scott recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Renk finance secretary; Stanley Moe treasurer; James Burnson, Arthur Femrite, and Denver Tjugum auditing committee; Dorothy Paulman organist with Mrs. Matt Strand assisting; Christ Strand custodian; Alfred Reinen, Matt Strand James Burnson parking committee; Mrs. Norman Nordness and Charles Tjugum as deacons; Art Paulman 3 years, Alfred Reinen to finish 2 year term of Art Rendall, Ed Wipperfurth to fill out 1 year for Christ Skaar as trustees; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent; Robert Renk choir director. Elected

Ladies' Aid (WMF) officers Mrs. William Baudler president, Mrs. Norman Nordness vice-president, Mrs. Ed Wipperfurth 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Alfred Reinen secretary, Mrs. Leonard Hahn treasurer.

Cemetery needs enlargement. Voted to let trustees purchase additional acreage when possible. Rev. Kampen to report as Chaplain February 15, so call committee joint with Norway Grove formed.

June 13, 1952 - land from Schulenburg on north and south side of church purchased for cemetery and parking lot cost \$400. Grading and gravel for new parking lot.

June 29, 1952 - dedication of organ; \$2,449 paid in full. Sheep sale lunches by WMF; communion 4-5 times per year

January 11, 1953 - Rev. Kampen presiding; Mrs. Edwin Wipperfurth elected recording secretary since Mrs. Richard Scott died; Mrs. Robert Renk financial secretary; Stanley Moe treasurer; James Burnson, Arthur Femrite, and Denver Tjugum auditing committee; Christ Strand custodian; Mrs. Lloyd Egre organist with Mrs. Matt Strand as assistant; Henry Reinen, Alfred Reinen, and Christ Strand cemetery committee; Alfred Reinen, Matt Strand, and James Burnson parking committee; Alfred Reinen and Edwin Wipperfurth trustees; Mrs. Clarence Severson and Mrs. Arthur Paulman deacons; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent, Josephine Strand assistant, Mrs. Alfred Reinen secretary/treasurer; for Ladies' Aid Mrs. Clarence Severson president, Mrs. Orris Ulvestad vice-president, Mrs. Denver Tjugum 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Christ Strand secretary, Mrs. Christ Skaar treasurer. Ladies Aid held 11 meetings with 41 hosting and 8 paying instead. Cradle Roll added 18. Given life membership pins were Mrs. Ole Midthun, Mrs. Carl Reinen, Mrs. Marie Skrenes, and Mrs. Ole Ulvestad. Sunday school enrolled 60 and 10 had perfect attendance for 35 Sundays. There were 8 teachers. Luther League officers for 1953: Arthur Paulman Jr president, Shirley Loftus vice-president, Sonja Merland secretary, and Shirley Hoppe treasurer.

Choir gave report. Voted not to print financial bulletins in future. Discussed water works and parsonage, but both tabled. Mortgage was paid.

April 22, 1953 - special meeting with Dr. Martin Anderson, President of Eastern District of ELC who said either move church to Sun Prairie and enlarge it, or remain as is and share a pastor and parsonage with new mission in Sun Prairie if one gets organized. No decision but consensus was

no change.

1953 - new lights and repairs in auditorium. Added gravel for parking lot. Parsonage fund begun. First time the term Vacation Bible School was used.

January 10, 1954 - Ladies' Aid held 12 mtgs, 39 hostesses, 12 paying instead; 3 new members; made new curtains & draw drapes for kitchen & dining room; water heater and cupboard installed in kitchen; basement floor painted and running water installed plus put \$1000 in building rest room savings account; Cradle roll added 21 babies; Life membership pins to Mrs. Ole Moe, Mrs. Jacob Miller, and Mrs. George Bareis. Sunday school opened with 59 grew to 100; 11 teachers taught 9 classes for 35 Sundays. 16 pupils had perfect attendance; VBS held June 1-12 [First time it was called that] with 46 pupils; 36 of whom had perfect attendance. Luther League officers were president Jim Skaar, vice-president Darwin Anderson, secretary Joyce Johnson, and treasurer Donna Betlach. Choir officers were president Robert Renk, vice-president Mrs. Alice Bakke, secretary/treasurer Mrs. Arlene Weichman. Elected were recording secretary Mrs. Edwin Wipperfurth; financial secretary Mrs. Robert Renk, treasurer Stanley Moe, deacon Arthur Femrite, trustees Denver Tjugum and James Burnson. Elected cemetery committee Alfred Reinen president, Christ Strand, and Matt Strand; parking committee Matt Strand chairperson, Richard Scott, and Elmer Moe; auditing committee Art Femrite, Art Babcock, and C. A. Severson. Elected for Sunday school Mrs. Oscar Anderson superintendent, Josephine Strand assistant, and Proctor Ormson secretary/treasurer. Elected for Ladies' Aid president Mrs. C. A. Severson, vice-president Mrs. Orris Ulvestad, 2nd vice-president Mrs. Denver Tjugum, secretary Mrs. Christ Strand, and treasurer Mrs. Christ Skaar Trustees to check options for building addition plus hire custodian, organist, and music director.

March 17, 1954 - special meeting for building annex for more Sunday school rooms and enlarge seating capacity. Voted to hire an architect and get estimates.

1954 - Sacristy made into two rooms. [web - no documentation found]]

January 9, 1955 - communion services discussed; 13 new members; 4 families transferred out Funds set up for altar cloths; for parsonage, and for restrooms and building. Sunday school superintendent reported 11 teachers taught 60 pupils increased to 82 for 35 Sundays; Carol Lou Gullickson secretary VBS was held May 31-Jun 11 for 48 pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller gave Sunday school an altar cross and 2 candle holders in memory of son, Leonard. Ladies' Aid held 10 meetings with 42 hostesses; 15 members paid instead; 3 new members; 18 added to Cradle Roll. Life membership pins given to Sina Haakenson, Mrs. Asa Illgen, Mrs. Charles Tjugum, and Mrs. Emma Tjugum. Coffee urn given in memory of David Anderson by Oscar Anderson family. 2 coffee servers in memory of Mary Scott from mother Jessie Storck. Ladies gave \$1,300 to building fund. Elected were president Mrs. Robert Renk; vice-president Mrs. Leo Bakke, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Alfred Reinen, secretary Mrs. Al Haller, and treasurer Mrs. Adolph Loftus. Luther League project is raising funds for new piano. Choir president David Moe, vice-president Mrs. Art Femrite; secretary/treasurer Robert Renk. Elected as recording secretary Mrs. Edwin Wipperfurth; treasurer Stanley Moe; cemetery committee Alfred Reinen, Christ Strand, and Matt Strand; parking committee Matt Strand, Richard Scott, and Elmer Moe; auditing committee Harold Severson, C. A. Severson, and Art Femrite; deacons Mrs. Norman Nordness, and Harold Severson; trustee Art Paulman; financial secretary Mrs. Gordon Gehrke; for Sunday school Mrs. Oscar Anderson superintendent, Mrs. C. A. Severson assistant, Carol Lou Gullickson secretary, and Proctor Ormson treasurer. Voted that trustees to get 1 estimate for 20 ft. addition to church plus plumbing and heating facilities; get 1 estimate for plumbing and present

heating arrangement.

January 16, 1955 - estimates for plumbing \$1,380 without heat from furnace to restrooms; for used furnace 3 times size of present one for \$700 + ours; for redecorating church \$450. Voted to add 20 feet defeated. Vote to proceed with restrooms and furnace passed.

1955 - rededicated church basement [web - no documentation]

January 8, 1956 - Mrs. Art Paulman secretary of deacons reported that 5 communion services with communion to shut-ins were offered and that green, white, and purple altar cloths were being sewn as a memorial from Oscar Anderson family. Art Paulman was president of board of trustees. In Sunday school, 72 pupils increased to 92 as 11 teachers taught 34 Sundays. VBS was held May 31-Jun 10 with 59 students. Ladies' Aid held 9 meetings with 37 hostesses; 16 paid instead. Cradle Roll added 11 babies. Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mrs Norman Nordness received life membership pins. Annual lutefisk and ham supper profited \$1,124.68. Same officers for next year. For Luther League, Geraldine Loftus reported 7 new members and officers Darwin Anderson president, Carol Thompson vice-president, Janice Olson secretary, and Norman Skrenes treasurer. The Luther League bought a new piano for the church. Choir president David Moe, vice-president Mrs. Al Haller, secretary/treasurer/librarian Mrs. Art Femrite. Elected were financial secretary Mrs. Gordon Gehrke; recording secretary Mrs. Edwin Wipperfurth, treasurer Eugene Skrenes, deacons Mrs. William Baudler and Mrs. Harry Hanson, trustees Obert Olia and Harry Hanson. For Sunday school Mrs. Oscar Anderson superintendent, Mrs. C. A. Severson assistant, Geraldine Loftus secretary, Mrs. Edna Anderson treasurer. Elected as cemetery committee Alfred Reinen, Christ Strand, and Matt Strand; as parking committee Matt Strand, Richard Scott, and Elmer Moe; as auditing committee Harold Severson, C. A. Severson, and Art Femrite; as head ushers C. A. Severson, Stanley Moe [first time ushers mentioned]. Discussion whether to continue Lutefisk Supper. Norway Grove wanted to change time of its worship services. Gordon Gehrke replaced Harry Hanson who resigned as trustee. Kirby Battist appointed treasurer in place of Eugene Skrenes who refused to accept position.

May 16, 1956 - Rev. Walter Kampen died.

May 31, 1956 - with District Pres. Rev. Dr. Myron C. Austinson - Voted whether or not to call a pastor for only Bristol 35 yes; 40 no followed by discussion with Rev. Austinson. Revoted 49 yes; 23 no. Further discussion on parsonage requirements. Call committee Charles Tjugum, Clarence Severson, Harold Severson, Arnie Merland, and Robert Renk.

June 24, 1956 - Arthur Paulman chairperson. Call Committee had contacted 2 pastors. - given authority to hire either with salary up to \$5,200. Committee appointed to check rent, build, or buy a parsonage – Arthur Femrite, Clifford Moldrem, Al Haller, Adolph Loftus, Henry Reinen. asked to report in 2 weeks

July 15, 1956 - Call to Rev. Halland refused. Call to Rev. Harold Benson of SD. Discussion on parsonage report. Rev. Hagenson from MN available on temporary basis, but congregation wanted Rev. Peter Wee contacted first.

July 22, 1956 - Rev. Peter Wee served occasionally, but not as a temporary pastor. Call Comm going to hear pastor of Our Saviors in Stoughton.

July 30, 1956 - Rev. Fortney in Stoughton available for call. Decision to rent a parsonage until

one built. Canvassed for parsonage pledges - Harold Schiller, John Cadwell, Eugene Skrenes, Donald Reinen, Matt Strand, Bill Baudler, Ed Wipperfurth, and Christ Strand. Building Committee authorized to buy a lot and accept plans offered by Norman Simon and Sons.

September 23, 1956 - Authorized board. of trustees to borrow money for parsonage built at 829 Davis St. Parsonage cost \$17,559.40. It was used until 1994.

December 30, 1956 - Rev. Bruce W. Holter installed by Rev. Dr. Myron C. Austinson, President of Eastern District of ELC – was the first time the congregation witnessed installation of an ELC pastor.

January 13, 1957 - First year Sunday school was in session during winter months. VBS 63 pupils enrolled 115 came with 12 teachers. Ladies' Aid held 10 mtgs; 37 hostesses; 14 paying instead. Changed Ladies' Aid constitution to hold meetings second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. instead of Thursday at 2:30 p.m.. Lutefisk supper profit \$1,115.83. Carpeting and drapes purchased for parsonage by Ruth Circle. Cradle roll 12 more. Every member visitation for stewardship pledges. Luther League hosted Area Christian Fellowship with 102 attending. Elected recording secretary Mrs. Adolph Loftus; financial secretary Mrs. Art Femrite; treasurer Alden Holten; deacon Adolph Loftus; trustees Art Femrite and Robert Renk; board of education Mrs. C. A. Severson, Mrs. Harold Severson, Mrs. Alfred Reinen, Harold Severson, and Mrs. Wm Baudler; head ushers- Donald Reinen and Eugene Skrenes; cemetery committee Alfred Reinen, Christ Strand, and Matt Strand; parking committee Matt Strand, Richard Scott, Elmer Moe, and William Baudler; auditing committee Christ Skaar, Charles Tjugum, and C. A. Severson. Amended constitution so nominating committee of 3 persons to select officers to be voted on by congregation and Sunday school officers will be elected at end of June. Officers with 3 yr terms out 1 yr then could be reelected. Voted to permit 4-H groups to use building. Ladies' Aid officers elected at separate meeting for last several years; now president Mrs. Edwin Wipperfurth, vice-president Mrs. Harold Schiller, 2nd vice-president Mrs. Harold Severson, secretary Mrs. Alfred Reinen, and treasurer Mrs. Gerald McGovern.

May 5, 1957 - Elected Clarence Severson and Art Paulman delegates to Eastern District Convention in Janesville May 14-16. Adolph Loftus and Stanley Moe alternates.

June 30, 1957 - Elected Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Robert Renk, assistant Mrs. Richard Nordness, treasurer Mrs. Edna Anderson; secretary Jerry Loftus. Discussed possibility of purchasing land in city of Sun Prairie. Motion for 5 person committee to investigate failed 47 no, 27 yes, 2 abstained.

October 1957 - celebrated 50TH Anniversary for one month.[No mention was made of what events were held other than the Ladies' Aid honored the older members.]

January 12, 1958 - Rev. Hesla from Home Missions discussed building a mission church in Sun Prairie. It was voted to share a pastor with a possible mission church. 40 yes 22 no, 1 abstain. Grades grades 3-8 met for Saturday school; pre-confirmation class met Saturday; preschool-3rd grades met on Sunday; high school class taught by C. A. Severson on Sun a.m. Dartball teams organized. Mission commitment met. Ladies WMFC with Lorraine Femrite and Gertrude Baudler and Ruth Circle were active. Sunday school remained in session until June 19 and paid for new projector for films shown once per month. VBS June 3-14 with 89 students enrolled used

“Our Beautiful Savior” from Concordia Publishing Co. Saturday school for grades 9-11:15 for grades 3-8, Sundays preschool-3rd and high school class were held. Choir director for Saturday school - has 2 choirs. Capes made by Ruth Circle. 99 pupil 14 teachers. Older children had 2 skating parties, Christmas programs afternoon and evening of December 22, 1957. Each child received a treat and gift. Mrs. Ed Wipperfurth Pres of WMFC reported 9 meetings, 36 hostesses, 12 paying; March was an evening meeting with other churches. Rev. Hjalmer Astrup, missionary from Zululand showed colored slides and told of his experiences in Africa. May 2, first Mother and daughter banquet was held. Men’s Brotherhood served dinner. Life membership pins given to Mrs. Clarence Severson and Mrs. Arthur Paulman. 20 new in Cradle roll. Ladies planned the 50th Anniversary program in October honoring our older members. Nov 7 over 1,100 were served at the annual Lutefisk supper; net \$1,369.61. Ladies paid \$1,000 on parsonage and contributed \$717.12 to missions. Ladies’ Aid officers for 1958 -president Mrs. Eddie Wipperfurth, vice-president Mrs. Harold Schiller, 2nd vice-president Mrs. Denver Tjugum, secretary Mrs. Alfred Reinen, and treasurer Mrs. Clarence Severson. Luther League gave report. Voted to accept those suggested by nominating committee: recording secretary Mrs. Donald Strudell; financial secretary Mrs. Art Femrite; treasurer Alden Holten; trustee Clarence Severson; deacons Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Hilmer Borchert; auditing committee Donald Strudell, Charles Tjugum, and Harold Skrenes; parking committee Chris Strand, Matt Strand, William Baudler, Art Femrite, and Elmer Moe; head ushers Dan Strudell and Hilmer Borchert; board of education Mrs. C. A. Severson, Mrs. Harold Severson, and Mrs. Alfred Reinen; deacons Hilmer Borchert and Mrs. William Baudler; cemetery committee Alfred Reinen, Christ Strand, and Matt Strand; delegates to Lutheran Welfare Society of WI Mrs. Robert Renk, Mrs. Hilmer Borchert with Mrs. Art Femrite and Mrs. Adolph Loftus as alternates; delegate to synodical conference June 18-24 Clarence Severson with Stanley Moe as alternate. Voted to amend constitution so nominating committee be elected in June for report to annual January meeting. Voted to amend constitution so officers serving 3-year terms go out one year then are eligible for reelection. Rev Holter asked that congregation consider a cemetery endowment fund for perpetual care and maintenance plus create a cemetery association in the future. No vote on the idea.

June 8, 1958 - Hilmer Borchert chairperson. Amendment to constitution to have nominating comm appointed in June and bring names in January passed. Rev. Holter was called as pastor not head of building committee, so he can’t proceed with plans for a church in town. Elected Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Clarence Severson, assistant Mrs. Oscar Anderson, treasurer Mrs. Edna Anderson, and secretary Miss Jerry Loftus. Elected nominating committee Alfred Reinen, Don Strudell, and Obert Olia. Stanley Moe donated paint for building. Sunday school continued Saturdays and Sundays through May 25. Enrollment 94; 50 Sun 44 Sat.

Teachers : Saturday

Rev. Holter 7 confirmants

Mrs. C. A. Severson 8 7th graders

Mrs. Oscar Anderson 12 5th & 6th graders

Mrs. Leonard Hahn & Mrs. _____ 11 4th graders

Mrs. Arnold Burke 7 3rd graders

Teachers Sunday:

Mr. C. A. Severson 5 high school students

Don Reinen & Jerry Loftus 16 2nd graders

Mrs. Hilmer Borchert 9 1st graders

Mrs. Irene Ness 11 kindergartners

Mrs. Eugene Skrenes 10 pre-schoolers

Studying the Concordia "Life in Christ" series

Jan 25 & Feb 1 - children went to Lions Club Park for skating parties

Jr Choir sung 2nd Sunday each month - director Miss Mary Peterson

Palm Sunday - sang Easter songs & had movie "I Beheld His Glory" - \$60 collected for Missions.

Sat Apr 26 - upper grades raked church lawn. Teachers met every 2nd Thursday afternoon for Bible Study and lesson discussion. Some also attended Sunday School Teachers' Institute at Burke, Bethel, and Lake Edge Lutheran churches. VBS June 2 - M-F 9:00-11:45 enrolled 66. Teachers Rev. Holter, Mrs. C. A. Severson, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Gordon Myrah, Mrs. Eugene Skrenes, Mrs. Alfred Reinen, Mrs. Hollis Hunt Sr, and Mrs. Oscar Anderson. Mrs. Arnold Burke and Mrs. Lloyd Egge taught music. Judy Johnson, Sharon Moldrem, and Patricia Hollis were helpers. Several teachers attended VBS Institute at Bethel and held 2 afternoon meetings for study & discussion before opening day. The lesson was produced by 3 merging churches ELC, ALC and AELC "God's Holy Law." cost of material paid by students. June 15 program of songs and memory work during worship and congregational picnic at Columbus Park with a food committee and recreation committee named.

October 5, 1958 - 118 voting members present of 275-300 members. Hilmer Borchert chairperson Proposal to purchase new site for building in Sun Prairie. Need larger more modern building to attract members from city of Sun Prairie. Two sites, two services. Only \$1,000 available from Home Mission Department. Discussion whether to add on or move or relocate. Motion to raise a building fund to relocate the church in Sun Prairie was defeated Yes 57 No 60.

1958-59 - turbulent years since congregation had grown to over 400 baptized. Many felt the congregation should rebuild in the city of Sun Prairie. After much discussion, the congregation split with about ½ going to form Our Saviors Lutheran Church and the remaining half continuing at the present site. [web]

December 2, 1958 - Rev. Holter, Rev. C. J. Tellekson, Rev. Otto Hesla, Rev Herbert Hanson attended as Hilmer Borchert presided. Discussed space issue - estimated cost \$30-40,000 to add Sunday school rooms and improvements to building. Proposal to relocate since new highway N will take 16-20 feet off front. Clearly, ELC wants a church in Sun Prairie whether or not Bristol survives. Bristol unhappy with Rev. Holter - discussion after he and wife left room.

January 11, 1959 - Hilmer Borchert presided with 75 voting members present. Dr. Myron Austinson spoke to explain that Rev. Holter doesn't qualify to start mission congregation. Five years of experience are required. ELC has no plans to start mission church at this time. Suggested congregation use \$1,000 offered to do survey. Arne Merland moved to retain Rev. Holter as pastor, seconded. 46 No 29 Yes. Dr. Austinson said he would get Rev. Holter a call elsewhere. Rev. Holter said there had been 449 members 270 confirmed 249 voting 54 Sunday services and 6 mid-week. The board of deacons had met January 6 at Adolph Loftus' home to nominate officers for annual meeting.

Annual report - January 23 discussed Bible studies and Lenten services. 4 families joined. March met, May 20, 6 families joined. summer services 9:00 a.m. June 8 mid-year congregational meeting. November 10 discussed Mission Fest December 7 one service, lunch, movies in p.m. Organist resigned. WMF held 10 mtgs, 32 hostesses, 13 paid, Bible study intruduced. Box sent to Sudan Mission Orphanage in Africa. First father-son banquet with Rev. Paul Vagen of Stoughton as guest speaker. April mtg - Rev. H. S. Hallenger, missionary to Madagascar showed slides and told of his work. Life membership pin to Mrs. Bruce Holter. Delegates attended spring

Convention in Minneapolis and fall Workers' Conference at Spring Prairie. Bake sale in September. Lutefisk supper November 6 netted \$1,179.23. Self denial and thank offerings and mission boxes. President Mrs. Eddie Wipperfurth, vice-president Mrs. Denver Tjugum, secretary Mrs. Alfred Reinen, treasurer Mrs. Clarence Severson. Church treasurer reported that storm windows had been repaired. Board of trustees held 12 mtgs + 1 special. Insurance on church \$35,000 + \$10,000 contents and parsonage \$20,000. Ladies' Aid pd \$1,000 to meet synod budget. Church budget \$12,685 noted pension to be paid directly to Rev. Holter not to regular pension fund. Rev. Holter had not received it. Check not signed since Rev. had agreed to put it toward his unpaid pledge. Rev. changed his mind and wanted payment. Check issued but one member refused to sign it. Moved to take care of matter in a few days. Another motion to insist the member sign it now failed. Sunday school Saturday and Sunday classes resumed September 6 & 7, 1958, with 127 enrolled. Superintendent Mrs. Clarence Severson, assistant Mrs. Oscar Anderson, secretary Miss Geraldine Loftus, and treasurer Mrs. Edna Anderson. Teachers were Rev Holter and Mrs. Severson grade 9; Rev. Holter and Mrs. Robert Thompson grade 8; Mrs Richard Nordness 7; Mrs. Oscar Anderson 6; Mrs. Robert Renk 5; Mrs. Don Strudell 4; Mrs. Leonard Hahn and Mrs. Alfred Reinen 3; Miss Geraldine Loftus 2; Donald Reinen and Norman Severson 1; Mrs. Hilmer Borchert kindergarten; Mrs. Eugene Skrenes preschool; Clarence Severson high school Bible class; Mrs. Clarence Femrite, Mrs. Earl Weichman, and Mrs. Arthur Femrite - associate teachers; Diane Renk - pianist. Committees setup for promotion, publicity, recreation director, visual and audio teaching aids, music, and program. Using "Weekday Church School" series from Muhlenberg Press. Filmstrips are shown on the last weekend of each month. Monthly teachers meetings with Bible study. Teachers attended Teachers' Institute at First Lutheran in Stoughton. \$25 in memory of Todd Alen Wolfgram was received from Adolph Loftus family; \$5 from Jane Skrenes in memory of David Anderson. \$2 from Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller in memory of sons Leonard and Walter; \$5 each from Mrs. Marie Skrenes and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Skaar. September 28, barbecue dinner netted \$111. Christmas programs Sunday Dec 21 - lower grades 3:00 p.m. and upper grades 8 p.m. WMF report. Elected recording secretary Ruth Wipperfurth, financial secretary Don Reinen, and treasurer Alden Holten. On board of deacons, Hilmer Borchert and Adolph Loftus resigned. Elected Mrs. Leo Bakke, Mrs. Jacob Miller, and Alfred Reinen; another will be appointed by church Council. Elected trustees Harold Skrenes and Arne Merland. Elected head ushers Eugene Skrenes and Stanley Moe.

April 10, 1959 - Rev. Bruce W. Holter's letter of resignation subject to conditions agreed upon by board of trustees in counsel with Dr. Austinson: Holter's job ceases May 17; one month paid vacation through June 17; and he may reside in parsonage until June 30, 1959.

April 26, 1959 - special meeting with Dr. Myron Austinson. Voted to accept Rev. Holter's resignation. Two delegates for district convention in Green Bay in May will be Stanley Moe and another to be appointed by the trustees. What do to get pastor? call own or share with Sun Prairie church or get from neighboring congregation. Dr. Austinson suggested sharing with Our Savior's since ultimately Bristol people would become part of that congregation. Our Savior's had not yet called a pastor, but a Home Mission pastor would be assigned there Sept 1. The people at Our Savior's went ahead on their own and now have too many members to be called a mission congregation. They are getting money through sponsorship rather than a loan but the Mission Board is providing them a parish worker for 3 months plus funds for an every member canvass. Friendships were broken and families parted because of the dissension which began over the issue of a church in town. Vote to share pastor with Our Savior's 35 yes; 29 no; 3 abstained. Each can withdraw from agreement to share pastor at any time. Two boards meet with Dr. Austinson as

mediator. His decision would be final.

July 16, 1959 - Stanley Moe presided. June 25, 1959, agreement between Bristol & Our Savior's entered into Monday June 22, 1959. Church Council of Our Savior's and Trustees and Deacons at Bristol; 3 mos notice if cease agreement. etc. Bristol unable to meet missions budget because of paying for parsonage and loss of members to Our Savior's. Art Paulman, Matt Strand, and Gordon Gehrke to serve as auditors for next annual meeting. Electing nominating committee will be left until next meeting when nominations will be accepted from floor. Elected William Baudler as another trustee needed to make a full council. Elected Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Oscar Anderson, assistant Miss Josephine Strand, secretary Miss Judy Johnson, and treasurer Mrs Ed Wipperfurth.

1959 - Storm windows added in the Sanctuary. [web - undocumented]

September 14, 1959, - Our Savior's and Bristol held joint service of installation of Rev. John E. Midtling II at Bristol 8 p.m. Rev. Myron Austinson, President of Southern Wisconsin District of the ALC, officiated. Refreshments by Ladies' Aid. Rev. Midtling served both congregations until 1966.

1960 - American Lutheran Church (ALC), Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC), and United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC) merged to form new American Lutheran Church (ALC).

January 10, 1960 - Stanley Moe chairperson; Mrs. Paul Reinen recording secretary. Minutes of three 1959 meetings were read. Of 155 boxes of envelopes, only 132 gave pledges, 41 of those left Bristol during the summer of 1959. Overpaid 25 families, incomplete payment 12. Board of deacons and board of trustees (which used to meet as separate groups) united to form a Council in order that more be accomplished. Sunday school began September 13, 1959, with 48 pupils 8 teachers: Mrs. Arnold Burke 4-5 yr olds; Mrs. Leonard Hahn 1st; Mrs. Gordon Gehrke 2nd; Mrs. Alfred Reinen 3rd; Miss Judy Johnson 4th; Miss Josephine Strand 5th & 6th; Darwin Anderson 8th; Miss Donna Betlach high school Bible class. Using "Kindergarten Bible Lessons" 4-5 yr olds; "My First Sunday School Book" 1st; "Week Day Series" books & workbooks for grades 2-6; "Forward with Christ" for 8th; and "Young Teens" for high school. Christmas program December 20, 1959, at 7:30 p.m. Each child received a gift and bag of candy and nuts. Superintendent Mrs. Oscar Anderson, assistant Miss Josephine Strand, secretary Judy Johnson, treasurer Mrs. Ed. Wipperfurth. WMF report of president Mrs. Alfred Reinen, treasurer Mrs. Christ Strand. Luther League is joint with Our Savior's with president Norman Skrenes; vice-president James Reinen, and secretary/treasurer Dennis Anderson; 9 active members meet monthly. Clarification of trustees: Harold Skrenes and Arne Merland 3 yr terms expire 1962; Stanley Moe appointed to replace Severson term which expires 1961; Alfred Reinen appointed to replace Femrite term which expires 1960; William Baudler appointed to replace Renk term which expires 1960. For deacons: Mrs. Jacob Miller and Mrs. Alice Bakke have 3 year terms which expire 1962; Mrs. Oscar Anderson's term expires 1961; John Sherman's term expires 1960; Don Hollis' term expires 1960. Voted to reelect Alfred Reinen, William Baudler, John Sherman, and Don Hollis for 3 yr terms. Elected financial secretary Betty Skrenes; recording secretary Mrs. Paul Reinen; treasurer Obert Olia; Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Oscar Anderson, assistant Josephine Strand, secretary Judy Johnson, treasurer Ruth Wipperfurth; nominating committee James Burnson, Art Paulman, and Ed Wipperfurth; auditors Gordon Gehrke, Matt Strand, and Art Paulman; cemetery committee Alfred Reinen, Matt Strand, and Chris Strand; parking committee

Matt Strand, Elmer Moe, William Baudler, and Chris Strand; head ushers Gene Gehrke and Darwin Anderson; Lutheran Welfare Representatives Gertrude Baudler and Ruth Wipperfurth. All were thanked for gifts received during 1960. Council has authority to pay 1/3 of pastor's utility and fuel bills while Our Savior's pays 2/3. Joint bulletins for Our Savior's and Bristol being printed.

January 8, 1961 Stanley Moe chairperson; Rev. Midtling; recording secretary Betty Austin; treasurer Obert Olia; financial secretary Betty Skrenes. 119 boxes of envelopes distributed; 110 pledges received; 66 families contributed to parsonage fund at Easter; 56 submitted dime folders; mission envelopes; debt retirement envelopes. Dennis Anderson spoke on accomplishments and future goals of the Men's Brotherhood. Article III of constitution amended to read American Lutheran Church instead of Evangelical Lutheran Church. Elected recording secretary Miss Hazel Nordness; financial secretary Mrs Norman Skrenes; treasurer Obert Olia; deacon Lyman Wipperfurth to replace John Sherman; Norman Skrenes Sr 3 years; trustee Gordon Gehrke 3 years; Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Oscar Anderson, assistant Josephine Strand; delegate to District Convention Stanley Moe; Madison Conference Delegate for spring Mrs. Alfred Reinen and for fall Don Hollis; head usher Darwin Anderson; nominating committee John Sherman, Theodore Skrenes, and Maurice Reinen; auditing committee William Sunday, Clarence Femrite, and Arthur Kruse; cemetery committee Christ Strand, Matt Strand, and Alfred Reinen. Ladies' Aid name changed to American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW).

June 3, 1961 - special meeting - voted to have Merle Johnson repair and paint building. William Baudler got paint at Hanley Implement Co. for \$2.35 per gallon. New door purchased for exit in basement.

June 25, 1961 - special meeting to vote to buy paint and set date for painting 8th of July. Ladies to serve dinner to helpers.

1960-61 - new carpet in chancel. Church and parsonage painted inside and out.. Recreation, assembly and projection room in basement of parsonage by volunteers. - parsonage debt 1956-62 reduced by 1/2; current pews bought [web]

January 14, 1962 - Stanley Moe chairperson with 36 voting members present discussed having men take over duties of deacons such as getting things ready for communion, washing glasses, etc. Rev. Midtling suggested an Altar Society of 5 or 6 women to do that. Organist thanked. Ladies' Aid report by Ruth Wipperfurth. Financial secretary reported 118 boxes of envelopes distributed; 108 pledges of which 90 paid in full; 112 dime folders sent 65 returned. Ladies' Aid contributed \$25 to missions to make \$429.25; 66 returned debt fund envelopes and Easter offering envelopes. In Sunday school, - 25 Bibles were given for perfect attendance at both church and Sunday school. Brotherhood report by Dennis Anderson. Congregation ratified amendment to change ELC to ALC on constitution. Proposal to acquire 2 acres more land for cemetery from Mr. Schulenberg for \$2,000. Elected recording secretary Mrs. Milton Austin; financial secretary Mrs. Norman Skrenes; treasurer Obert Olia; deacons 3 years Edwin Peterson & Elmer Moe; Trustee 3 years Stanley Moe; Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Oscar Anderson, assistant Mrs. Alfred Reinen; delegate to District Convention Stanley Moe; head usher Darwin Anderson, assistant head usher James Reinen; Lutheran Welfare corporate members 2 yr term Mrs. Arnold Burke and Miss Josephine Strand; nominating committee James Burnson, Don Hollis, and Alfred Reinen; auditing committee Clarence Anderson, Clarence Femrite, and Harold Skrenes; cemetery

committee Christ Strand, Matt Strand, and Alfred Reinen. Communion 9 times that year. Dartball continued.

May __, 1962 - Report of evangelism committee. Congregational picnic to be June 17. Oscar Tjugum family joined Our Savior's. Jacob Miller memorial to sons PFC Leonard A. Miller and Walter Miller. Vacation Bible school to be held in June.

August 19, 1962 - additional land from Schulenberg was consecrated on August 19, 1962, by Rev. John E. Midtling II.

September 30, 1962 - celebrated 55th Anniversary with evangelism brochure published with directory of chair of each activity— choir every Thursday at 8:00 p.m., pre-confirmation classes Saturdays 9:30 and 10:30, worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m., council 2nd Monday at 8 p.m., Bible study leaders met last Monday of month 8:p.m.

1962- Aluminum siding put on church.[web - not documented]

January 13, 1963 - Stanley Moe chairperson, Rev. Midtling, recording secretary Betty Austin, treasurer Obert Olia, and financial secretary Betty Skrenes gave reports. Stanley Moe commented on number of persons not taking communion. He will contact those who haven't been attending. Anyone can contribute to the student loan fund. Pledges continued. 60 dime folders given during Lent. Easter and Christmas envelopes given toward parsonage. 45 families gave toward debt retirement. Mrs. Oscar Anderson reported 65 pupils in Sunday school, 16 with perfect attendance. Mrs. Arne Burke gave Sunday school treasurer's report. Donna Betlach current organist. Proposed budget of \$8,988.

Motion to accept constitution change of synod from Evangelical Lutheran Church to American Lutheran Church passed. Voted 18 yes 17 no that list of contributors to lutefisk dinner be given to financial secretary for recording. Treasurer's report for Men's Brotherhood by James Reinen. More trees needed in cemetery. Thanked those who worked on cemetery and painting parsonage. Elected recording secretary Mrs. Milton Austin; financial secretary Mrs. Norman Skrenes; treasurer Obert Olia; deacons Arthur Kruse and Ed Wipperfurth; trustees Howard Hodgson and Harold Skrenes; Sunday school superintendent Mrs Oscar Anderson; delegate to District Convention Stanley Moe; head usher Darwin Anderson, assistant James Reinen; cemetery committee Alfred Reinen, Matt Strand, and Christ Strand; auditing committee Alfred Reinen, Dick Scott, and Ted Skrenes; nominating committee Norman Skrenes, Bill Baudler, and Gordon Gehrke.

January 14, 1963 - first mention of monthly Council instead of separate meetings for deacons and trustees. Rev. Midtling suggested a chairperson of deacons Norman Skrenes and secretary of deacons Ed Wipperfurth work with Stanley Moe chairperson of trustees and Harold Skrenes secretary of trustees. Water softener not working. Paid Obert Olia \$25 for work and mileage. Mrs. Skrenes paid \$25 for her work. Motion to pay bills. Harold Skrenes voted secretary of council. Resolution to present to Sun Prairie City Council to try to keep closed the Cosmopolitan Club was tabled until the installation of the new Council in 2 weeks.

February 11, 1963 - Rev. Midtling attended Sun Prairie City Council in January [This item showed the first interest in civic responsibilities.] The congregation needed an adding machine, but Obert Olia had purchased one of his own. Changed time of worship services 9:00 a.m. at Bristol 10:30 a.m. at Our Savior's. Rev. Midtling will discuss changes with Our Savior's council.

\$1000 note owed. paid off \$500. possibly pay balance in March. Howard Hodgson made motion. Dime folders for Lent used for Synodical budget. No offerings collected Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. Services Thursday as well. Suggested contributions to scholarship fund.

March 11, 1963 - Rev. Midtling suggested Good Friday services in p.m. with Burke Lutheran Church where both pastors speak. Signy Skrenes' note being paid off. Norman Skrenes donated \$35 for trees. Easter offering given toward parsonage. Water softener is leaking again. Shades needed for windows in church to make it darker to show movies. Possibly partition sections of basement for Sunday school, ask Ladies' Aid to finance them. Increase Scholarship Fund.

April 8, 1963 - no Good Friday afternoon service but 8:15 communion service. Water softener leaking. Shades @ \$7 each. Delegate to District Convention April 22-24 Stanley Moe with \$10 toward those expenses. Embankment at parsonage has bare spots which need sod. Deacons decide what time summer services. Interior of parsonage needs paint. Last done 4 years ago, will be done in summer. \$25 from Dr. John Grab.

May 13, 1963 - Shades installed in sanctuary \$64.70. Mrs. Skrenes asked about vandalism clause in insurance policy. Maurice Reinen will sod bare spots on parsonage lawn. Lawn was sprayed for dandelions. Riding lawn mower repaired. Church lawn mower in poor condition. Let trustees decide what to do. Obert Olia treasurer transferred \$50 from cemetery fund to general fund and \$64.70 from repair fund to general fund. Week of July 14 will paint parsonage with pastor's wife choosing colors. Pastor wants a shrub to fill bare spot and a set amount for Rev. Twiton to substitute for him... \$10 per Sunday.

June 10, 1963 - Sod put on parsonage lawn. Chase Lumber has sale on paint. Paid Stanley Moe for expenses at convention. Sacramental wine purchased at Rennebohm's. Harold Skrenes to look after parsonage while pastor on vacation. Insurance policy does not cover vandalism; need to add clause.

Ed Wipperfurth moved \$50 be given Sunday school for Bible school costs and suggested a hymnal as gift for Mrs. Anderson for her work with Sunday school and Bible school. Possibly discontinue choir for summer months. Rev. Midtling asked about cooling church (fans in summer months).

June __, 1963 - 7-9th graders to Lutherdale; :Luther League delegates to District Convention – Kathy Knodt, Connie Pederson, and Pat Berkvam.

July 8, 1963 - Obert Olia treasurer paid Kenneth & Burnette Johnson \$5 per time to clean church. Something wrong with organ. Stanley Moe will get it fixed. Cemetery fund \$100 from Denver Tjugum.

August 8, 1963 - Stanley Moe as substitute secretary. Paid \$200 on bank loan. Paid Moe brothers for mowing new addition to cemetery all summer \$25. Discussion on scholarship fund. Pastor appointed a committee of 4 to handle fund and decide who gets help for attending church schools only - Harold Skrenes, Howard Hodgson, Ed Peterson, and Elmer Moe. Mission Fest set for September 29 - air force Chaplain from Truax a possible speaker. Substitute pastor August 18 service Rev. Harry Clevon was paid \$10. Stewardship program chaired by Harold Skrenes, who had done it for several years. Memorial \$100 from mother of Rev. Midling 101 years of age. Furnace being cleaned.

September 9, 1963 - New pulpit Bible from Strudel family in memory of son Richard to be dedicated.

Chaplain from Truax will be Mission Fest speaker paid \$15. Stewardship Sunday 1st or 2nd Sun in November. Judy Johnson did not attend a Lutheran school so didn't get scholarship money. James Olia got \$100. Notes to be sent to visitors by church secretary not council recording secretary.

October 14, 1963 - Council changed meetings to 2nd Thursday to avoid conflict with PTA meetings.

One signature on checks to be either treasurer or alternate trustee, not 3 signatures. \$8,675 proposed budget for 1964. Choir needs improvement.

November 14, 1963 - Choir practice planned for twice per month. Possibly have children sing occasionally plus soloists. Donna Betlach will be contacted. Balance on parsonage \$2,130. Plan to pay it off in 1964 and hold ceremony of burning mortgage. Rev. Midtling wants postage meter; \$39 installation charge. Bristol's share \$13.00 plus rental \$6 per month. Rev. Midtling wants cabinet in basement 6-7 ft long, floor to ceiling with masonite doors. New piano lamp in memory of Walter Roloff plus new USA and Christian flags purchased. Ed Wipperfurth suggested telephone be installed in church.

December 9, 1963 - Two flags were dedicated December 8, 1963 – Christian flag in memory of Peter Johnson; American flag in memory of Walter Roloff. Voted no on telephone because of excessive cost. Cupboard for parsonage basement not installed yet, but Men's Brotherhood will do it. Payment for postage machine will go on 1964 bill. Paid for Missions. Money from memorial service for President Kennedy will go to Plymouth Youth Center. Letter from Lutheran Bible Institute, which trains lay people. Bristol behind on welfare budget. Thanksgiving offering to Lutheran Welfare. Rev. Midtling took youth to Madison to an institute which dealt with work of ministry and the different fields of ministry. Next year council to meet on second Monday of month.

January 12, 1964 - Stanley Moe chairperson; Matt Strand to cemetery committee; Mrs. Skrenes financial secretary; reports from Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mrs. Arne Burke that Sunday school had 69 pupils in 1963; from Mrs. Christ Strand about ALCW; from Jim Reinen about Men's Brotherhood; from Luther League, from Donna Betlach about music; from Mrs. Burke about choir; from Mrs. Anderson about communion preparations; from Mrs. Alfred Reinen about baptismal preparations. Elected Orval Anderson deacon; Art Paulman Sr trustee; Obert Olia treasurer; Hazel Nordness financial secretary; Mrs. Milt Austin recording secretary; Darwin Anderson head usher; James Reinen -assistant head usher; Stanley Moe delegate to District Convention; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant superintendent; Maurice Reinen, Elmer Moe, and James Burnson nominating committee; Stanley Moe, Edwin Peterson, and Arne Merland auditing committee; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Matt Strand cemetery committee.

January 13, 1964 - Obert Olia treasurer reported pastor's pension increased, pastor's salary increased and he was paid twice per month. Donna Betlach attending college so need new choir director. Gwen Burke taking over choir for \$5 per practice. Stanley Moe chairperson of trustees, Harold Skrenes as secretary. Ed. Wipperfurth chairperson of deacons, Arthur Kruse as secretary. New electric mimeograph being tried in office, Rev. wants to purchase it. Old one donated to church by Lutheran Mission Office would bring \$100 in trade; Bristol's 1/3 cost Bristol \$135.10,

Our Savior's cost 2/3, plus contract of service for it approved. Mrs. Gene Skrenes is church secretary will bring church directory up to date.

February 10, 1964 - Mimeograph machine purchased. Paid for New Testaments and filmstrips used for youth Pocket Testament Banquet. Hazel Nordness ordered envelopes for next year. Donna Betlach will come home each Wed to play organ for Lenten services. May 17, Rev. Austinson will speak at Our Savior's for its 5th Anniversary and at Bristol. Carpeting cleaned and mothproofed in church and parsonage. New postage machine now being used. Communion cards being used. No offering taken Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. New motor in furnace. Motion to pay \$500 on mortgage for parsonage.

March 9, 1964 -Scholarship committee met. Communion on Holy Thursday not Good Friday. Gary Gehrke representative to Detroit Youth Convention; Rev. Midling asked for help to pay Gary's way.

Men's Brotherhood will paint basement floor. Deacons will call on members who aren't attending regularly; list made for letters of transfer - communion attendance, worship attendance, regular contribution. Candice Bakke delegate to replace Gary Gehrke. Bible classes for high schoolers, ALCW, and adult instruction.

1964 - Lenten sermons about hands. Pulpit exchange with a different pastor each week from Rio, Spring Prairie, DeForest, Lodi, Bristol, and Our Savior's.

April 13, 1964 - Candice's fee partially paid. Brotherhood painted basement floor and put tips put on table legs. Bills for fire in parsonage \$192.50 but another bill expected. No place for permanent records of church; a fireproof file cabinet for \$300 was suggested but not purchased. Balance of parsonage paid March 30, 1964. Stanley Moe's expenses as delegate to District Convention May 3-6 were paid. Harold Skrenes Stewardship chairperson asked that each march to altar with commitments. Howard Hodgkins wanted a building fund to keep incentive going. Need a furnace for basement of church. Thank Dr. Grab for Easter gift.

May 9, 1964 - public catechization at Our Savior's with May 10 confirmation after two years of instruction. Youth outing at Lion's Club Park with Spring Prairie invited.

May 11, 1964 - "Lutheranism and the various synods" given by Rev. Midtling. Synod expenses \$204.47. \$1.33 per confirmed member for Lutheran Welfare. Rev. Hanson to speak on May 17. The other bill for parsonage fire \$87.47. Purchased hymnals from memorial money. Mortgage burning picture was in *The Star*. Earthquake relief sent to Alaska

May 17, 1964 - for 5th Anniversary of OSLC; Rev. Dr. M. C. Austinson spoke and dinner served.

May 1964 - Men's Brotherhood retreat at Green Lake and outing at Lion's Club Park; public catechization after 2 year pre-confirmation classes. Youth car wash. Candice Bakke and Linda Kammerman delegates to Detroit Youth Convention. Brotherhood offered slides of Germany and the Berlin Wall. Leadership training for youth by Jayne Nevel and Scott Seals.

June 8, 1964 - No fireproof safe available. Possible screens for windows. Family night June 14 honored Sunday school teachers with a small gift each. Mr. Twiten to speak June 21. Rev. Spelien to speak June 28. Rev. Hallien speak at convention.

July __, 1964 - Information on furnace for basement \$700 includes labor. voted for it. Screens and combination storms purchased for five windows. Rev. Midtling wants air conditioner for parsonage.

August 10, 1964 - Treasurer now bonded by ALC. Paid Candice Bakke \$35 for traveling expenses. Ladies Aid paid ½, church paid ½. Check for \$10 for Detroit Youth Convention offering. Nothing done about air conditioner for parsonage. Scholarship fund committee meeting. Ordered 2 more locks for parsonage.

September 14, 1964

Rev. Ingvolstad and Paul Anderson gave presentation on Lutheran Welfare Building Program; Harold Skrenes in charge of that fund. November 8 lutefisk and stewardship Sunday. October 11 Mission Sunday Rev. Midtling will speak. World Communion Sunday October 4. Mr. Krause and Mrs. Wipperfurth delegates to Conference Institute at Trinity Lutheran Church. Offering for Lutheran Welfare.

September 24, 1964 - Stewardship budget meeting and men's chicken barbeque. Scholarship fund mentioned for needy student; Donald Hunt a sophomore at Luther College.

October 15, 1964 - Thanksgiving Service - 8:15 p.m. Wednesday. Copy of budget provided; \$300 travel allowance added to pastor's \$7,802. \$5 memorial from Peter Johnson to purchase hymnal.

November 10, 1964 - need light fixture for parsonage. Lutheran Welfare program discussed. Stanley Moe will give talk on Lutheran Welfare the 1st Sunday in January. Church will pay ½ cost of lutefisk dinner. Church gave \$5 memorial to Art Skrenes family.

December 14, 1964 - Paid \$60 to Alfred Reinen for custodial care. Lutheran Welfare budget paid \$180; \$20 pd by Men's Brotherhood. \$300 to be paid on mission budget, which is assessed at \$2.25 per confirmed member. Base on organ needs repair.

1964 - Youth met every two weeks; Luther League Christmas party; ALCW Christmas party Men's Brtherhood met monthly Tuesday evenings.

December 23, 1964 - Sunday school Christmas program.

January 1, 1965 - Pocket Testament Banquet at Our Savior's for both congregations.

January 10, 1965 - parsonage paid in full. New furnace purchased for church basement. Reports from Rev. Midtling; Hazel Nordness; Obert Olia; Mrs. Arthur Kruse and Mrs. Wm Baudler ALCW; Luther League; Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mrs. Arne Burke Sunday school had 80 pupils 10 teachers; Ed Wipperfurth Men's Brotherhood. Voted David Moe and Ted Skrenes deacons; William m Baudler and Alfred Reinen trustees; Obert Olia treasurer; Hazel Nordness financial secretary; Mrs. Milton Austin recording secretary; Darwin Anderson head usher with William Baudler assistant; Stanley Moe delegate to District Convention; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant; Howard Hodgson, Arthur Kruse, Harold Skrenes, and Ed Wipperfurth nominating committee; Arne Merland, James Burnson, and Gordon Gehrke auditing committee; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Matt Strand cemetery committee.

New building fund for Lutheran Welfare assessed \$2.25 per confirmed member. Guiding Principles drawn up for scholarship fund.

January 13, 1965 - Rev. Midtling presided. Treasurer Obert Olia presented written copy of budget for 1965. Paid \$130 on mission budget. Elected Art Paulman chairperson of trustees; Ed Wipperfurth chairperson of deacons; Harold Skrenes secretary of trustees; Art Kruse secretary of deacons. Organ repaired but a few keys still not working. New scholarship committee David Moe and Ted Skrenes.

Financial secretary Hazel Nordness ordered offering envelopes. Our Savior's had over 800 members; Bristol had 251.

February 8, 1965 - Voted to invite Ex-priest, Dr. Peter Doeswych of the Knights of Christ to speak.

March __, 1965 - Paid mission budget \$200 + \$25 memorial from Mrs. Art Skrenes. Paid Mrs. Johnson \$5 for each time she cleaned. Donna Betlach's and Mrs. Burke's pay increased by \$1 per week as of March 1, 1965. This item should have been voted on at annual meeting. Our Savior's not interested in having Dr. Doeswych speak, so he was not asked.

April 12, 1965 - crack across driveway of parsonage needs hotmix. Paint purchased by Rev. Midtling for parsonage and fertilizer were reimbursed. Parking lot still gravel; considered blacktopping it. Carpeting at parsonage would cost \$425 for wall to wall. Rev. Midtling hoped to have it done for his son's confirmation.

May 13, 1965 - trustees met to discuss carpeting. Order from Sears cost \$369.98 and included hallway. Crack doesn't need hotmix. Old rug cut and put in dining room. Collected \$289.50 for Lutheran Welfare Building Fund; church to make up difference and send check. Rev. Midtling to attend workshop on confirmation in Madison and take vacation June and Aug. Lenten offering to go to mission fund. Easter offering for missions. Dr. Grab's gift and \$8 from Fischer to go toward basement fixup.

June 8, 1965 - Old carpeting put in basement of parsonage. Church received \$100 from James Skaar and put it in improvement fund. Alfred Reinen suggested white fence across front of church property for \$125. New sign for cemetery cost \$169.00. Workmen's Compensation required if 3 people worked at church. Alfred Reinen paid for snow removal.

July 12, 1965 - \$14 for Rev. Midtling to attend Green Lake conference on confirmation. Rev. Midtling purchased 2 sprinklers for parsonage. Bill Baudler will repair them so they rotate and bought 1 more. Merle Johnson paid \$8 per mowing. Building addition to church suggested. Scholarship committee meeting after next council mtg.

August 2, 1965 - Elmer Moe wants water rate increased to \$30. Partial payment \$100 to Lutheran Welfare. New confirmation materials and 3- year program suggested; will be voted at annual meeting.

Ask pastor of Martin Luther Home to speak at Misson Fest and set date according to his schedule.

September 13, 1965 - Rev. Ronald Kohls of Martin Luther Home to speak September 26 and be paid \$60. Stewardshp Sunday Nov 7. Howard Hodgson will be new chairperson if Harold Skrenes

will help. Mrs. Anderson and Darwin attended a meeting and asked church to pay expenses. Lutefisk dinner receipts used for church improvements. Art Paulman chairperson, Stanley Moe, and Alfred Reinen asked to check cost of building on to church.

October 11, 1965 - Trustees special mtg for budget. Hazel Nordness ordered "Church Improvements" envelopes. Art Paulman hadn't checked costs yet.

November 8, 1965 - Paid Lutheran Welfare \$114 in full. Pledging; 20 cards left. Art Paulman had card from consultant. Ladies need new stove. Discussion of possible expansion.

December 13, 1965 - Pay mission budget. Paid Alfred Reinen \$60 for custodial care. Christmas offering to be put in improvement fund. Didn't get light fixture, but bought lamp instead for study in parsonage.

January 9, 1966 - Chaired by Stanley Moe with recording secretary Betty Austin. Reports by Rev. Midtling; financial secretary Hazel Nordness; treasurer Obert Olia; ALCW Mrs. Art Kruse and Mrs. William Baudler; Men's Brotherhood Andy Reinen; Luther League; Sunday school Mrs. Oscar Anderson 96 pupils, VBS 1 week, 8 Bibles given, 38 pins for perfect attendance, treasurer Mrs. Burke; communion preparation Mrs. Oscar Anderson; organist Donna Betlach. Council met monthly. All bills paid. New stoves needed. Addition 30x30 proposed for Sunday school rooms, storage, etc. Voted Delano Tjugum and Darwin Anderson deacons; Stanley Moe and Gordon Gehrke trustees; Obert Olia treasurer; Hazel Nordness financial secretary; Mrs. Milton Austin recording secretary; William Baudler and David Moe head usher and assistant; Stanley Moe delegate to District convention; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent; Art Paulman, Andy Reinen, and Harold Skrenes nominating committee; George Bareis, Arne Merland, and John Sherman auditing committee; Elmer Moe, Alfred Reinen, and Matt Strand cemetery committee. ALCW officers and trustees will check into remodeling the kitchen.

1966 - Confirmation League 7-9th grades; Senior High League 10-12th grades; counselors Mr. & Mrs. Loren Urdahl, Mr & Mrs. Romaine Lothe, Mrs. Leo Bakke, and Rev and Mrs. Midtling. 1966 choir director Mrs. Arnold Burke; youth choir 6-9th and cherub ages 6-10 - Mrs. Robert Lorlei. Adult education "Fundamentals of Christian Faith" Sundays 4 p.m.

January 10, 1966 - Women gave suggestions for kitchen. Ruth Wipperfurth contacting home economist from Portage for further direction. Art Paulman chairman of trustees; Stanley Moe secretary of trustees; David Moe chairman of deacons, Darwin Anderson secretary of deacons. Stanley Moe is contact for Lutheran Welfare. Check on new doors for entrance. Rev. Austinson spoke to both Our Savior's and Bristol councils January 26, since Our Savior's wants a separate pastor. Choices 1. go alone; 2. merge with Our Savior's; 3. align with another Lutheran church. Pastor prefers to keep both congregations. Voted to wait.

1966 - Bristol Sunday school had 100 students; worship at 9:30 a.m.

February 14, 1966 - Art Paulman presented estimate doors would cost \$500. Spahn would make doors for \$40 each. Spahn would also make cabinets for kitchen. George Hughey for wiring \$800. Rev. Austinson wants Bristol to merge with Our Savior's. Dime offerings during Lent given to missions.

Water softener not working well.

March __, 1966 - Hazel Nordness leaving, new financial secretary needed. Mrs. Arthur Kruse will do it. New automatic water softener purchased for parsonage. Memorials for Harry Hanson given to designated accounts.

April __, 1966 - Paid water softener \$242.18. Paid Mrs. Lorlei for playing organ. Parsonage needs painting living room, bath, 2 bedrooms. Stanley Moe will check it. Confirmation gifts from congregation.

May 9, 1966 - Stanley Moe delegate to District Convention May 15. Cost to tile basement floor over \$800. Delano Tjugum mentioned new kind of carpeting available. Memorial fund for Robert Mickelson given to kitchen fund. \$200 sent to missions. Pay soloist Russell Twiten \$10. Door for kitchen needed.

June 6, 1966 - Serving doors will arrive soon. Carpeting for basement from Spahn's. Check if Jim Olia would speak while Rev. Midtling on vacation. Paid Stanley Moe \$15 for expenses of convention.

Ask Sid Knudtson of Stoughton to speak June 19 if Jim Olia doesn't.

July 11, 1966 - Jim Olia to speak August 14. Rev. Selseth to speak June 19. Rev. Midtling wants a fan for parsonage.

August 1, 1966 - Obert Olia noted \$311.84 behind in mission budget. \$200 memorial from Christ Skaar. Water seeping in next to building. Need amplifier in church basement. During Rev. Midtling's vacation, August 8_____, August 14 Jim Olia preside, August 21 Chaplain Ekeberg from Oregon School for Girls to speak.

September 12, 1966 - Stanley Moe checked amplifier; will use memorial from Christ Skaar to purchase it. Blacktopping put next to church at \$7 per yard. Will check into fixing other driveway. Insurance on church being raised another \$5000. Check for \$525.88 to Spahn from repairs fund. September 25 Mission Fest with Mr. Robert Navarro, student at Wartburg. He will be paid \$25 plus motel cost. No Sunday school that day.

October 10, 1966 - Mission offering \$443.25 +\$10 from Men's Brotherhood. Youth Conference in Minneapolis December 27-30 - cost \$25+ transportation. Voted to send Steve Reinen and pay all his expenses. Mrs. Christ Skaar transferred to Bristol. Budget detailed. Leak in water line between church and house.

November 14, 1966 - Blacktop on driveway cost \$87; repairing water line \$295; \$100 to Lutheran Social Services; new envelope boxes to be ready in December. No house calls for stewardship needed this year. December 16 at 8:00 p.m. a meeting with Dr. Austinson to discuss future of Bristol congregation..

November 27, 1966 - special congregational meeting to accept Rev. Midtling's resignation, affective 90 days after being accepted waived, so he could leave December 31, 1966, if Our Savior's also accepted his resignation. Dennis Anderson and Art Paulman refused to conduct mtg, so Stanley Moe was voted to preside.

December 12, 1966 - \$100 to James Olia for 2nd Sem. of school. Resolution for presenting to Dr.

Austinson. No parish nearby to align with. Resolution to go alone unanimous in council. Decision on equipment purchased on shares. Thank Midtling.

December 16, 1966 - special meeting -Art Paulman presided. Dr. Austinson present and stated Bristol had 229 members in 1959 and 251 in 1966 and suggested congregation ready for full time pastor. He suggested five names. Concern for many teenagers at Bristol and no adult Bible class. Congregation accustomed to paying \$3000 now needs \$6500-7500 for pastor. No one available to teach confirmation class. Retired Rev. A. J. Eisner of St. Paul contacted to preach. Rev. Roger Schmidt of 206A Eagle Heights will fill in as necessary and may consider teaching confirmation class.

January 1, 1967 - June 1968 - Rev. R. Schmidt served on a part-time basis while earning an advanced degree at the University of Wisconsin.

January 8, 1967 - reports from treasurer; Mrs. Scott ALCW president and Mrs. Krebs ALCW treasurer both absent; Mrs. Kruse financial secy absent no report; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent has 115 in 11 classes, Jane Skrenes Sunday school treasurer; Luther League no report; cemetery committee no report. Voted Howard Hodgson deacon (He is also teaching pre-confirmation class). Rules suspended so Art Paulman could be reelected president of congregation. Elected Obert Olia treasurer; Shirley Kruse financial secy; Mrs. Betty Austin recording secretary; Harold Skrenes head usher; Randy Scott, Bill Baudler, and James Reinen assistant ushers; Mrs. Anderson Sunday school superintendent and Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant; Ed Wipperfurth, James Burnson, and George Bareis auditing committee; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Matt Strand cemetery committee; Alfred Reinen, Bill Baudler, David Moe, and Ted Skrenes nominating committee; Stanley Moe delegate to District Convention; Donna Betlach organist; Mrs. Arne Burke choir. Rev. Roger Schmitt to serve til end of school year and live in parsonage. Council will elect a call committee and check salaries of surrounding pastors. No action on budget.

January 9, 1967 - Obert Olia reported in 4 yrs over \$900 in parish expenses. Art Paulman chairperson of trustees; Stanley Moe secretary of trustees; Howard Hodgson chairperson of deacons; Darwin Anderson secretary of Deacons. Howard Hodgson teaching pre-confirmation class. Stanley Moe will phone Dr. Austinson concerning calling a pastor.

February __, 1967 - Memorial \$25 for Elmer Anderson. Council will purchase vacuum cleaner for church basement. Discussion on Rev. Schmidt's coming to help Bristol and living in parsonage. He will be paid for part time during school year \$40 per Sunday plus utilities and rent and \$400 per month for full time in summer.

March __, 1967 - Letter of call to Rev. Schmidt. His installation and reception April 2. Confirmation will be May 7after public examination May 5.

During the Schmidt and Skindrud era, there were 2 pews on left side of chancel to left of lectern where children's choir and youth choir sang and piano stood - said Janice Reinen Vollmert. During Skindrud era all pre-confirmation classes were required to sing in youth choir.

April 10, 1967 - new oven in parsonage \$145. Addressograph belongs to Bristol congregation. Two doors at parsonage need refinishing and shingles around chimney loose. checking to see if missionary available to speak last Sunday in September. Picked up books for pre-confirmation

class. Phone discussed and vetoed.

April 30, 1967 - Rev. Roger A. Schmidt present. Guest organist Mrs. Alfred Anderson of DeForest. Choir sang. Notice in bulletin "Please be seated until ushers dismiss you." Men's Brotherhood Thursday p.m. Luther League selling pen sets.

May 5, 1967 - Public examination of confirmation class 7:45 p.m.. May 6 - class at 10:30. May 7 confirmation worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

May __, 1967 - Rev. Jorgenson opened meeting with presentation on "Life." Donna Belach resigned as organist given gift. Mrs. Kruse taking organ lessons and will serve. Serving cart donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kruse. Howard Hodgson paid \$50 for work with pre-confirmation class. Paid Rev. Schmidt \$100 for extra work with pre-confirmation class. Church roof needs replacement.

June __, 1967 - Stanley Moe paid \$20 for expenses of convention. Alfred Reinen paid \$25 for snow removal. Mission Fest to be September 24 with lady from Madagascar. Marvin Mickelson transferred to Spring Prairie Church. Communion first Sunday every month. Joan Wipperfurth and Joan Persinger will attend Detroit Luther League Convention. Bake sale to help with expenses. Organ repaired. Entry repaired. Painted cemetery sign.

July __, 1967 - Rev. Schmidt presided. Voted to pay guest organist \$10 each time. Unemployment Insurance recommended. Purchased a typewriter. Mission speaker secured. Front faucet leaks. Doorbell doesn't work. \$25 given to each Luther Leaguer attending convention. Asking James Olia to preach during pastor's 1 week vacation in August.

August __, 1967 - reports. Seeking typewriter.

September __, 1967 - Mission Fest Sunday 24. Pay speaker \$25 + expenses. Mrs. Arne Burke resigned from choir director. Dime folders for lent. Rev. Schmidt returning to school September 18.

Royal typewriter being purchased.

October 9, 1967 - Mrs. Arthur Kruse will take over as organist. Substitute Mrs. A. Anderson of DeForest paid bonus \$25. Rev. Schmidt's salary \$100 per month extra. Worship service on Wednesday 7:45 p.m. prior to Thanksgiving. Lutheran Social Services will provide speaker one Sunday in November.

November 13, 1967 - Dishes paid by money from lutefisk dinner. Shirley Kruse paid \$6.00 per Sunday as organist. Mrs. Arthur Lunde asked for transfer to Burke congregation. Grocery slips from Sentry saved to get refund to scholarship fund. \$100 to James Olia from scholarship fund.

December 11, 1967 - Alfred Reinen paid \$60. Lutheran Social Services paid. Rev. Schmidt started visitation committee to call on shut-ins. No worship December 24 but on Christmas morning. Annual meeting 2nd Sunday of January. Need additional Christmas tree trims.

January 8, 1968 - \$100 gift received from Mrs. Henry Pederson. Paid bills and mission budget. Decided to put in vapor light. Asked Rev. Schmidt to stay on.

January 21, 1968 - Stanley Moe chairperson; Rev. Schmitt present. Elected John Sherman and Arthur Kruse deacons; Arne Merland and Joe Sherven trustees; Obert Olia treasurer; Andy Reinen financial secretary; Mrs. Milt Austin recording secretary; Harold Skrenes head usher with Robert Sherman, Rory Scott, and Robert Reinen assistants; Stanley Moe delegate to District conference; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant; George Bareis, Matt Strand, and James Burnson auditing committee; Matt Strand, Elmer Moe, and Alfred Reinen cemetery committee. Reports from Donna Betlach organist; Mrs. Burke choir director; Mrs. Scott president of ALCW absent no report; Mrs. Anderson Sunday school 103 pupils use Concordia series and 74 in VBS; Jane Skrenes Sunday school treasurer; Shirley Kruse financial secretary; no Men's Brotherhood report but Rev Schmidt starting men's Bible study; Luther League no report; Stanley Moe stewardship report and budget proposal \$9,790 -- world mission \$2,035, pastoral ministry \$5,018. worship and service \$1,140, church home \$1,600. Founders Carl Reinen and Marie Skrenes died in 1967.

February 12, 1968 - \$284 in memory of Mrs. Marie Skrenes. Paid half of District dues. New mimeograph purchased. Art Paulman chairperson and Stanley Moe secretary of trustees. Howard Hodgson chairperson and Art Kruse secretary of deacons. Lenten communion will be served on Ash Wed. No weekly services during Lent. Council members asked to visit shut-ins. Steve Getzlaff and Kathy Zoemisch not keeping up with pre-confirmation work and not ready for confirmation. Their parents not cooperating. Mrs. Johnson will continue cleaning the church. Mr. Johnson will cease mowing the lawn.

March 11, 1968 - Offering from Ash Wed go toward missions. Discussion on pre-confirmation class will continue. Irvin Helgeson family problem dealt with.

April 8, 1968 - Arne Merland moved to shingle roof. Delano Tjugum will do the work. Rev. Schmidt leaving the end of June. He knows a part-time person who might preach. Life project pledge made.

April 19, 1968 - special congregational meeting for calling a full-time pastor. Since only 35 came, another meeting Sunday April 28 following worship with Joe Sherven conducting meeting.

April 28, 1968 - special congregational meeting about calling a pastor. Church full every Sunday with Rev. Schmidt. People want full-time, young man, average salary in district is \$8000. Andy Reinen and Jim Olia only members of their confirmation class still attending. District office will supply a man until a pastor is secured. \$6000 should be enough salary. Voted to send a delegation to talk with District officers and Dr. Austinson in Janesville.

May 13, 1968 - James Reinen agreed to do mowing and furnish gas for mower for \$20 per time. Obert Olia treasurer reported \$413 due missions. Tjugum was paid \$990 for new roof. Other bills paid. New members William Benz and Mrs. Andrew Reinen. Rev. Husby of Lodi gave talk on Lutheran Social Services. Further discussion of pre-confirmation class.

June 10, 1968 - Bible School arranged. Motion to pay \$100 to Howard Hodgson for work with pre-confirmation class. He declined saying he would volunteer his teaching. Voted to have 2 council members Howard Hodgson and Stanley Moe search for new pastor. Rev. Schmidt left June 1968.

July 1, 1968– September 1968 Bristol congregation served by 80-year-old Rev. Joseph Lee.

July 8, 1968 - Rev. Lee given names of shut-ins. Voted to print bulletins. Communion service 1st Sun in August. Eave spouts need repair. Zoemisch family discussed... now going to Burke. Telephone at parsonage changed to vacation rates.

July 24, 1968 - at special council meeting, Howard Hodgson and Stanley Moe recommended Rev. Orlando Skindrud at Random Lake (age 67). He would be paid \$4800 + \$1000 travel expenses.

August 12, 1968 - Rev. Lee given names of 7 shut-ins. Repairs to parsonage. Art Paulman spoke to Mrs. Zoemisch to find she was not planning to leave Bristol.

September 9, 1968 - Voted to paint the parsonage, helpers needed, white outside with green trim [black trim used]. Secretarial help needed to print letters and bulletins. Howard Hodgson to teach pre-confirmation class. Books he ordered were paid by church. Rev. Skindrud accepted call and will come October 15. Refrigerator/freezer purchased from Hanley. Scholarship money given to Rory Scott and Jim Olia.

October 14, 1968 - Parsonage painted. Black shutters installed. Carpets cleaned.

October 15, 1968 - Bristol congregation was served by Rev. Orlando Skindrud. He died of heart attack on Hwy 151 driving home from visiting someone in a Madison hospital May 31, 1971.

1968 - First circle Ruth still meeting; Dorcas, Naomi, and Martha circles organized in 1968.

November 11, 1968 - Rev. Skindrud present. Dinner for him. Stewardship dinner 2nd Sunday of December. Mrs. Orville Anderson doing typing of stencils for church. Rev. Skindrud runs them off.

Need a typing table. Sunday before thansgiving, special offering for Lutheran Social Services. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson and Mrs. Louise Sutton transferred to Bristol. Joe Sherman suggested new stewardship drive and publishing amounts people give. Special offering for missions at Thanksgiving service November 27. Need a choir then see about a director.

December 9, 1968 - Gloria Anderson paid \$2 per week for typing stencils. Petty cash fund begun. No typing table yet. Mrs. Oscar Anderson purchased supplies for communion and altar candles. Motion to change pre-confirmation classes to 7th and 8th grades was tabled until the annual meeting.

Furnace problems. Communion had been offered 11 times/year.

January 13, 1969 - Rev. Skinrud returned to Sparta for a funeral in his former parish. Church year calendars distributed and congregational calendar with dates of all meetings started. Skindrud suggested using confirmed boys as acolytes. List of members delinquent in payment to be visited in February. News media article about changing confirmation programs in Synod. Dime folders for Lent used for missions. Slide projector and record player needed. Congregation paid for *Lutheran Standard* to every member household.

January 19, 1969 - Reports by Rev. Skindrud; Sunday school superintendent Mrs. Oscar Anderson - 80 pupils, use *Concordia* series and Jane Skrenes school treasurer; ALCW president Mrs. Alfred Reinen and treasurer Mrs. Gordon Gehrke; stewardship Stanley Moe; written reports from circles; Men's Brotherhood Obert Olia; Luther League Dale Burke; organist Mrs. Kruse; bell ringer Elmer Moe. Rev Skindrud was considered inactive by the ALC and receiving his pension, so he couldn't be installed or he would lose his pension plus BLC would have to make pension payments for him. In future, 2 boys in pre-confirmation class will light the candles. Voted William Benz and David Moe deacons; William Baudler and Alfred Reinen trustees; Obert Olia treasurer; Andrew Reinen financial secretary; Mrs. Milt Austin recording secretary; Harold Skrenes head usher; Stanley Moe delegate to District convention; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant; Ed Wipperfurth, Darwin Anderson, and Gordon Gehrke auditing committee; Art Paulman and Howard Hodgson nominating committee; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Matt Strand cemetery committee. Purchased insurance protection against burglary of church funds for Obert Olia. Rev. Skindrud wants adult choir restarted. Mrs. Burke could play for it. Director would cost \$10-20 per time. Rev Skindrud to choose 2 former choir members to help him organize an adult choir. ALC changing confirmation so discussion of 7th and 8th then confirmation in fall of 9th grade.

February 1, 1969 - Howard Hodgson chairperson and David Moe secretary of deacons. Art Paulman chairperson and Bill Baudler secretary of trustees. Screen purchased by Luther League and projector purchased by Ladies. Cost for both \$215. Films lent for Lent by Our Savior's. Discussed when to hold confirmation. Will decide after parent meeting. Organ needs tuning. Dr. Austinson resigning as President of Synod. Rev. Skindrud asked all men on council to be present at all Brotherhood meetings. Calls and letters sent to inactives.

Easter sunrise services/ Christmas candlelight [Barb]

March 10, 1969 - After Rev. Eugene Luchinski gave Stewardship presentation, congregation voted not to hire trained laymen to assist stewardship. Increased insurance liability coverage. Offered to pay Director of senior choir \$25 per month. Art Paulman and Alfred Reinen designated to see about repairing keys which stick on organ.

April 14, 1969 - Alfred Reinen paid \$5 for each snow removal. \$25 to petty cash. Substitute preacher paid \$25. Repaired lawn mower. Departure gift of \$40 given to Dr. Austinson. Discussed registering for communion in a different manner.

May 12, 1969 - Mrs. Oscar Anderson attended meeting. Suggested VBS be all day. David Moe and Howard Hodgson designated to help recruit teachers. \$1 per child and church pay rest of expenses for VBS. Additional \$600 given to mission budget. Discussed worms around church foundation. Stanley Moe delegate to District Convention. Rev. Finn Hanson to speak Sunday 17th of May. Mr. Benson reported on the organ. Mrs. Benson was organist and provided name to contact for repairs.

June 9, 1969 - special discussion on youth. Service person recommended by Mr. Benson didn't show. David Moe chairperson of organ committee with Joe Sherven, Art Paulman, and Howard Hodgson. Congregational picnic June 22.

July 7, 1969 - cited condition and cost of replacing organ – \$2,635 for organ \$500 for pipes + \$50

to take old organ - \$900 trade in = \$3,240. Mrs. E. Opsahl needs envelopes. Call to Don Manthe family. \$37 check to Men's Brotherhood from Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance. Mission Fest 3rd Sunday in September. Lutherdale Bible Camp needs funds.

July 13, 1969 - special meeting to vote on organ - \$2,340 for new 25- foot pedal organ minus \$900 trade-in from Conn Organ Co. passed.

August 11, 1969 - \$2,300 due on organ. Elmer Moe agreed to lend church \$1,000 to pay balance for organ. \$870 paid in cash thus far. More due later. Dennis Anderson transferred to Monona Lutheran.

Young people to attend Bible camp. Report from Mrs. Anderson about Sunday school starting. Children's choir organized. Michael Skindrud guest organist to be paid \$6 for dedication of organ.

\$25 paid to James Olia for substitute preaching.

September 8, 1969 - Council checking insurance on both church and parsonage with Church Mutual. Hans Nordness willed \$100 to Bristol [used for hymnboard]. Voted to offer pre-confirmation instruction 2 years 7th and 8th plus a volunteer commitment for 3rd year before confirmation. Mr. Benson contacted to be choir director. \$160 left to pay on Lutheran Social Services budget. Sent \$100. Goal for 1970 is \$1.75 per member. \$609 paid to Benevolence. Letter from "Life" program. Men's Brotherhood doing layman's Sunday. Jefferson Prairie's 120th Anniversary with Dr. Schoitz as guest speaker; Rev. Skindrud participating in that celebration. Mrs. Kruse organist. Joe Sherven suggested 15 min of music before service for meditation; agreed on 5 min.

October 13, 1969 - New insurance policy with Church Mutual. \$421 sent to missions. Mrs. Alfred Reinen president of ALCW Discussed whether lutefisk dinner be open to public for first time. Richard Scott gave temple talks before Stewardship Sunday with Loyalty [lutefisk and ham] dinner. Mrs. Johnson giving up job of cleaning church. Rev. Skindrud suggested Bristol put name in Yellow Pages and pay a church secretary, Mrs. George Muschinski offered to direct children's choir and her son to play piano for it.

November 9, 1969 - Michael Skindrud played an organ concert to dedicate electronic organ.

November 10, 1969 - Letter from Iowa congregation urging observance in anti-Vietnam war demonstration. Increase of salary for pastor. Paid off note to Elmer Moe for organ. Calls to potential new members. Repairs to building, cleaning, redecorating, possible addition to East end of church.

December 8, 1969 - Mr. Benson paid \$75 for 3 months. Paid missions and Lutheran Social Services. New members on December 14 were Mrs George Muchinski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grulke and family, Mrs. Joan Thalacher and family. Mrs. Ledford's 2 children were baptized and Mrs. Ledford confirmed. New hymnboards purchased from churchmart and church furniture at Janesville.

Alfred Reinen paid \$60 for custodial work. Gift to Mrs. Johnson for years of church cleaning.

January 5, 1970 - Meeting held at parsonage. \$500 received from Ladies Aid. \$100 from Mrs. Peterson for repair fund. Mrs. George Muschinski gave \$115 toward missions in India. Rev.

Skindrud thanked council for \$25 Christmas gift. Howard Hodgson presented rules for scholarship fund. Mrs. Gloria Anderson typing stencils for annual report. \$50 deductible paid for damage to Joe Sherven's car. Stove at parsonage needs repair. Alfred Reinen presented sketches for addition to front of building.

January 18, 1970 - Rev Skindrud's report; Alice Bakke suggested not reading annual reports since they are printed and distributed and spend time on other important issues. Obert Olia's treas report then accepted all others as written. Mrs. Anderson is Sunday school superintendent plus teaching a difficult class plus doing communion preparation...getting to be too much. No one asked her if she wanted to be superintendent again; she had just been put on the ballot. Council agreed to find someone else to teach her class if she would continue as superintendent. Cost of 1 grave now \$25. No cleaning lady found. Voted Richard Scott deacon; Delano Tjugum trustee; Obert Olia treasurer; Donna Sherman financial secretary; Mrs. Milton Austin recording secretary; Stanley Moe stewardship chairperson; Howard Hodgson delegate to District convention; Mrs. Oscar Anderson Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant; Darwin Anderson, Howard Hodgson, and Art Paulman auditing committee; Elmer Moe, Alfred Reinen, and Matt Strand cemetery committee; Harold Skrenes head usher with Arthur Kruse assistant. Alfred Reinen's sketch for front of building was submitted and council asked to appoint a building committee.

January - short meeting after annual meeting. Joe Sherven chosen chairperson and Delano Tjugum secretary of trustees; Art Kruse chairperson and David Moe secretary of deacons.

February 2, 1970 - membership 257; of which 190 are confirmed; Sunday school has 82 students 11 teachers; Mrs. Oscar Anderson is superintendent. Over \$17,000 was received in contributions. New stove top purchased for parsonage \$75. Stanley Moe had architect from Chase to give ideas for addition to Narthex. Rev. Skindrud asked about steps and suggested a landing half way up. Architect was approved and building committee organized to draft design for new narthex. Alfred Reinen, Delano Tjugum, Peter Benz, Arthur Kruse, and Stanley Moe. Choir director needed; Mr. Benson a good leader but won't come on Sundays. Mrs. Muschinski suggested. Pension plan discussed. Lent midweek services to begin February 11.

March 2, 1970 - Memorial \$116 given in memory of Eleanor Reinen. \$100 to building fund. Architect says it will cost \$20 per square foot for 2 story building. Voted to pay Mrs. Johnson \$7 per week for cleaning church. Luther Leaguers want to attend convention in NY. They need bus fare and registration fees plus 1 counselor for every 9 boys and every 9 girls. Voted that Luther League do fundraisers to earn the money needed. Confirmation May 1. Project Neighborhood envelopes available. Dime folders for missions. Letters from financial secretary twice per year to members.

April 6, 1970 - Vision Mission Project will be discussed by pastor from another congregation. Delegates to District meeting Stanley Moe and Howard Hodgson. Meeting of council presidents in Madison. Mrs. Reinen and Mrs. Bakke cleaned 2 weeks. Asked Mr. George Gilbertson to preach in June and July when Rev. Skindrud on vacation. VBS had difficulty getting teachers. Confirmation May 1; communion 2nd Sun in May. Books purchased for confirmands. Possible use of a commentator [assisting minister] discussed. Choir robes dry cleaned. Mrs. Hoel sent \$20 to Mrs. Anderson. Council wanted input from congregation on front of building before architect Mr. Solner, comes.

April 22, 1970 - special meeting of council with architect Mr. Solner - various prices for specific plans noted.

April 26, 1970 - special congregational meeting at which Mr. Ed Solner, architect, presented plan - 1. enlarge narthex to 28x20; 2. add a balcony over the narthex for 80 more seats; 3. remove or strengthen the unstable bell tower; 4. improve landscaping; 5. make landing on now steep stairs and widen steps; 6. new women's rest room; 7. new siding; 8. inside refurbishing; and 9. possible carport. A total of 6000 sq ft. for cost of \$36,190. Interest in 1,2,3, and 6 not others. More discussion later.

May 9, 1970 - No VBS for lack of teachers; Sunday school extended until end of June instead. Mr. George Gilbertson will serve while Skindrud on vacation. James Reinen will mow lawn. Discussion whether to skip bulletins while pastor on vacation Donna Sherman will do stencils for bulletins. Discussion on building. Architect Solner paid \$15 per hour to draw blueprint with alterations suggested at council.

June 1, 1970 - \$128 to Project Neighbor. Rev. Ronald Ferguson to speak 3rd and 4th Sunday of June; another pastor July 1. Blankets and clothes to Madison depot for Lutheran World Relief. Helgeson moving to Alabama and transferring membership. Starting communion from both ends of rail. Air conditioner for parsonage considered.

July 13, 1970 - Thanks from Madison Conference for donations to Lutheran World Relief. Project Equality. Gift to church from Betty Skrenes In memory of Mrs. Waldref. \$143 paid for air conditioner for parsonage. James Reinen mowing lawn. Lutheran Social Services paid then received letter asking for more. Industrial Commission will not approve blueprint for addition because of balcony. Fall Mission Fest August 30. Dutch Elm tree died. Lawn in poor shape. Lawn mower set too low. Darwin Anderson to check lawn at parsonage. Delano Tjugum will remove tree. Mrs. Kruse suggested another person for choir and separate person for piano.

August 10, 1970 - Paid \$10 for each Luther League member to attend Lutherdale and paid \$5 each for Rev Skindrud and Mrs. Hoffman as chaperones. Lawn fertilized. Sunday school to begin September 13. Communion 1st Sun Sept. Letter from Rev. Altmann of Our Savior's about signs at edge of town listing churches. Name in Yellow Pages cost \$16.50 per month. Mr. Soldner presented 2 plans - remove some seating or add 80 seats if 2 story. Mrs. Art Frame's father-in-law had died. 2 non-Lutherans want to be married at Bristol. Mrs. Kruse wants to quit playing organ.

September 9, 1970 - *Lutheran Herald* renewed for every household. Phone bill \$8.20 per month. Paid mission speaker's motel bill. Mrs. Arnold Burke to lead adult choir. Two \$100 scholarships approved.

Drew up contract for water usage \$52 per year.

September 10, 1970 - contractors present with Mr. Soldner's proposals; bids; moved to present to congregation for approval.

September 13, 1970 - Mr. Solner explained plan A - two-story addition, side stairs entrance, new bell tower and front portico for \$38,565; and plan B - narthex 28x20, side entrance and front portico for \$3,753 (24 fewer seats). Neither plan addressed restrooms. Dale Burke asked about

voting age. Voted to waive rules and let newly confirmands vote. Voted whether to proceed. [no answer in minutes].

September 16, 1970 - Mr. Soldner, Mr. Spahn, and Mr. Stegerwald asked if anything could be deleted to reduce cost. i.e. side entrance be done differently, front entry, tower and bell, portico, heating, electricity? Obert Olia to check on securing a loan.

September 27, 1970 - meeting - pledging for cost of improvements.

October 1, 1970 - Paul Spahn and Paul Stegerwald present. Motion to accept 2-story without paint or paneling. \$21,662. Alice Bakke secretary. Visitation committee for those not submitting commitment cards. Soldner bill less that \$1,800.

October 5, 1970 - General Telephone Co. price deemed too high for yellow pages. Art Kruse contacted 4 more electrical contractors for bids. Lutherdale wants donations. Lutheran Social Services wants more money. Rev. Skindrud planning trip to FL; needs lay Sunday while gone. Building permit obtained. Alfred Reinen signed it. State Industrial Commission needs to approve.

October 14, 1970 - Get steeple from Texas, ground bell, eliminate fire escape on south side and use existing stairway, patch roof all in \$21,668 contract. Eliminate wood paneling, paint doors, change side entrance, bell tower, and steeple. Two electrical bids presented; accepted Fred's bid. Bareis provided heating plans. Alten brick used.

October 15, 1970 - Dane County Title Company declared that the old parcel (6-29-634 & 636) plus the new parcel (06-29636) were tax exempt up to and including the year 1969. With that information, the congregation could borrow money:

MORTGAGE \$30,000 dated 9 October 1970 recorded 13 October 1970 Records v.206 p.430 #1275240 Alfred C. Reinen, J. M. Sherven, Delano P. Tjugum, Arne Merland, and W. L. Baudler, Trustees of First Lutheran Church of Bristol, First Norwegian Lutheran Church of Town of Bristol, First Norwegian Lutheran Church of Bristol, and Bristol Lutheran Church to the Bank of Sun Prairie.

November 4, 1970 - Paid \$500 on Soldner's bill. Donna Sherman recording pledges. In budget 1971 "Life" program deleted. \$1, 250 for travel for pastor. Rev. Skindrud wanted permanent TV antenna put in attic of parsonage. Mischinski family transferred to Rice Lake.

December 7, 1970 - Three members attending church schools. Mrs. Arnold Burke organist; Mr. Benson senior choir director. Voted to put paneling in narthex. Women gave money to Lutherdale Bible Camp.

January 6, 1971 - Rafters for addition to balcony and steeple put up, aluminum siding put on, interior repaired. All treasurers' books from every church organization audited. Letters sent to those who didn't pledge.

January 17, 1971 - Joe Sherven chairperson; Rev Skindrud, Donna Sherman, and Obert Olia gave reports then others not read since in booklet. Budget \$15,450. Resolved to lower voting age from 18 to 16 and ratify the vote at next special meeting. Voted Robert Grulke and Clarence Femrite

deacons; James Burnson and Darwin Anderson trustees; Obert Olia treas; Donna Sherman financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Mrs. Arnold Burke Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. Esther Reinen assistant; Harold Skrenes head usher with Art Kruse and Randall Scott assistants; Gordon Gehrke, Arthur Kruse, and Norman Skrenes auditing committee; Elmer Moe, Alfred Reinen, and Matt Strand cemetery committee.

February 1, 1971 - Constitution has chairperson of trustees as president of congregation. David Moe chairprson and Richard Scott secretary of deacons; Delano Tjugum chairperson and Darwin Anderson secretary of trustees. Considered lowering voting age to16, but no one under 21 could serve on council. Thalacher family transferred to Cheyenne, WY. Mrs. Benson led youth choir. Midweek services at 8 p.m. Lowered ceilings in restrooms to accommodate fans and attached them to light switch.

February 11, 1971 - Delano Tjugum chairperson. Paid Spahn. Transferred \$1,200 from general fund to building fund so wouldn't have to get a loan. Promissory notes signed for loans from members of congregation.

March 1, 1971 - \$135 for attorney fees; Mr. and Mrs. Hamre visited. Mr. Johnson painted ceiling of narthex. Howard Hodgson painted windows. Mission to Indians with Indians. Luther Seminary wants funds. Carpet samples addressed and put up for bids.

March 24, 1971 - Soldner wanted payment total of \$2,000 and had been paid \$750. He was paid another \$750. Women chose color of paint for walls and paid Chase for new carpeting in sanctuary. Present carpeting put in back of church. \$9,000 now in loans.

April 5, 1971 - Soldner submitted another bill for \$500 with interest. He was paid even though work not completed. Paid painting bill. Paid electrical bill after checked. Rev. Skindrud concerned about condition of lawn mower and millipeds around building.

April 15, 1971 - special meeting to discuss payment of bills to contractors and extra charges. Fiberglass steeple saved. Borrowed \$5,500 from bank to cover outstanding bills.

May 3, 1971 - Loan was \$16,900, of that \$9,000 from people in congregation \$2,000 from general fund and \$5,500 from Sun Prairie bank. Bulletin board and outdoor sign discussed. Bristol Township leveled area around entrance to building. Industrial Commission approved completed building. Need gravel in front. Tim Reinen paid \$25 for season of mowing. VBS discussed and matter sent to deacons.

May 11, 1971 - Luther League bought outdoor sign from Poblocki & Sons of 6010 S. 1st St., Milwaukee – a Herald bulletin case 48"x36" for \$400 delivered. It was paid for May 12, 1971.

May 24, 1971 - Rev. Hanson of District Office contacted for Dedication 2nd Sunday in October. Mr. Dumke explained bill for heat, electrical, wiring for bell, and carpeting in sacristy. Lease on water from Moe Brothers renewed.

May 28, 1971 - Rev. Skindrud's sudden death. Rev. Altmann offered suggestions for substitutes. Rev. Hanson from District Office preached first Sunday. VBS materials here. Rev. Altmann officiating at wedding scheduled.

June 7, 1971 - meeting chaired by Ruth Skindrud at parsonage. Travel expenses and vacation pay given to Mrs. Skindrud. \$500 paid to missions. Lutheran Social Services paid. Art Kruse built base for outdoor bulletin board and paid for lighting of it. Darwin Anderson and Howard Hodgson attended District meeting. Shirley Kruse quit as organist. Voted to fasten pews to floor. Memorials from Rev. Skindrud \$631.50 to building fund, \$30 to carpet fund, special gift of lamp in his memory, \$380 to Springdale church, and money for missions.

June 15, 1971 - special meeting led by Rev. Hanson to choose call committee of 4 men 1 woman members or have District office send 5-6 names. \$8,400 salary suggested + utilities + \$1200 mileage + \$1000 pension. Or ask a retired minister or shared minister or pastor doing graduate work. Rev. Knutson of Gays Mills was suggested.

July 6, 1971 - meeting led by Mrs. Skindrud. Shirley Kruse continued playing organ. Pledge letters sent to new confirmands. Gravel put on driveway and parking lot. Loans setup for 5 years. Stanley Moe resigned as stewardship chairperson. Howard Hodgson elected to replace him.

July 11, 1971 - Delano Tjugum president of Council led discussion of finances of building program. Call committee nominated Howard Hodgson, John and Bernice Sherman, Darwin Anderson, Delano Tjugum, Stanley Moe, and James Burnson.

July 22, 1971 - Rev. Hanson led meeting. Recommended Rev. Palmer A. Wahl from 554 S. Ardmore, Villa Park, IL. age 65. Lower age of voting to 16 suggested but no action taken.

August 2, 1971 - David Moe led meeting. intercom hookup needed for those with difficulty hearing. Elmer Moe donated \$100 for sidewalk in front. Road should go in first. Mr. Burnson to take care of road. Call Committee impressed with Rev. Wahl.

August 8, 1971 - congregational meeting to call Rev. Wahl for \$8,400. Voted not to lower voting age to 16.

August 11, 1971 - James Olia ordained

September 7, 1971 - David Moe led meeting. Voted to delay work on road; instead fix crack in parsonage, clean cesspool. Carpeting in parsonage cleaned by Mrs. Austin. Darwin Anderson suggested Men's Brotherhood handle landscaping.

September 16, 1971 - January 1975 - While Rev. Palmer Wahl was pastor, congregation paid much of mortgage.

October 4, 1971 - Rev. Wahl present. Delano Tjugum chairperson. Robert Grulke checking cesspool. Voted to pay for *Lutheran Standard* for every family as usual. Alice Bakke advised that Ladies' Aid not prepared to purchase lutefisk for Loyalty dinner. Need to find president for Ladies' Aid or disband. Stewardship Sunday November 17. Mission Fest November 14. Laymen's Sunday October 31. Lutheran Social Services speaker to be scheduled later. Locked doors of church for first time. Lawnmower not working at parsonage. Inserts for Sunday bulletin discussed not decided. Lease for water \$52 per year.

October 10, 1971 - Rededication of building and sanctuary lamp with Rev. Hanson as guest

speaker and dinner to follow.

November 1, 1971 - Rev. Velom of Hope Church presented filmstrip on Lutheran Social Services and distributed pamphlets about it. Cost of bulletin inserts is 75cents per 100. Thanksgiving service Wednesday p.m. with offering to be used for missions. Christmas offering to general fund. Cost of aluminum siding noted and discussion tabled for next year.

December 6, 1971 - Donna Weisensel to have boxes of envelopes ready by December 12. Rev. Wahl questioned duties of caretaker. Congregation didn't have one at the time. Worship Christmas Day and Sunday. Stained glass windows in storage questioned. Imitation colored glass put on would be cheaper than installing old windows. Cost donated by Bill Baudler \$10. Darwin Anderson to pay rest. Luther League will donate 10-12 foot tree. Delano Tjugum said some had complained about communion too many times. Suggestion to keep children out of balcony and use it only after downstairs filled. Rory Scott only one in seminary now received \$100 from scholarship fund.

January 3, 1972 - Obert Olia treasurer paid bank \$2,000 on building loan. Stained glass windows in balcony put back in by Delano Tjugum. Thanks for banner. Quarter rather than dime folders suggested by Rev. Wahl. Stamp suggested for cashing checks for deposit. Alfred Reinen paid \$8 per hour for snow removal.

January 9, 1972 - annual meeting Delano Tjugum chairperson. Reports from Obert Olia treasurer and Donna Weisensel financial secretary. Others not mentioned. Voted to discontinue memorials from the congregation to bereaved families. Voted John Sherman and Harold Skrenes deacons; Gary Gehrke and Art Paulman Sr trustees; Obert Olia treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Stanley Moe stewardship chairperson and delegate to District convention; Gwen Burke Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. Alfred Reinen assistant; Mrs. Clarence Femrite, Harold Skrenes and Ed Wipperfurth auditing committee; Elmer Moe, Alfred Reinen, and Richard Scott cemetery committee; Harold Skrenes head usher.

February 7, 1972 - Mission budget paid in full. Mrs. Orville Anderson paid \$15 for preparing annual report. ½ of District dues paid. Art Paulman contacted someone about siding church. Rev. Wahl suggested brick around windows. New members Mr. and Mrs. Eric List and family, Mrs. Art Paulman Jr and her two children. Oil heater at parsonage not working properly so often not enough hot water. Ring bell promptly at 9:30 and make sure it can be heard on outside. Four sets of collapsible legs put on tables in the basement. Lenten offerings and dime and quarter folders for Missions. Richard Scott chairperson and Robert Grulke secretary of deacons. Delano Tjugum chairperson and Darwin Anderson secretary of trustees. Paid \$1,000 on bank loan.

March 6, 1972 - \$4000-4500 on bids for siding. Need estimates for painting outside. Parsonage lawnmower missing. Eaves at parsonage need painting. ALCW wants more electrical outlets in basement. Rev. Wahl suggested a day for men to clean around the church and paint the crucifix white. Acolytes were Steve Austin and Ron Olia.

March 19, 1972 - Rev. Palmer Wahl led discussion of films "Community Lutheran Church, Chicago" and "Medical Assistance Program."

April 3, 1972 - Lawn mower found and to be repaired. Mr. Toma of Columbus bid \$750 to paint

outside. Robert Grulke bid for siding \$4,054 which included 9 windows. Want 3-track storm windows, all casings, all cornices, insulated siding, building paper, 2 colors guaranteed. Quarterly envelopes issued for building fund. Rev. Wahl wanted to paint a bedroom in parsonage if church would purchase paint. Overhang also needs painting and one of gutters falling apart. He suggested that louvers be put in. Delano Tjugum will install louvers. Voted to paint overhang. Rev. Wahl suggested painting Christ statue white and background blue. No decision. Organ to be checked. Paid \$1,000 to bank loan.

April 24, 1972 - special meeting to discuss bids for siding. Spahn should also be contacted. Rev. Wahl wanted door from house to garage on parsonage replaced.

May 8, 1972 - Whether to get fuel from one dealer instead of two discussed. Bakke considered since member. Wills Brothers submitted bid of \$595 to include scraping and painting. Bid wanted from Bradley and from Roetz of Windsor. Set special meeting for May 21st after worship. James Reinen to mow church property again. Kitchen sink not draining properly. Robert Grulke will drain tank and be reimbursed this time. Talk of moving storage building. Quarterly statements to be mailed. James Burnson to get gravel to repair driveway and in front of church. Will consider scholarship when Rory Scott enters seminary.

May 18, 1972 - Bid from Bradley \$4,800. Discussed other bids and method of payment. Accepted bid from Roetz of Windsor for siding.

May 21, 1972 - special congregational meeting voted for white siding from Roetz of Windsor who bid \$3,323.

June 5, 1972 - Darwin Anderson and Delano Tjugum signed contract for siding. ALCW gave \$700 toward siding. Merle Johnson to paint inside of windows and take the old windows. Mr. Femrite to hang door at parsonage. Obert Olia suggested an inventory of contents of the church in case of fire. John and Bernice Sherman to do it. Betty Austin will help. Appointed John Sherman as chairperson of deacons to replace Richard Scott.

June 11, 1972 - Display of siding and windows. Moved to add black shutters then red shutters suggested. Motion to have colored shutters the color to be decided later. Cost \$102.90 or \$12.85 per pair. Total cost of project \$3,445.90. Accepted contract for \$3,445.

July 10, 1972 - Paid bank loan in full. Voted to install black shutters. Rev. Wahl thanked Darwin Anderson for helping with the father/son steak fry. Petty cash given another \$25. Paid \$12 dues to Chamber of Commerce. Rev. Wahl suggested old bell tower be moved to back of lot, possibly on flagstone. Art Paulman moved to move it to the park area. Delano volunteered to do it with help. Art Kruse and Ed Wipperfurth to move pipe on outside of church so not an eyesore when new siding is on. Who will check that doors and windows are locked after worship was not answered. Art Kruse has pole to put light out front of building. Ladies' Aid gave \$500 for siding. Rev. Wahl wanted \$20-\$25 for his services for each wedding or funeral. Inventory completed and will be typed.

July 12, 1972 - SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE recorded 14 July 1972 Records v.259 p.377 #1333091 of Mortgage Records v.206 p.430 #1275240.

August 7, 1972 - Mr. Earl Mundt of Church Mutual Insurance Co. explained the church coverage and \$554 per year for church and contents. Rev Wahl said tile in bathroom is bad, he will get estimates for ceramic tile. Robert Grulke will cut down poplar tree on lot line at parsonage. Neighbor could cut it up. 6% loans from members to pay for siding. Money to Rory Scott from scholarship fund at Christmastime.

1972 - lightning destroyed steeple.

September 11, 1972 - Rev. Wahl suggested a lighted cross be put on the steeple. It will take 7 weeks to get the steeple after it is ordered. Accepted bid from Spahn to repair damage from lightning to steeple. Ceramic tile around bathtub in parsonage would cost \$110; around whole bathroom \$272. Asked for another bid, from Haefner. Ushering out of people after services discontinued. Confirmation October 29. Rev. Wahl suggested paying \$100 per month the rest of the year for missions. Price of 2 graves for non-members \$100 and further pricing be addressed at annual meeting. Harold Skrenes suggested that two corners of the church be grounded with rods 10 feet long. John Sherman to check on lightning rods. Rev. Wahl suggested young confirmed men pick up glasses at communion. October selected for Missions month.

October 9, 1972 -Insurance adjuster approved Spahn's bid to repair steeple. Approved Haefner bid of \$261 to tile entire bathroom. Quarterly envelopes for building fund put in boxes of new envelopes. Paid \$500 note to William Baudler plus interest.

November 13, 1972 - Paid half of tile bill. Need to repair or replace damaged shutters (vandalism) plus purchase shutters for 3 windows on back of building. Voted to pay Mrs. Merle Johnson extra for cleanup from weddings, funerals, and special events in addition to pay for weekly cleaning. Candlelight Christmas Eve service on December 25th, and a regular service Sunday, December 24. New members: Mrs. Dennis Tjugum (reaffirmation); Mrs. Gary Gehrke (instruction); Mrs. Loren Johnson (instruction); Mr. Leslie Lee (transfer); Mr and Mrs. LaVerne Ebert (transfer) and children - James, Michael, Janice, and Allan.

December 4, 1972 - Paid \$22 to repair shutters. Steeple is here. Rev. Wahl asked for \$1,500 for missions in 1973. Sunday school to purchase Christmas tree. \$300 given to Rory Scott from scholarship fund. Signe Skrenes willed \$1,000 to building fund. Candlelight service to be conducted by Luther League with Alan Wahl as guest speaker.

January 8, 1973 - Received \$150 from Jacob Miller. Paid \$1,000 to Mrs. Arnold Burke for her note. Rev. Wahl wanted a chalice for communion. No one knew what happened to the one Bristol had before. He also suggested blessings for the children when their parents take communion. Names to be dropped from membership because of lack of interest and participation - Lorraine Anderson, Hubert Fowler, Violet Riphon, Mrs. David Vander Sanden, Howard Helgerson, Bennie and Dennis Johnson - no action taken. Name of scholarship fund changed to Lutheran education fund. Steeple restoration done. Worship service begun at Willows Nursing Home. Bring bulletins from worship attended elsewhere.

January 14, 1973 - annual meeting had small attendance, meeting postponed for 2 weeks.

January 28, 1973 - annual meeting. Reports Rev. Wahl, Obert Olia treasurer, and Mabel Anderson financial secretary. Budget \$19,600. Suggestion to update constitution not done since 1949. Council to appoint 5 members to work on it. Council raised prices for cemetery lots to \$50 for

members \$100 for non-members. Delano suggested women could be elected as deacons. Gift to Obert Olia for many years as treasurer. Voted Robert Reinen trustee; Ted Skrenes deacon; Obert Olia treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Harold Skrenes head usher with Art Kruse assistant; Gwen Burke Sunday school superintendent; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Robert Grulke cemetery committee; Darwin Anderson delegate to District convention with Jon Betlach alternate; Delano Tjugum, Gordon Gehrke, and Ruth Wipperfurth auditing committee; John Reinen, Jon Betlach, and Janice Reinen nominating committee.

February 5, 1973 - Darwin Anderson chairperson and Art Paulman secretary of trustees; Gloria Anderson paid \$20 for her printing the annual report. \$50 from the Miller memorial be spent for chalice. People other than trustees asked to help count money after worship. Committee for drafting a new constitution -- Tom Skrenes, Howard Hodgson, Alice Bakke, John Sherman, Stanley Moe, Darwin Anderson, and Betty Austin. Rev. Wahl suggested a parish letter 6 times per year.

March 12, 1973 - Tape recording by Southern Wisconsin District President concerning ALC 1973 budget and goal of \$1,550,000 as a share of the ALC 1973 budget. Each needed to increase giving by 10%. Jim Burnson to inquire about purchasing additional fire extinguishers. Need someone to mow church lawn. Merle Johnson to paint wooden surfaces on exterior parts of portico and entrance. Will pay \$100 per month to ALC missions. Loren Johnson will recover tops of 3 tables and attach folding legs. Need another bid on lightning rods.

April 16, 1973 - \$500 paid Harold Skrenes on his \$1,000 note. Need three 5-lb powder fire extinguishers - kitchen, furnace room, and sacristy. Loren Johnson to cover 6 remaining tables. Dan Bakke to mow lawn for \$25 per mowing. Gravel parking lot at \$2.10 per yard. Obert Olia added to constitution committee. Robert Reinen checking price of speakers for church. Harold Skrenes to remove dead pine tree from cemetery. No conference dues this year. Tom Bareis to repair gutters at parsonage.

May 14, 1973 - \$500 balance paid to Harold Skrenes. Exit only signs put by third driveway. Additional gravel near green shed. Motion to purchase three type ABC fire extinguishers. Amplifier not large enough to carry the hearing aid system. New amplifier would cost \$140 plus \$25 for microphone. Quarter folders still being used. Easter envelopes. Envelopes each Sunday in June for Lutheran Social Services. Rev. Wahl noted large birch tree was dead and door to office of parsonage warped. Posts in front of church were painted. Old bell tower to be taken care of later. Chipped tooth of David Baldwin not covered by church insurance.

June 11, 1973 - Paid \$1,000 loan debt to Orville Anderson. John Betlach directing choir paid \$25. Rory Scott given permission to assist with Lord's Supper and possibly fill in for Pastor Wahl during vacations. Two fire extinguishers purchased - 1 for Sacristy and one for balcony, leaving the existing one as is. Will purchase four 8" round posts for constructing the bell tower. Gutters and door at parsonage repaired. Mrs. Smith guest organist paid \$10 per Sunday.

July 9, 1973 - \$500 paid on loan from Bob Reinen. Rev. Wahl to paint two outside doors of parsonage. Since fence getting wobbly, men of council will tamp the fence posts and Luther League paint it. Merle Johnson to paint south and east side of parsonage. Art Paulman has telephone poles that could be used for bell tower. No place wanted old hymn books [*The Lutheran*

Hymnody], so offered to members; those not taken to be destroyed. Evidence that children have been in the church building. Motion carried to rent a larger safety deposit box at the bank in which to put the old church books. Rev. Wahl's memorable comment, "If you can't enjoy an hour in God's house on the Sabbath day, why plan an eternity in heaven?"

August 13, 1973 - \$3,500 of building debt paid off this year. Darwin Anderson offered sandstone for bell tower. Doors of parsonage painted. Rev. Wahl unhappy with last minute changes to service or music for weddings and having to clean church after weddings. Report of constitution committee. Choirs only successful if parents cooperate. No confirmation choir this year.

September 10, 1973 - Rory Scott given \$200. Mention to be put in bulletin that education fund exists and could use more donations. Clarence Femrite to put legs on tables. September 23 special congregational meeting for constitution. Obert Olia, Darwin Anderson, Robert Reinen, and Stanley Moe attended stewardship leadership seminar. Mission Fest to emphasize education. October to be mission month with a dinner. Pad needed for entrance to church.

September 23, 1973 - special meeting to implement new constitution. Draft prepared by committee was approved.

October 8, 1973 - Financial secretary to send reports of contributions to members at end of November. Continued *Lutheran Standard* to all families. Paid \$500 note to Harold Skrenes. Transfer the interest earned in the cemetery fund to the general fund to assist in grooming of cemetery. December 3rd Mission Sunday followed by congregational dinner. Martha Wipperfurth Robbins transfer to Methodist at Fall River. Received Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamilton (Barbara) and son Shawn Adam; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Peterson and sons Timothy, Matthew, and Adam. Old bell tower tabled. Darwin Anderson's report on meeting of the Madison Conference. Moved to increase contribution to ALC from \$1,400 in 1973 to \$1,500 in 1974.

October 29, 1973 - Omit Thanksgiving Day service because of poor attendance; use the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Table old bell tower for six months. Rev. Wahl asked if anyone has a piano to donate to the church.

December 10, 1973 - Paid Rory Scott \$400 toward his tuition for his last semester. Rev. Wahl suggested discontinuing membership in Chamber of Commerce. Christmas program loose offering given to Sunday school. Christmas tree put up and decorated December 15th. Discussion on painting Christ figure. Rev. Wahl suggested it be all white. List of names to be moved from active membership to responsibility list -- Mrs. David Vander Sanden, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Koehn, Mrs. William Kohn (Zaemisch), Miss Lorraine Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Helgeson. Violet Riphon left on. Money from cemetery fund put into savings certificate with interest to be used for mowing costs.

January 7, 1974 - \$500 paid on a \$1,000 note for building loan. Rev. Wahl suggested bonus to Jon Betlach, Shirley Kruse, Gloria Anderson, and Mrs. Johnson. Each received \$25. Clarence Femrite fixed blackboards and did repairs at the parsonage. Joan Paske discontinued her membership. Gary Anderson joined St. Alberts. \$2,000 in cemetery fund savings certificate.

January 13, 1974 - Constitution approved unanimously. Reports by Rev. Wahl, Mabel Anderson, Obert Olia. \$600 given to Rory Scott for seminary tuition; Gwen Burke Sunday school report.

Other reports not read. Mr. Kvam of Lodi to paint Christ figure same as was. Elected Stanley Moe and Jon Betlach trustees; Florie Phelps and David Moe deacons; Obert Olia treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Harold Skrenes head usher with Art Kruse assistant; Gwen Burke Sunday school superintendent with Mrs. David Moe assistant; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Robert Grulke cemetery committee; Ronald Skrenes, John Reinen, and Ruth Wipperfurth auditing committee.

February 4, 1974 - Motion to hire Mr. Kvam of Lodi to paint Christ figure. Stanley Moe to clean furnace room. Piano to be tuned for \$20 by Mr. Wolyzen. Mrs. Emery Ellingson left a bequest to Bristol in her will. Rev. Wahl suggested balcony be roped off during Lenten services. Mrs. Ellory Jensen transferred to Christ Lutheran in Stoughton. Quarter folders for Lent. Concern about lack of attendance for worship. Water leaking into basement; need for fill along building.

March 4, 1974 - \$500 paid to Mrs. Sherman on note. \$25 to petty cash. Stanley Moe delegate to Madison Conference. For Southern Wisconsin District Conference in May, Rev. Wahl wants every council member to go. Rev. Wahl suggested a chairperson be appointed each month for counting the Sunday offering. Not approved, continue the same as before. For United Mission Appeal, Rev. Phiefer of Baraboo will speak the Sunday Rev. Wahl is at his son's church in Chicago.

April 7, 1974 - Easter offering for missions. June to stress Lutheran Social Services. Dan Bakke paid \$30 per mowing. Leveled gravel in front of church. Rev Wahl said organ not getting right tone and suggested pipes be moved; Jon Betlach, Shirley Kruse, and Stanley Moe to work on it. Both single cup and individual cups used for communion. Jon Betlach given \$25 as choir director.

May 6, 1974 - Rory Scott paid \$25 as guest speaker. Confirmation Day offering for building fund. Mother's Day offering for Lutheran Social Services. Stanley Moe delegate to annual Convention of Southern Wisconsin District. Chalice donated for communion. Confirmation June 2; Communion 2nd Sunday in June. Rev. Wahl to get supply of candles. Luther League to furnish bricks for base of church sign. Loren Johnson will do the work. Sent \$300 to ALC budget.

June 10, 1974 - Paid interest plus \$500 on next note. Survey of neighborhood suggested. Set second Monday of month for council meetings.

July 8, 1974 - \$200 to Lutheran Social Services. \$500 paid on a building fund note. \$500 on another note when the \$300 was received from the Ladies' Aid. Future projects - landscaping, fixing basement, blacktopping parking lot. Rev. Wahl brought up idea for old bell tower. It was rejected and motion passed to dispose of old bell tower. Rory Scott paid \$25 from Lutheran education fund. Gravel added at front of church.

August 12, 1974 - Paid Rory Scott \$25. New guest book. Rev. Wahl made 76 neighborhood calls in July. Survey August 25. Letter from State about serving meals in church. If more than 4 meals per year, need a license. Mr. [Gerhard] Naeseth to speak in future. Sunday school begin after Labor Day. Only 1 seventh grader for pre-confirmation class.

September 9, 1974 - \$100 sent to Lutheran Social Services. East and south sides of parsonage to be painted by Merle Johnson. Parsonage driveway in poor condition. Paid Richard Gehrke's \$1,000 building fund note. Stanley Moe lent church money to meet Gehrke's note.

October 14, 1974 - *Lutheran Standard* continued to every home - 75 subscriptions. Charles Mundt, Lillian Weishoff, James Swiggum, Carol and Katrina Spence, Eugene and Sharon Gehrke, Richard, Marcie, Marjorie, and Jeffrey joined. Mrs. Norman Skrenes, Neal and Noel plus Mrs. Kent Buzzell transferred out. Sold desk in parsonage for \$25. Rev. Wahl suggested getting a new 16 mm projector. Mission Fest November 17th. November 4 meeting of Madison Conference.

November 11, 1974 - Gloria Anderson paid \$15 extra for typing. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Koehn and family and Mrs. Anna Thompson transferred. Purchased refurbished 16 mm projector for \$150. First communion instruction for 8th graders. Rev Wahl indicated no definite rules in ALC for participation in communion. Amplifier needs repair. Budget of \$20,805 decided for 1975.

December 9, 1974 - Rev. Wahl made 35 calls since last meeting. Urged all to read *Lutheran Standard*. Cited poor attendance in Sunday school. \$500 balance of Harold Skrenes loan paid. Loose offering from Christmas program of Sunday school used for Lutheran Social Services. Quarterly statements prepared by Mrs. Anderson. Larger than last year's Christmas tree purchased. Harold Skrenes to get it. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schroeder joined.

January 13, 1975 - Bristol expected to contribute \$2,650 to United Mission Appeal over a 3-year period. Rev. Wahl retiring February 1, but willing to help out first two weeks of February. He suggested getting names of prospective pastors from Janesville office.

January 19, 1975 - Rev Wahl's report spoke of ways to call a pastor. He resigned effective February 9, 1975. Report Obert Olia. Mabel Anderson's written with others all accepted. Voted Gene Gehrke and Eric List trustees; Darwin Anderson and Alice Bakke deacons; Obert Olia treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Gwen Burke Sunday school superintendent with Jean Moe assistant; Arthur Kruse head usher with Tom Skrenes assistant; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Robert Grulke cemetery committee; Ronald Skrenes, Howard Hodgson, and Mrs. Esther Femrite auditing committee. Stanley Moe elected president and Darwin Anderson vice-president of council.

February 5, 1975 - special congregational meeting with Rev. Hanson of District office who suggested 3 names. Voted for Carl Thomas.

February 10, 1975 - Paid Rev. Wahl ½ of month salary and travel allowance. Gene Gehrke and wife to contact newcomers to Sun Prairie. Eric List will do repairs at parsonage. Stanley Moe will put parsonage phone on vacation basis.

February 17, 1975 - special congregational meeting - Carl Thomas unavailable. Rev. Hanson suggested 2 more names. Voted for young pastor just out of seminary. Question about length of his hair and whether that was an indication he might be radical.

March 10, 1975 - Parsonage painted and new carpet with padding installed. City Wide Insulation to add insulation to parsonage attic. Motion to get all oil for parsonage and church from Bakke's. Paint ceilings in parsonage.

April 6, 1975 - special meeting with Rev. Hanson who suggested Carl Olson. Rev Philip Peterson

of N. Dakota still being considered. Voted to call seminarian and pay \$8,640.

April 14, 1975 - \$500 paid Loren Johnson for his note. \$500 from Easter offering sent to mission budget. Herman Paskey transferred to Christ Lutheran in Stoughton. Dan Bakke paid \$30 per mowing.

May 12, 1975 - Met with Rev. Carl Olson, who became first full-time pastor after 68 years as a congregation.

July 1, 1975 - Rev. Carl Olson's first call out of seminary.

July 13, 1975 - installation service and potluck dinner by ALCW. Sent check and card to Rev. Olson for his graduation. Deliver envelopes in person rather than send them. ½ acre of land donated by Elmer Moe (driveway from Hwy N back to Happy Valley Rd)

WARRANTY DEED 16 October 1975 recorded 17 October 1975 Records v.623 p.146 #1446787 Elmer Moe to Bristol Lutheran Church.

July 15, 1975 - Paid Rev. Schumacher \$30. Rev. Olson said door to sacristy needs repair and fence needs paint. He asked about procedures and wanted to setup a pastor parish committee of 6-8 persons. He suggested a "Commentator" to read scripture and lead prayers in fall, a newsletter every 2 months, and a pre-confirmation retreat.

August 12, 1975 - *Good News* curriculum used in Sunday school. Nine volunteered to be Commentator. Lutherdale asked for 2 delegates to meeting. Rev. Olson wanted a stewardship pamphlet and members to call on new people as an evangelism emphasis to make church in country known. Midthun memorial toward paneling and wallpapering basement, but not started for lack of funds to finish project. All-risk insurance policy.

September 9, 1975 - Rev. Olson suggested greeters for Sunday mornings. Gene Gehrke to send church post cards to new residents of Sun Prairie. Gene Gehrke suggested a nursery during worship and a phone in the church. Meetings changed to second Thursday of month.

October 9, 1975 - Christmas Eve service at 9 p.m. with communion. Cemetery committee cut trees and made more room for parking. Gravel put on back driveway. Judy and Charles Mundt transferred. Voted to permit communion before confirmation after class on meaning of communion for 5th grade and older if both student and parent attend the classes. \$200 to Rory Scott. Special offering for him in November with potluck. Rev. Olson suggested "Grace Giving" instead of pledge cards, but council thought this was not the time for it. If no one would lead Ladies' Aid, it would disband next year.

November 13, 1975 - Only \$1,000 remains on building debt. \$500 paid so now \$500 left. \$200 from Henry Pederson ½ for building fund ½ for missions. Offering Rory Scott day was \$549.92. Backhoe donated by Brooks Implement Inc. was used to repair seep line. Charles Reinen donated use of tractor and Bob Reinen, Art Kruse, Gene Gehrke, Alfred Reinen, and Stanley Moe did work. Gravel donated by Stanley and Elmer Moe. Mrs. Art Kruse wants to be relieved as organist. Mrs. Rod Kalling transferred in from Our Savior's and Candy Skibba requested reinstatement for herself, Missy, and Todd. Budget \$20,978 proposed. Pledge cards and stewardship letter sent.

December 11, 1975 - Mrs. John Fabie will alternate as organist with Mrs. Arthur Kruse. Both paid \$10 per Sunday. Gloria Anderson paid \$30 per month. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Steinke joined. Mrs. Donald Kleven transferred to First Lutheran Stoughton. Rev. Olson suggested addition to constitution - if members of council didn't participate in communion or regularly attend worship, they would not be permitted to serve on council. Rev. Olson also suggested committees according to the constitution - education, stewardship and finance, evangelism, worship, and building and grounds - to meet every month.

January 8, 1976 - Change building fund to basement fund. Sunday, February 8 for burning of mortgage and accepting new members and potluck. Sunday January 25 new council members.

January 18, 1976 - Reports by Rev. Olson and treasurer Obert Olia; others in writing. Changed building fund to improvements fund and use some money for landscaping. Bids on paneling the basement and lowering the ceiling. Gwen Burke asked about sliding doors for Sunday school classes. Whether to blacktop left to council. JoAnne Fabie thanked. Voted to amend the constitution by adding:

“Since it is incumbent upon all members of the congregation to make diligent use of the Word of God in the public worship and to attend the Lord’s Supper, any officer or board member who neglects these privileges shall forfeit the right to serve as an officer or board member.

“Any officer or board member who fails to attend several meetings without good excuse will be asked to resign, the position being filled by appointment of the church council until the next annual meeting of the congregation.”

Mrs. Eric List thanked for the lovely banners she makes. Moe Bros thanked for donation of land. Burning of mortgage will be February 8 with new members joining and potluck. Voted Wally Hamilton trustee; Loren Johnson deacon; Obert Olia treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Gwen Burke Sunday school superintendent with Jean Moe assistant; Art Kruse head usher with John Reinen assistant; Alfred Reinen, Elmer Moe, and Robert Grulke cemetery committee; William Benz, Ed Wipperfurth, and John Sherman auditing committee. Nursery and youth care in basement mentioned. Suggestion box working well. Paid for fabric for bicentennial banner for July 4. Youth began attending Lutherdale confirmation camps.

February 8, 1976 - Mortgage burning service. “Through the Bible” class 7:30 Mondays; adult forum on Sun a.m.; Mrs. Arthur Kruse organist.

February 12, 1976 - Needs of the church listed. Obert Olia Conference delegate. Eric List and Stanley Moe District delegates.

_____, 1976 - Bicentennial Religious Service. Photo with Rev. Carl Olson; Alice Bakke, leader; Doris Iverson; JoAnn Orfan; June Kalling, leader; Jeanie Hoffman; and Dorothy Link, LID Coordinator.[web]

March 11, 1976 - Estimate \$400 to refinish pews, not including labor. Soundproof doors would cost \$3,500. Kirby vacuum cleaner purchased for \$289. Loren Johnson will contact person to plan landscaping. \$2,000 extra put in bank drawing interest. Mr. Steinke will take quilts to Minneapolis when he goes on business. Steve Reinen transferred to Aurora, CO. Luther League

asked to do sunrise Easter service. Voted to install telephone in church. Movie "Jeremiah" and songfest on April 25.

April 15, 1976 - McKay landscaper with shrubs from Darwin Anderson and trees from McKay. Loren Johnson to get landscaping bid from Jungs. Christine Fram transferred to McFarland. \$25 paid for membership in Chamber of Commerce who will provide list of new people in Sun Prairie. Rev. Olson co-chair of Lutherdale Fund Raising Program - Bristol's share \$1,800 over 3 years. \$2500 estimate to repair furnace. Tom's and Bohlings asked to give a bid on it. Dan Bakke mowing.

April 25, 1976 - special congregational meeting to vote on two bids for new furnace. Mr. Tom Bareis suggested a one-blower model; Mr. Arthur Kruse suggested a two-blower model. Voted for Kruse's bid of \$3,000. Council decided on an oil rather than gas furnace.

May 13, 1976 - Sent \$300 to ALC; \$100 to Lutheran Social Services. Cemetery house needs a new roof - approved. Mr. and Mrs. Hanks and Mr. and Mrs. Karls joined. Larry Reinen and Wayne Heus completed adult confirmation class and joined. Front window of church leaks. Loren Johnson and Alfred Reinen to fix it. Florie Phelps offered to help with Luther League. Bible school ready with teachers and books. Looking for curriculum for high school 4 years. Education committee going to Crystal Lake to study new concept of Christian education. Greeters and ushers organized. Rory Scott graduated from seminary; his wife Wanda and children mentioned. Men's breakfast and prayer group begun. Church signs up in Sun Prairie. Church families banner done.

June 10, 1976 - Concern about lack of interest of council members in attending adult classes. New roof and paint on cemetery house. Gary Scott to mow lawn. Need new lawn mower for parsonage. Grape juice option suggested be offered for communion.

June 20, 1976 - Guest book begun. Adult studies used "Bible Thumpers" and "On Sharing Our Faith." Pledges were collected for Lutherdale. Squares were submitted for a bicentennial banner. Copies of some of Rev. Carl Olson's sermons 76-78 were saved. Jay Wolf was organist.

July 8, 1976 - Paid \$150 to Lutheran Social Services. Adult social group formed and later called life and growth. Education committee - Darwin Anderson chairperson, Gwen Burke, Jean Moe, Don and Barb Steinke had VBS and 4-year high school curriculum. Worship committee - Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Gene Gehrke, Rick Anderson, Wayne Heus, Loren Johnson, Mrs. Art Kruse, and Mrs. Rod Kalling scheduled greeters, decorated, planned special services, recruited choir, and introduced changes in worship. High school youth used "Becoming the Gift" (interest & talent inventory \$4.00). Adult studies used "I write to you Father." Donna Betlach taught songs to Sunday school and youth for a special service.

August 12, 1976 - Furnace still not in and foundation not built up yet. Rally Day September 12. Mission Fest October 3. Loren Johnson offered to shingle the parsonage roof with a helper. Darwin Anderson suggested smaller tables and chairs for smaller children. Rev. Olson suggested stewardship program to explain needs to congregation.

September 9, 1976 - North side of church built up. Furnace now in. Lawn mower repaired. Driveway at parsonage will cost \$200-\$300. Pete Benz and Orville Anderson will help with it. Loren Johnson donated his labor for roof and fixing windows in church. \$100 paid to Lutheran Social Services. Stanley Moe to chair building and grounds committee. Eric List to be on life and growth committee. Reformation Rally October 31 at Spring Prairie Lutheran Church in Keyeser.

October 14, 1976 - Paid \$2,841.59 for furnace and repairs. Putting up signs taken to city council. Letter from Don Steinke about treatment of guests on Mission Fest Sunday. Advent coin folders to use for basement improvement. Stewardship Sunday first week of November. Last Sunday of November for pledges.

November 11, 1976 - Stanley Moe presented new maps for cemetery. Willard Wipperfurth transferred to Lake Mills. Steve Guetzlaff transferred to Our Savior's. November 21 Thanksgiving service and pledge Sunday. Rory Scott ordained December 12 at 2:00 p.m. New bids for wallpaper and paneling for basement plus a hung ceiling. Gave \$25 to Rory Scott as ordination gift. Ordered 1000 more picture post cards. Darwin Anderson will get a real Christmas tree.

December 9, 1976 - Paid \$300 to Tom Skrenes for tuition. Paid \$50 to Alfred Reinen for custodial care. Gloria Anderson to retire from secretarial work; Donna Weisensel may do the task. Children's program December 26.

January 3, 1977 - Rev. Olson gave his report during worship. He thanked Shirley Kruse who had been organist for 8 years and Gloria Anderson who had been secretary. Other reports accepted as had been typed by Barb Steinke. \$300 given to Tom Skrenes for tuition. John Sherman thought he should get full tuition of \$800. New furnace in parsonage. Gwen Burke suggested workdays at church. Stanley Moe made new drawings of cemetery lots. Member cost \$50 per grave, \$100 for non-members. Chamber of Commerce membership has brought in new members. Voted William Benz and Robert Reinen trustees; Wayne Heus and Donald Steinke deacons; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Obert Olia treasurer; Gene Gehrke head usher with John Reinen assistant; Elmer Moe, Stanley Moe, and Alfred Reinen cemetery committee; Jon Betlach, Orval Anderson, and Stanley Moe auditing committee.

February 5, 1977 - Darwin Anderson president; Eric List vice-president. Thanks from Tom Skrenes for tuition. Voted to send \$300 more. Voted to get IBM typewriter from Equipment Service for a 30-day trial and, if satisfactory, buy it. Sample brochure shown \$85 for 5000. Moved to have draft for Bristol brochure ready by next meeting. Moved treasurer to prepare quarterly expense report. District convention in Milwaukee May 8-10. Tape recording described lay-witness program. Eric List repaired coat rack. Each council member assigned to a committee.

March 10, 1977 - A Royal typewriter being used because company did not bring the IBM. Education committee forming a parent/student class. More spool tables being made and carpeting needed for them. Worship committee repaired hymnals, and recruited greeters and babysitters. Evangelism brochures paid by ALCW and Martha Circle. Different less expensive envelopes approved. Mrs. June Kalling delegate to convention in May. Wally Hamilton's place on council filled by appointee Bob Wipperfurth. Communion card holders for pews \$170 each. Alice Bakke suggested someone make them.

April 14, 1977 - Organist criticized for not practicing enough. Paid \$500 to mission budget. Paid \$200 more to Tom Skrenes. Three parent/teacher Sundays held. Leak in church roof and cross is loose. Eric List checking on room dividers for basement. Obert Olia willing to sell used Olympia typewriter from his business to church for \$100. Inventory of church property needed.

May 12, 1977 - Will have VBS. New 16-lesson pre-confirmation program explained - each studies at his own pace. Cost is \$200 with \$100 being paid by Sunday school treasury. Worship committee decorated church for Easter. Outside of parsonage needs paint, and hole in eaves needs repair. Front of church and fence needs paint. Holes in cemetery need fill. Darwin and Loren will take down birch tree at parsonage. Several boards on church damaged by shot gun blast and one of shutters damaged. Obert will report it to Dane County Sheriff and contact the insurance company again. Mrs. Austin offered use of her IBM typewriter until one is purchased. Obert can possibly get one at auction June 8. Water problem in basement.

May 27, 1977 - Sermon on astrology was well-received.

June 9, 1977 - Loren Johnson paid for paint and glass for the broken church window. Paid \$100 to Lutheran Social Services. Mrs. List is new Sunday school superintendent. Four new Sunday school teachers needed. If none found, council will have to take over. Loren Johnson and Alfred Reinen repaired the bell tower. Mrs. Loren Johnson bought a new Remington typewriter for the church. Two areas of lawn need to be sloped to fix water problem in basement. Voted to dig out on both sides of church and put clay or dirt base in and slope it out. Voted to hire someone to do basement ceiling and members do the walls. 70th Anniversary mentioned. Nothing planned to celebrate.

July 10, 1977 - Mr. Roetz to repair siding. Under leadership of Eric List, basement painted, industrial heating unit installed. Need blackboards for Sunday school.

August 11, 1977 - Jay Wolf organist. New eave spouts and gutters to solve basement water problem. Carpet mentioned. Church cleaning day September. Mission Fest October 2, with guest speaker from Brazil and reception and rededication of congregation since 70 year anniversary. Painted bathroom floors, ALCW paid for window shades. Divider drapes being considered for Sunday school. Four bulletin boards ordered. Parsonage needs painting and 2 eaves to be replaced.

September 8, 1977 - New members Pamela Tucker, James and Diane Saari and family, Marlene and Dwight Lien and family, David and Jan Farber and family, Dan Anderson, Dennis and Cathy Johnson and family, Joy Rothfusz, Dennis and Kathi Koch and daughter. Mimeograph in 1978 budget. Evangelical Outreach would include a pistol permit. [why?] Ministry to Dane County Jail \$300. Office secretary \$1,000. Reduce office supply by \$200. Snow and lawn mowing to \$500. Need to do something for youth. Rev. Olson paid \$10,000.

October 2, 1977 -Mission Fest speaker from Brazil, reception, and rededication of building.

October 13, 1977 - Cemetery money \$1,000 put into CD. Chase still hasn't made carpet correct. Heat register not yet in ladies bathroom. Water softener needs repair at parsonage. Voted to give loose offering to education fund.

November 10, 1977 - Water softener fixed. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lee transferred to Marshall. Advent folders for education expenses. Movie projector needs repair. Need cassette recorders for pre-confirmation class. Either take a reduction on mismatched carpeting or replace it. Dorcas Circle wants to get a motorized wheelchair for a woman non-member (used by her but belong to congregation). Relayed request to ALCW.

December 4, 1977 - Special council meeting - Gloria Anderson has a lead on a used mimeograph machine from the state Parent Teacher Association for \$150. Voted to buy it.

December 18, 1977 - \$225 for mimeograph not \$150. Paid \$400 more to Tom Skrenes. An amendment to the constitution discussed and tabled for next meeting.

1977 - Lay readers begun. Both men and women permitted to distribute communion. Senior choir has 15. Adult Bible classes underway. Greeters, nursery attendants, and children's sermons used. Basement remodeled . 50 new members. Evangelism brochure printed.

January 15, 1978 - Darwin Anderson president. Treasurer's report oral; others accepted as written. Budget accepted without questions. Carpeting put in basement prior summer didn't cover whole floor, a patch of different style was put in. Voted to ask supplier to replace patch with matching carpet or take it all up and replace it with new of same quality that would all match. Thanks to Eric List for electrical work. Voted Janice Reinen and June Kalling deacons; Gary Gehrke and Dennis Johnson trustees; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Gene Gehrke head usher with Jeff Austin assistant; Obert Olia treasurer; Elmer Moe, Stanley Moe, and Alfred Reinen cemetery committee; David Farber, Ronald Skrenes, and Ed Wipperfurth auditing committee.

January 19, 1978 - Voted Bob Wipperfurth president and Don Steinke vice-president. Chase wanted to lay a jute-backed carpet over the other patched one or put cork in where patch is. Heat register still not installed in ladies room. Library had been started.

February 9, 1978 - Register put in ladies room. Mrs. Johnson paid \$10 per week for cleaning and Alfred Reinen \$80 for the year. Element in water heater needs repair. Appointed to committees – building and grounds - Loren Johnson, Pete Benz, Bob Wipperfurth, and John Sherman; life and growth - Wayne Heus, Gary Gehrke, and Betty Austin; worship - June Kalling and Mabel Anderson; education - Don Steinke; library - Gwen Burke, Alice Bakke, Candy Skibba, and Janice Reinen. Paint in parsonage kitchen is peeling. Other repairs to parsonage needed.

February 26, 1978 - The breaker went out on the heater in the basement. Water heater in parsonage stopped working, Voted to purchase a new water heater for parsonage.

March 9, 1978 - Paid \$400 to Tom Skrenes. Carpeting mismatch still not solved. Jon Betlach transferred to Bethlehem congregation. Mrs. Bernice Zehner, Brenda and Terry transferred to Our Savior's. Voted to send secretary's and treasurer's reports to council members in advance.

March 26, 1978 - Easter festival used liturgy of resurrection and noted, "All are welcome to communion. The only requirement is that you trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and look to Him for eternal life." Crucifer - Bill Steinke, banner bearer - Jamie Tjugum, lay reader - Darwin Anderson, soloist - Jan Farber, ushers - Benz team, greeters - Andrew Reinen, Laurie, and

Michelle. Brunch served. Bake sale proceeds bought electric wheelchair for disabled non-member.

April 12, 1978 - Work on refinishing and sealing hardwood floors to begin 17th in sanctuary and sacristy. Work Day at church May 6. Carpets cleaned in church and parsonage. Old pump organ at Moe's museum. Alice Bakke wants cupboard in sacristy since it belonged to her mother. Abasai Shejavali family to speak and special offering for them in May. Star of David group came Friday April 28 for program of music and testimony. Discussed whether seminarian fund should continue when Bristol has no one studying for ministry. Chase deducted \$500 from price of carpet since it can not be matched. Aluminum soffit and gutters put on parsonage. Contact Mrs. Schulenberg about possibly purchasing more land.

May 11, 1978 - Purchased 2 microphones, 2 stands, 150 feet of wire from radio shack to use with Jeff Austin's tape deck to record special events and services. \$25 memorial for Mrs. Schumacher given to cancer fund. Decided on to put Bristol notes in *Sun Prairie Countryman* every week. Mark and Peggy Narloch transferred. New members June 4. Parish self-study to be done.

June 8, 1978 - Tom Skrenes preach when Rev. Carl Olson on vacation. Only 2 vases of flowers per Sunday. Sign up on flower chart in advance. Rev. Olson wants to start a Saturday evening service. Check dehumidifier.

July 13, 1978 - Siding damaged when eaves were put on last fall. Lew's Seamless Gutters being used. Large window in balcony needs repair. Jan Farber starting children's choir in fall 1978. Voted to send committee to see if Schulenberg will sell congregation some land. Tree near driveway getting in way and needs to be moved.

August 1978 - Church Mutual included personal injury liability and raised contents to \$10,000. Pest Control noted. Cemetery committee told by council not to sell lots on south side of building.

September 14, 1978 - Roof not window is problem in balcony. Mission Fest October 8. Rev. Olson to attend retreat in Iowa October 2-4. Oct 10 Madison Conference meeting for pastors and council president. Voted to give Rev. Olson 1 week per year for study.

September 17, 1978 - special congregational meeting. Bob Wipperfurth suggested opportunity to buy 2 pieces of adjacent land - 1 with house. Council given authority to purchase land with approval of congregation. Rev. Olson suggested 2 services on Sundays.

October 12, 1978 - Roetz to repair siding and then settle with Lew's Seamless Gutters. Bob Fett protested fee for Sunday school material started that fall. Recaulk needed on window in balcony. Rev. Olson to also serve as interim pastor at Bonnet Prairie for 3 months.

November 9, 1978 - Mr. Jesberger to supply fuel. Thanksgiving offering to Lutheran World Relief. Maintenance agreement for typewriter \$50 per year. Christmas Eve dinner planned for the elderly or anyone alone. Advent coin folders used for new addressing machine. Guidelines for new council members: 1. Any person asked to serve must worship regularly. 2. People serving on church council should be serious with giving their time and talent.

November 17, 1978 - Education hour K-adult emphasized. Collected canned goods for local

chapter of St. Vincent de Paul housed at Sacred Hearts. Planned Christmas dinner for lonely people had to be cancelled because newspaper forgot to include the announcement. ALCW thank offering boxes collected.

1978 - Learning sessions held for new Lutheran Book of Worship. Weekly communion begun. High school class restarted. Early communion classes held for 5th graders and their parents. Vacation Bible School held evenings. 100 blankets made for Lutheran World Relief. Mission Fest flags made.

December 10, 1978 - Pastor's pericope study; Mrs. Jay Wolf organist; choir led worship at county jail and had a Christmas party for the inmates. Poinsettia orders taken.

December 14, 1978 - Transfer of Anne Seitz and her son Aaron and Mrs. Steven Austin. Advent offering to buy new toys for the nursery. Sunday school budget raised to \$500 to cover cost of materials. "Miles for Jesus" was the mission project.

December 17, 1978 - Bristol choir photo in the *Sun Prairie Countryman*.

January 11, 1979 - June Kalling resigned from council. Transfers of Scott Fehrman and Richard and Betty Hulberg, Ronnie and Amy. New member reception February 18. Hanley looking at thermostat on stove in kitchen.

January 21, 1979 - Voted Donna Anderson trustee; Arlene Skrenes and Alice Bakke deacons; Bob Fett treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Gene Gehrke head usher; Shirley Kruse, Esther Femrite, and Andy Reinen auditing committee; Stanley Moe, Elmer Moe, and Alfred Reinen cemetery committee. Rev. Olson suggested Saturday service or two Sunday services and need for more Sunday school rooms not a larger sanctuary. Obert Olia treasurer's report. Mabel Anderson financial secretary's report. Discussion whether to buy the land for \$10,000.

February 8, 1979 - Gary Gehrke president, Alice Bakke vice-president. Sherry Herr wedding and reception \$50 given ½ to ALCW and ½ to heating. Family night Friday, February 16. New addressing machine. New toys for nursery.

March 8, 1979 - Transferred out Mr. and Mrs. Mark Narloch. Transferred in Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Schwerdtfeger and family. Dennis Johnson delegate to Southern WI District Convention in Decorah IA June 3-5. Cleanup day May 19. New liturgy used. Suggested new closet in sacristy and sink upstairs. Guidelines for committees suggested. \$25 memorial given when Rev. Olson's father died.

April 9, 1979 - Repaired sink drains. Jay Wolf both directing choir and playing organ. Trustees use adding machine for counting Sunday offerings. Fence and driveway need attention. Permission to use basement for bridal shower for Rosemary Anderson granted.

May 10, 1979 - Loren Johnson to repair windows in balcony. 4 traps (now 2) are needed in kitchen sinks. Elmer Moe traditionally rang church bell. Why not ringing now? Asked ushers to do it. Joe Bakke mowing cemetery. Dialogue with Catholic church. No stewardship committee now, pastor doing it. Ceiling tiles in basement sagging. Need new door for furnace room. Wayne

Heus resigned from council. Myrtle Olia wants to plant a flower bed in front of church. Loren Johnson planted the flower box. Rev. Olson started Saturday evening. worship.

June 7, 1979 - Andy Bakke filled term of Wayne Heus. Alfred Reinen took care of problems Joe Bakke had in cemetery. Still don't have taping equipment voted on last May. \$400 sent to the Shejavalis in Africa. Jay Wolfe quitting, since he was hired by Our Saviors in Madison. Rug to be purchased for narthex. Nativity scene money + memorial fund remainder used for first nativity scene. Conference budget money given to Rev. Olson for seminar in Washington.

July 12, 1979 - Insulated door for furnace from Spahn's \$124.75. Mrs. Scrivner was paid \$11 per Sunday to play organ. Tom Reinen designing cabinets for sacristy. Septic tank cleaned. Settling chamber cost \$175 and Bob Reinen get back hoe to dig hole. Person from Campus Crusade for Christ to speak September 9. Mrs. List resigned as Sunday school superintendent; Barb Fett appointed with Candy Skibba assistant and Debbie Gehrke secretary/treasurer.

August 9, 1979 - Steel outside door hung. Oakwood looking for a pledge. Farber's moving to Iowa; thanks for her work with children's choir; \$25 gift purchased. Holes in cemetery from woodchucks or badgers. Restrictions on trying to capture badgers. Sunday school picnic \$65.

August 19, 1979 - Special meeting - since Jay Wolfe left as organist, need to pay \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year. Agreed upon \$2000 maximum.

September 13, 1979 - Paid \$450 to Tom Skrenes. Ductwork needs to be moved, so new door will fully open.

October 11, 1979 - Insulation for church and parsonage discussed and estimate sought. Thanksgiving offering for World Hunger.

November 4, 1979 - Estimate \$410 for church and \$298 for parsonage insulation includes vents. Scott Fehrman to do work of installing cabinets upstairs.

November 8, 1979 - Asked Alfred Reinen about selling some of his land to congregation. Dissolved existing land search committee. Long-range planning committee set up with Andy Reinen as chairperson. Mr. Bareis doing work by back door of furnace room. Gary Gehrke resigned from council. Girl Scouts permitted to use the basement. REACH used basement for a potluck. Quarterly reports sent only to those delinquent on pledge. Time and talent surveys tabulated. Rug in narthex needed. Two Christmas eve services planned.

December 13, 1979 - Insulation done. work in sacristy being done. Transfers & class completed - Dewey & Doris Anderson, Kim & Keith; Wendy Bellamy, Curt & Linda Johnson, Jennifer & John; Janet Kehl; Ann Scheib & sons Joe, Jim, John; Arlynn & Ann Schwanke, Tood & Ami; Lou & Sue Stallman, Jason & Sara; Jeff & Colleen Tetzlaff & daughter cameron; Mary Wagner, Laura Webster. Transfers out - Lillian Weishoph; Art, Shirley, & Janet Kruse, Beverly Anderson. John Sherman to take gifts to the Dane Co Jail for the prisoners. Means Towel \$14 per month to supply & clean rug in narthex. Dec 23 Tom Skrenes preach; Dec 30 Rev. Jan Benson preach. Guidelines for membership, confirmation, baptisms, weddings accepted as printed. Bob Fett suggested amplification system rather than recording equipment.

December 24, 1979 - Worship included the help of greeters, ushers, crucifer, banner bearer, torch bearer, book bearer, and lector.

January 10, 1980 - Renewed of postage permit. Barb Steinke's office moved to parsonage. Need a desk, chair, paint, shelves, carpet, or pads to protect floor from machines. \$300 limit set for those things. Mrs. Johnson resigned as custodian. Joe Bakke paid \$3.85 per hour to do custodial work with new job description. Training sessions scheduled for ushers. Altar guild being formed under direction of Mabel Anderson. Deacons will help clean up after communion.

January 20, 1980 - Gene Gehrke wants \$75 per year (formerly \$55) for water the past year and \$10 per month for 1980. First notice that Social Security and taxes had to be taken out of checks to church employees. Secretary doing too much for 10 hours per week. Approved \$4 per hour for \$2,080 yearly + performance review in June and November.

January 27, 1980 - Congregation accepted written reports. Bob Fett reported financial status. Laura Webster is leader of children's choir. Rev. Olson serves as adult choir director. Joan Blythe organist agreed to also be choir director for \$700 per year. Voted Gerald Endrizzi and Andy Reinen deacons; Eric List and Joe Sherven trustees for 3 years; Scott Fehrman and Alfred Reinen trustees for 1 year; Bob Fett treasurer; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Betty Austin recording secretary; Gene Gehrke head usher with Owen Schwerdtfeger assistant; Alfred Reinen, Gary Gehrke, and Steve Austin cemetery committee; Lois Benz, Esther Femrite, and Ron Skrenes auditing committee. Amendment to constitution Page 5, Section II, congregational meeting, Item 2 F 10 -"Other standing committees will be appointed by the Pastor and the church council as needed. It shall be the responsibility of the church council president to see that evaluations of activities and programs from each committee are provided by the committee chairpersons to the church council on a monthly basis." and that the bylaws stating that an amendment to the constitution needs to be ratified three months later be suspended. Gary Gehrke had resigned as council president and Alice Bakke took over for the remainder of the year as first female president. Land acquisition committee had disbanded. A new committee was being formed. Seller in no hurry. Price is \$10,000 and seller would take a land contract with \$1,000 down and 10% interest.

January 27, 1980 - Elected Alice Bakke president and Eric List vice-president. Meetings held 2nd Thursday each month at 8:00 p.m.

February 14, 1980 - \$1,000 from cemetery fund put into CD. Checking legalities of getting a water stipulation on the Gehrke property. Vandalism on church lawns. Joe Sherven and Andy Reinen delegates to spring conference at Burke Lutheran Church. District convention at Carthage College June 1. Arlene Skrenes and Janice Reinen delegates. Faucets in parsonage and stool in ladies room not working correctly. West wall in kitchen crumbling. FICA , State, and Federal taxes taken out of salaries of 3 employees. Luther League account at bank never closed. Students interested in re-starting a youth group. Bob Fett closed Luther League account and put money in savings account for youth group. Getting estimate for sink in sacristy. Need a committee for job performance evaluations.

March 13, 1980 - Discussion of Lutheranism booklets. Discussion on well agreement. Andy Reinen reported on spring conference. Jerry Endrizzi repairing faucets. IRS says church doesn't have to pay FICA. From now on church secretary responsible only to Rev. Olson. Custodian

responsible to church president. Madison Conference Council needs a representative. Lights purchased for pastor's office, classroom, and sacristy. Clean up day April 26 for parsonage and church. Joe Bakke not able to do lawn. David Farber transferred to Immanuel Lutheran in Adel, IA. Life and growth committee needed to mail letters of invitation to newcomers, call on people who have visited, and take care of church signs. Monica List to get Chamber of Commerce list each month for those who mail brochures to newcomers and to Obert Olia and Barb Steinke. Leadership event at Midvale Lutheran Church April 19; Andy Reinen, Eric List, and Scott Fehrman will attend. Added to worship committee Arlene Skrenes; youth committee Andy Reinen; and stewardship committee Bob Fett.

March 16, 1980 - John Sherman to mow lawn if equipment furnished. Alice Bakke to furnish equipment. Church pay for gas. Rev. Carl Olson and Rev. O. Rolf Olson of Keyeser to share Good Friday services.

April 10, 1980 - Obert Olia elected representative for Madison Conference Council. Youth rake lawn and wash windows under direction of Candy Skibba and lunch served to them. Jeanne Kalscheur transferred to Christ Lutheran DeForest. Braves game attended last year; it was suggested again. Coffee, punch, and cookies every Sunday after worship. Altar needs paint. Easter folders ½ to Parental Stress Center 1506 Madison St., Madison.

May 8, 1980 - Eric List and Scott Fehrman reported on meeting on evangelism and inactives. Discussed water agreement proposed and will check cost of drilling own well. Transferred Larry and Mary Reinen and 3 children to St. Matthews in Princeton, IL. Permission granted to Sue and Phyllis Reinen to use church for bridal shower for Sandy. Suggested converting furnaces from oil to gas, New gas line from Happy Valley Road to corner of church. ½ of Lenten folders money to Parents Anonymous. Sunday school raised \$237.73 for chicken project, enough to buy 950 chicks to help the poor in undeveloped countries. VBS Zoo trip after 7-9 p.m. sessions. Tom Skrenes graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

June 4, 1980 - \$2,000 bid from Mr. Shellhammer for digging well. Convert oil furnaces to gas. Small mower donated to use around gravestones. Altar needs repair before painting.

June 26, 1980 - Gas line to church \$1,975. Conversion of 2 furnaces \$1,300. Well \$1,900. Conversion to gas at parsonage \$870. Lower ducts at parsonage \$2,000.

June 29, 1980 - Talk of converting parsonage to gas to save money. Need for a well discussed. No action taken on either one..

July 10, 1980 - Rev. Midtling serving interim in Bonnet Prairie.

July 13, 1980 - More discussion then voted to drill own well and convert to natural gas heat in both church and parsonage.

August 15, 1980 - Gas line to be in by September 1. Furnace to be converted by Prairie Plumbing and Heating by mid September. Caulking needed at parsonage. Gene Gehrke resigned as head usher, Owen Schwerdtfeger head usher. Well drilled. Request for Sunday school to be scheduled first and church later. Evaluation of pastor's job done. Youth conference at Our Savior's. Survey if time change for services is wanted. Pledges to cover well and gas conversion. October 5, Mission Fest with Dr. Charles Puls as speaker. Transfers in Mrs. Melba Schumann and son David,

Mr. Dough Mischack. Donna Anderson given permission to use basement Sunday October 19.

October 9, 1980 - Stewardship Sunday October 9. Mrs. Ann Schwanke to play piano until an organist found. \$900 in Seminary Appeal. Separated budget items worship and office supplies. More teamwork needed. Committees fell apart again. Need to contact inactives. Increased secretary's salary.

October 29, 1980 - Bishop Schumacher asked for 7-person call committee. only 2 or 3 from council. No official letter of resignation, so not accept resignation til get one. Bob Fett to try to get Gene Gehrke to come to next meeting. Housing allowance now 30% and pension 16% of salary. Barb Fett on call committee. Lutheran Social Services filmstrip and discussion with Rev. Wendt and Rod Schubert of Columbus. Barb Steinke willing to take organ lessons. Ann Schwanke can't because of the illness of her daughter. Finda Johnson willing to stay 4-5 months. Voted to pay for organ lessons for Barb Steinke and Ann Schwanke. Barb Steinke would then give up secretary's job and secretary needed. Rev. Olson's letter of resignation. His list of people who were not in church on pledge Sunday to be invited to an evening meeting to find out needs of church. ALCW not interested in fundraising dinners. Shepherd program beginning in December Pew cards will not be used. Ordination policy voted - church responsible for cakes, relishes, salads. Family to provide rolls, meat, coffee, punch, and whatever else they want to serve. Christmas concert December 18. Arlene asked about a gift for person being ordained - since church paid tuition, that is sufficient.

November 20, 1980 - Bishop Schumacher said call committee should be chosen by congregation not council and have representatives for youth, Sunday school, those over 55, men, women, and music. Nominations to be in those categories. Do self-study first. New letter of call format. Council ignored Bishop's advice and voted on people they had selected for each category - Andy Reinen and Eric List for council; Linda Campbell for youth; Laura Webster for women; Don Steinke for men, Barb Fett for Sunday school, and Obert Olia for over 55. They left out music since that would mean too many people on the committee.

December 7, 1980 - first meeting of call committee.

December 10, 1980 - Rev. Carl Olson left. Water bill paid January through September. Esther Reinen paid \$130 for cleaning; Alfred Reinen paid \$25 for snow plowing, John Sherman paid \$100 for mowing; Paid \$100 to Alice Bakke for use of mower and gas. Laura Webster directing choir. Barb Steinke taking lessons from Mrs. Robert Beckstram in Stoughton at no charge. Barb to serve as secretary until next pastor called. She will take typewriter home and be paid by the hour. Poor response to stewardship meeting. Folks volunteered their labor rather than their money. Pre-confirmation class led by Rev. Schafer at Our Savior's to cost \$20 per week. Five shutins need be called upon while without a pastor - Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Skrenes; Tilla Gerstad; Cecil Hoyt; Mrs. Guetzlaff; and Matt Strand.

December 28, 1980 - Choir director Laura Webster; organist Mrs. Finda Johnson; nursery Lou and Sue Stallman.

January 8, 1981 - Rev. [Harold] Schlachtenhaufen interim pastor through March 8. Rev. Schaefer did not want to teach the pre-confirmation classes, so Rev. Schlachtenhaufen was paid \$20 per class. Spring Prairie invited to Bristol for Good Friday services. Rev. [Robert] Brown, interim

pastor at Trinity, was asked to come after March 8 to do Lenten worship services and pre-confirmation classes. New members Russell Birkholz, Sandra Reinen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson and Alan accepted February 1. Installation of council January 25. Pledge cards (not sent earlier) were distributed. No action on proposal for "No Smoking" signs. Sand and salt barrel with small shovel put outside church. Interior of parsonage needs extensive repairs. Jerry Endrizzi liaison for Lutheran Social Services. Arlyn Schwanke building an altar table. New committees formed.

January 18, 1981 - Interim pastor paid \$45 per Sunday plus mileage + \$20 for each week of pre-confirmation class. Barb Steinke gave up office secretary to be the organist. Laura Webster directed adult choir and children's choir. She was paid for \$700 adults but nothing for children's. Last year Alice Bakke furnished the mower and John Sherman donated his time mowing. Two new mowers are needed - a large one and a small one for around gravestones. The congregation gets money from the township for mowing graves of veterans. Elected Bob Fett and Ann Schwanke deacons; Obert Olia and Darwin Anderson trustees; Owen Schwerdtfeger treasurer; Betty Austin recording secretary; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Don Steinke head usher with Dick Gehrke and Gary List assistants; Gary Gehrke, Gene Gehrke, and Alfred Reinen cemetery committee; Orval Anderson, Lou Stallman, and Arlene Weichman auditing committee. Don Steinke reported on survey of preferences in a pastor. District office suggested a pastoral relations committee of 5 - 1 council member + 4 non-council members. Bob Fett noted items needing repair at parsonage and estimated \$7,000 to do it with volunteer help. Voted to give council authority to begin with \$5,000 for woodwork, plumbing, and heating. Voted for committee to revise constitution.

January 18, 1981 - Bob Fett president; Eric List vice-president; committees - pastoral relations, property, finance, worship and music. 1981-82 University of Wisconsin sponsored choir seminars.

February 9, 1981 - \$900 in budget for seminary appeal whereas \$2,400 was expected. Ileen List doing church directory. Finda Johnson playing organ has family health issues; Barb Steinke hoping to play for Lenten services. Shepherding program - names of members not pledged were given to their shepherds. Janelle Buss used church for marriage July 11. Linda Schroud become member and will marry at Bristol in October. Parsonage needs many repairs. All council meet there February 14, 9 a.m. \$30 per service for organist. Arlene Skrenes delegate to District convention at Carthage College. Retreat for council presidents and spouses at Green Lake. Bob Fett's suggestions for committees: finance - Mabel Anderson, Owen Schwerdtfeger, Eric List, and Bob Fett; property - Eric List and Joe Sherven; executive - officers of council plus 1 chosen by president (6 people); worship and music - pastor, Arlene Skrenes, Laura Webster, and Barb Steinke; pastoral - Donna Anderson, Darwin Anderson; education - Ileen List, Barb Fett; social - Andy and Phyllis Reinen, Obert and Myrtle Olia; Life and growth - Ann Schwanke, Jerry Endrizzi; letters to newcomers - Monica List. Executive committee will check constitution review. Need new lawnmower. Ann Schwanke to contact new people who visit church.

February 14, 1981 - Meeting at parsonage to view repairs needed - heating unit stopped, pipes frozen, heat registers need be put on floor, voted to redo them. \$860 for replacing bathroom items - new cabinets, woodwork stripped and refinished, underlayment for kitchen and bathroom floors. Obert Olia volunteered to donate a piece of linoleum, but later it was determined to be not large enough.

February 22, 1981 - \$5,000 not enough for repairs to parsonage even with donated materials and labor; vote to authorize \$7,600.

March 9, 1981 - Contacted WI Energy Conservation Department, who recommended hot air on exterior baseboard. Want separate phone number for church vs parsonage. Cancelled ad in Madison paper. Easter Egg Hunt for preschool- 6th April 11. Play by civic club May 2. Bowling May 31. Yankees/Brewers baseball game June 22. Brewers/Minnesota game August 21. Rev. Brown \$45 per service + mileage = \$13 per hour for other services such as pre-confirmation class. Asked Pastor to mow his own lawn. Youth mailings passed on to education committee. "Equipping the Saints" program - Arlene Skrenes, Sue Mengling, Janice Reinen, Darwin Anderson. Organ needs repair. AAL gave \$100 check to Sunday school since about 30 people at Bristol have AAL policies. Possibility of forming a chapter to provide napkins, pencils, movies, etc. Meeting at Token Creek for a mission church near Hwy 19... no one present supported the idea.

March 29, 1981 - Call committee had met 25 times + meetings after church had 12-13 names of which they interviewed 4 and chose Richard L. Thickpenny. None of the 4 advocated church dinners to raise money for budget. \$14,700 monthly + utilities. Housing benefit \$6,00 4 wks vacation Travel \$.20 per mile. Education \$650, + moving expenses.

April 5, 1981 - Meeting to call a pastor; Bob Fett read salary guidelines from District office, agreed on \$20, 248 to call Rev. Thickpenny to begin June 1. Rev. Thickpenny questioned whether in 2 years the church would consider a housing allowance rather than a parsonage.

April 13, 1981 - Rev. Thickpenny visited parsonage, still hasn't decided on call. Voted to resume bell ringing before service. David Moe will do it. The council will advise the head usher as to appropriate times to seat latecomers. Church can use Darwin's 3-blade rotary mower with 6 foot cut pulls behind a tractor. Small mower working now. John Sherman helping mow and Charlie Reinen. Andy Reinen to roll lawn at parsonage. Worship and music committee wants 2-3 sentence introduction read before the lessons. Bus and brewer game to cost \$10 per person. Parish secretary needed to replace Barb Steinke. Ann Schwanke will play for some services to relieve Barb. Southern WI District Convention delegate Arlene Skrenes. Shepherding lists continued. Madison Conference Handbook being updated. Darwin Anderson to attend quarterly meeting at Faith Lutheran in Columbus May 9. Too late to get Lutheran Brotherhood funds for ALCW dinner. Need better communication between ALCW and council. Speak to Lois Benz about publicity. Worship and music asked to get church calendar for use by all committees to list meetings and events. LID wants to use building after worship on Sundays for occasional meetings. The \$70 in the Luther League savings account used toward the five 7th graders attending Lutherdale. Approval for Janelle Buss wedding then transfer her to another church. Class suggested for prospective members "On Becoming a Lutheran." Suggested a memorial fund with a list of things needed. to encourage donations to it instead of flowers.

May 11, 1981 - Lenten folder money for American Lutheran Church missions budget. Repairs to parsonage done. Gravel for parking lot donated by Paulmans. Bob Grulke will help trim the cemetery. Arlyn Schwanke will help fix fence. John Reinen mowing lawn at parsonage. Eric List suggested "Pick a Job" program to be ongoing. Rev. Thickpenny suggested packing his own household to save money on moving expenses, so carpet can be purchased for living room with

limit of \$20 per yard installed. Sunday school ends May 17 with awards Sunday June 14. Education committee wants a monthly committee meeting night. "Thank You for Not Smoking" signs put up in narthex. Rev. Brown's last Sunday June 14. Jeffery Austin transferred to Atonement in Green Bay. David Baldwin transfer to Church of Christ in Madison. Installation June 28 for Rev. Thickpenny. District wants Conference level to handle installations. Rev. Thickpenny wants \$1,000 of his salary set aside as a housing allowance. Obert objected that as unethical since a parsonage was provided. Distributed guidelines for membership, confirmations, weddings, baptisms.

June 15, 1981 - Harry Kuehn District Representative led discussion for transition between Pastor and congregational goals. \$1,500 deducted from salary to be designated as parsonage allowance and item reviewed each December. Rev. Tom Loftus of Madison Conference and Harry Kuehn of the District will do ordination service. Because of baseball strike, Brewer game cancelled. Bowling May 31 went well. Life and growth to publicize recycling programs, boycott Nestle products, and visit hospitalized. Guest register not working well so pew cards suggested. Need to explain memorial fund. Property - parsonage work completed. Need to widen driveway on East side and reserve spaces for handicapped. Kirby vacuum not working well. Janelle Buss wedding at Our Savior's since not room for 300 at Bristol. Shepherding lists updated. Committees to meet same night as and before council meets. Transfer in Terri Nordness Linde from Burke. Ellen Haug of Burke wants to use Bristol's basement September 19 for a lay witness meeting. Curb at end of parsonage driveway is recessed and collects water after a rain. \$50 for unlimited number to attend seminar "Music in the Small Church" at Stoughton. Rev. and Ruth Thickpenny, Barb Steinke, Laura Webster, and choir personnel. Arlene Skrenes reported on District convention. Darwin Anderson on May 16 Madison Conference meeting and the "Triangle Ministry Proposal."

July 9, 1981 - Fence painted by Schwankes. Tables and chairs missing - suggested a committee to handle lending church property. Windows in back of church need repair. Guideon request to speak okayed after being delayed for 4 months. Dehumidifier from parsonage to be used at church. Jerry Endrizzi to do inventory of church property. [end of council minutes in red books]

August 13, 1981 - Council Bob Fett chairperson; Owen Schwertdfeger treasurer. Tillie Lunde and Mr. and Mrs. Thickpenny joined. Don Steinke chairperson of stewardship; Council retreat September 20, to be potluck and include spouses. Worship and music committee decided communion deacon open to all active members (male & female) who should walk down aisle with pastor. Lector to stand in front of congregation but not read from pulpit. Training session for lectors in September. Bell ring at opening and closing of worship. Rev. Thickpenny wants silence before service and standing to sing psalm. New banner for missions. Pastoral committee had no report. Education committee reported Barb Fett in charge of Sunday school and VBS. Social committee cancelled baseball trip. Life and growth had no report. Finance had no report. Property had no report. Executive had no report. Stewardship designated October 11 and 18 for seminary appeal. Bob Fett presented guidelines for use of church facilities. \$5 fee for Sept 26 conference paid for council members. Arlene Skrenes suggested letting Wartburg archivist microfilm Bristol's church records; no action taken.

August 30, 1981- special meeting to vote on change from Thursday to Monday p.m. Rev. Thickpenny opposed since Monday is his day off; no action.

September 10, 1981 - Earl Mundt of Church Mutual explained insurance policy on church and

parsonage; added hired auto and counseling professional. Don Steinke chairperson of stewardship to give temple talks in October. Pledge cards October 25. Pastor wanted new 2 year pre-confirmation program 7th and 8th. Transfers not required to take instructional class. Seminar on new pre-confirmation program in Milwaukee \$295 Sept 28-30 - "Doctrine in Diagram" for adults as well as youth. Retreat in October for pastors. Guidelines set for pastoral committee. Education no report. Social- no report. Life and growth to meet next week. Finance already reported. Property new locks for church and parsonage \$4.00 per lock plus 95 cents per key. Executive working on changes in constitution. Stewardship reported. Worship and music set Mission Fest for October 4 with potluck and speaker Judy Rostad from Skaalen Home. Moving choir from balcony to front of church starting September 20. Rev. Thickpenny brought sample ministry cards; voted to print and use some. Money available for 5 new sets of paraments. Bob Fett get mailbox for church. Shepherding lists. Leave meetings on Thursdays. Ann Schwanke had to leave by 9:30 each time. Ann Seitz appointed chairperson of education comm.

October 8, 1981 - Rev. Thickpenny reported on "Doctrines in Diagram" which he would like to use with the 7th grade class and noted that to use it he needed an overhead projector. President reported Jerry Endrizzi resigned from council but will stay on property committee. Treasurer's report. Financial secretary no report. Education said confirmation classes to start 10-21-81; Laura Webster to direct Christmas program, and Donna Betlach to be honored at Sunday school program. Social meeting in October and put suggestion box in narthex; Life and growth have new church brochure, visitor post cards. Film "Stewardship of Time" to be shown after church November 15, 1981. Confirmation carnations to be paid by council. Property to have locks changed next week and new keys to Alfred Reinens, Barb Steinke, altar guild, custodian, property committee, and Pastor only. Need volunteer help for small jobs. Lawn mower needed for next year. Executive no report. Stewardship packets being prepared. Worship had positive reaction to relocating choir. Pastoral committee waiting for published guidelines. Seminary appeal goal for Bristol \$4,600. Bob Fett will get sample guidelines for use of church by non-members. Selma P. Lawrence's will lists Bristol and Spring Prairie cemeteries. Rev. Thickpenny began the adult study "The Life with God."

November 12, 1981 - Thanksgiving offering for World Hunger. Letters of concern for 16 families who moved away but haven't yet transferred to suggest a church in their area. Rev Thickpenny wants evangelism committee separate from life and growth plus a new evangelism brochure. Voted to allow up to \$100 for new brochures. Property said repairs to front of building done; Social \$125 in budget and schedule for council to prepare coffee on Sunday. Stewardship has time and talent sheets to be checked soon. Worship and music wants organ fund established for future and wants old organ back from Moe Brothers Museum for anniversary in 1982. Seminary appeal movie in January. ½ of Advent folders to seminary appeal and ½ to cost of projector. ½ of mission money to Triangle Ministry and ½ for later. Money from missions be put in general fund and go toward mission budget. Laura Webster no longer directing children's choir.

December 10, 1981 - Minutes challenged and will be rewritten to delete raise for Pastor and budget discussion and be approved at next meeting. New members – Züst family, Jon Betlach, and Klemp family. Letter from David Preus of the ALC. Voted to sign off on Selma Laurence's will because money went to Spring Prairie Cemetery. Raised salaries of office secretary, custodian, and music director 5%. Organist \$31.50 per service. Housing equity increased to \$630. Music stay at \$150. Social events be self-supporting by passing the plate at each event. Darwin Anderson had mowed the lawn and furnished the equipment. \$75 to Esther Reinen for her work.

Rev. Thickpenny given the same amount as given Rev. Olson last year.

January 14, 1982 - Voted to pay organist on monthly basis. Madison Conference January 25 Bob Fett delegate; Eric List alternate. National convention in San Diego in September. Obert Olia volunteered to be alternate delegate. Bob Fett delegate to District convention in LaCrosse April 29. Cake served for Mabel Anderson's birthday. \$1,500 parsonage allowance for 1982. Coffee schedule not done.

January 17, 1982 - Special council meeting called by pastoral committee to discuss statements made by Ann Schwanke on January 14 about goals of the church. Voted that no minutes be taken.

January 24, 1982 annual meeting in afternoon with written reports. Bob Fett suggested Luther League money be put into general fund. Controversy over pastor's raise when he served only ½ year. Barb Steinke wanted \$200 for office supplies. Laura Webster said \$150 not enough for music. Voted to increase it to \$300. Rev Thickpenny wanted 8-10 people to attend a seminar in Stevens Point and to increase budget to pay their way. Voted to let whoever attended pay their own way. Mrs. Thickpenny had served as volunteer youth choir director. It was voted to pay \$250 for youth choir director for 1983. Thanked Darwin and Dan Anderson for mowing church lawn and donating both time and their equipment. Betty Austin thanked for 21 years as recording secretary. Voted Donald Steinke 1 year, Laura Webster 3 year deacons; Richard Hulberg trustee; Linda Campbell recording secretary; Mabel Anderson financial secretary; Gene Gehrke head usher with Gary Gehrke and Art Paulman Sr. assistants; Donna Anderson, Esther Femrite, and Ron Skrenes auditing committee; Gary List, Alfred Reinen, and Ed Wipperfurth cemetery committee; and Lou Stallman treasurer.

January 24, 1982 - At council meeting after annual meeting, Don Steinke elected president; Darwin Anderson vice-president. Don Steinke called for organizational meeting Saturday, January 30, 1982, 9-11 a.m.

January 30, 1982 - Installation of council Sunday, February 7, 1982. Rev. Thickpenny played tape by Earl Nightingale and asked council to do a 5-minute written exercise about what influences the church has had on us. Letter of committee assignments. President and vice president will attend first committee meetings. Deadline to add committee members is February 15. Deadline to submit committee guidelines is April 1, 1982. Two copies of committee meeting minutes to be submitted monthly 1 for president, 1 for recording secretary. Anything to be discussed at council meetings should be given to president no later than 3 days prior to meetings. Committee to revise constitution adding members. Voted to have meetings first Tuesday at 7:30 beginning in March. Owen Schwerdtfeger suggested segregating the budget more.

February 11, 1982 - Discussion of exercise from last meeting. "The Discovery for Ministry" distributed. Since demise of Luther League under Rev. Thickpenny, youth account closed and balance of \$84.30 put in general fund. Six attended Parish Leadership Seminar. Committee reports: no pastor/parish; education to meet February 21; social plans Valentine's party at 7E's February 13; property no report; worship and music to meet February 24. Soup supper before Ash Wednesday service. After other Lenten services fellowship with cookies. Council to serve refreshments March 24. Good Friday Bristol will host Spring Prairie. Easter sunrise service, breakfast, and later worship service. Lenten goal to change the Psalm tone. Recommend that memorials go to the organ fund; an organ shaped container in narthex for loose change donations to organ fund. Contact pastor or secretary to add items to new calendar in narthex. Choir robes

needed. Evangelism no report. Constitution no report. Church staff evaluation committee to meet February 23. First meeting of 75th Anniversary committee February 23. Shepherding program leader Eric List. Lenten coin folders given ½ to Lutheran Social Services and ½ to world hunger.

[Minutes less detailed from this time forward]

August 24, 1982 - Ann Schwanke VBS leader.

September 1982 - Red choir robes have been purchased. Painting and repair work in balcony and bell tower completed. Bathrooms, entry way, and narthex painted. Trim work and repair in sacristy. Filling in topsoil and ground leveling south of church. High winds turned cross 90 degrees (facing North of church), so repositioned it. [web]

September 25-26, 1982 - 75th Anniversary celebrated with Saturday p.m. banquet at United Methodist Church with special guests Bishop Schumacher and Rev. Palmer Wahl. Sunday special worship at 9:30; lunch between services 11-1:30; and worship 2:00 p.m. with former pastors Midtling and Olson. Anniversary offering designated for organ fund. Lou Stallman painted outdoor sign. Lorre Paulman painted small replicas of church for sale \$3.00 each. Group photo outside church. Matt Strand oldest and Christopher Thickpenny 4 months youngest honored. Church received citation from WI Assembly. Esther Reinen chairperson, Arlene Skrenes, Obert Olia, Laura Webster, Linda Campbell, Mabel Anderson, and Bob Fett. 4 special banners made. Historic displays in narthex.

December 1, 1982 - Bristol Lutheran Church received official notice to comply with ALC Constitution.

January 1983 - President Richard Hulberg, treasurer Lou Stallman; financial secretary Mabel Anderson; recording secretary Linda Campbell.

1983 - Exit lights installed in basement [web]

Sept 1984 – Apr 1985 - Rev. Terry Larson served as interim pastor. The congregation paid extra to put together a membership list for stewardship program – shepherding for time and talent. Cottage meetings were held. On October 21, a temple talk was held. A call committee was appointed.

1984 - Officers same as above; sound system installed; Halloween party planned.

1985 - President Sue Mengeling, recording secretary Linda Campbell, financial secretary Mabel Anderson, treasurer Lou Stallman. Ceiling fans installed in sanctuary. Handicapped parking area designated.

1985 - Rev. Sue Moline Larson installed as first woman pastor of Bristol. It was also the first team ministry as both Terry and Sue Larson were installed.

1985 - Prayer chain begun. Pastor/Parish Comm restarted. Constitution revised and changes recommended.

1986 - Officers same as 1985. Ratified revised constitution. Added early Christmas Eve worship. "Songs for a New Creation" purchased as supplement to Lutheran Book of Worship. Parking lot on south side enlarged. Social committee became life and growth and planned a progressive dinner. TV purchased.

1987 - Same congregational officers as 1985 and 1986. Caring Community formed. Two Sunday services started. An outdoor service used. Assisting ministers began. All loose offering went to purchase hay for draught-stricken farmers in Polk County.

1988 - President Steve Antholt, treasurer Bob Wortinger, financial secretary Bob Fett, recording secretary Kathy Spurgeon and Lou Stallman. Voted to join the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Started one-a-week club of blood donors. Building committee formed. Bachman Construction gave estimate for additional 5,500 square feet. Early communion instruction continued.

Offering from children's Christmas program given to Luke House in Madison for poor and homeless.

1989 - Elected president Rick Klemp, treasurer Bob Wortinger, financial secretary Bob Fett, recording secretary Lou Stallman. McKeever liturgy used. New furnace installed in old fellowship hall. Funeral pall purchased. First live nativity begun by Julie Marshall. Workshop was held on AIDS.

March 21, 1989 - Since the area had grown in population so rapidly, a **Resolution Authorizing the City of Sun Prairie to Exercise Plat Review Outside Their Boundaries** was signed 21 March 1989 and recorded 10 April 1989 Records v.12691 p.43 #2135074 and File #5482, so Sun Prairie could be reclassified as a third class city.

1990 - Elected Rick Klemp president, Roger Kalland treasurer, Gary Scott and Linda Campbell financial secretary, Lou Stallman recording secretary. First Crop Walk participants. At the same time the congregation was growing, additional worship space, office space, and Sunday school rooms were needed.

1991 - Elected Linda Campbell president, Roger Kalland treasurer, Gary Scott and Linda Campbell financial secretary, and Lou Stallman recording secretary. Brian Julson and Karen Wortinger were elected co-chairpersons to spearhead a building fund drive to add to the north side of the building. The James Company Fundraising was considered to generate an additional \$200,000.

October 27, 1991 - Commitments were accepted for a building fund drive to add on the north side of the building.

A new Title search was instigated, Order No. M-28725 using all six names heretofore used for the congregation, to verify that the parcel No. 06-0911-291-8930-7 was tax exempt through 1991. There was a second Title search 20 July 1992 by Order #M28725 to verify tax exemption from 15 October 1970 through 1992 completed 17 Feb. 1993.

April 5, 1992 - A congregational meeting approved a \$280,000 plan for Roberts Construction Associates, Inc. to build on north side. Before such a major addition could begin, Rev. Terry

Larson signed to the County of Dane a Private Sewage System Maintenance Agreement Covenant dated 13 April 1992 recorded 21 April 1992 Records v.18614 p.8 #23455023 for tax parcel 0911-292-8930.

1992 - Brass lamb given as a memorial to Carrie Paulman.

May 1, 1992 - On Pentecost May 31, groundbreaking for addition which enlarged sanctuary and sacristy, added offices and classrooms, new kitchen, fellowship hall, elevator and handicapped entrance, new bathrooms handicapped accessible, new mound septic system, sidewalks and outside light fixtures, 2 new furnaces, expanded parking lot, and made handicap accessible sidewalks and entrance. Building committee appointed August 1982 -- Gerry Guttormson and Bob Fett co-chairpersons, Denise Scavone secretary, Steve Austin, Larry Erbs, Scott Fehrmann, Gene Gehrke, Jeff Hoffmann, Brian Julson, Jeff Kvale, Ralph Meier, Obert Olia, Alan Scavone, Arlene Skrenes, Donna Weisensel, Pastors Sue and Terry Larson.

August 1, 1992 - Mortgage obtained. School supplies sent to Guyana again.

September 5, 1992 - Signed easement recorded 22 September 1992 Records v.20196 p.21 #2393532 Bristol Lutheran Church by Linda Campbell, president, and Wendy Hoffman, secretary to Wisconsin Power and Light Company.

1993 - Elected Al Scavone president, Matt Harmes treasurer, David Manthe financial secretary, and Michelle Larson recording secretary. Refurbished old fellowship hall and classrooms, refinished pews, painted Christ statue maroon, installed stained glass windows in entrance of new addition.

April 25, 1993, Dedication of building addition. 2:00 p.m. Printed brochure with cover drawing by Karen Bronson. Laurie Goss organist. Gerry Guttormson spoke on behalf of building committee. Bonnie Guttormson choir director, Rev. M. Ted Steege gave sermon "The Mission of the Church for the 90's and Beyond." The hymn "The Church's one Foundation" was sung.

1993 - Lost some old members after construction and changes. Pictorial directory published.

May __, 1993 - Flowering crab tree planted near entrance.

May 14, 1993 - Mother/daughter banquet ALCW.

June __, 1993 - Hail damaged siding and roof, broke windows on southwest side and caused cross on steeple to be lost.

July __, 1993 - Sod and trees planted in front of addition.

September __, 1993 - Repainted bell tower; planted shrubs, bushes, and trees around front and side of new addition.

1994 - Elected Alan Scavone president, Lou Stallman treasurer, Jon Betlach financial secretary, and Michelle Larson recording secretary

January __, 1994 - Put stained panels in side windows of balcony.

July __, 1994 - Old kitchen converted to Sunday school storage room.

September __, 1994 - Backstop installed in Bristol Township park by Church access road.

1994 - Rev. Terry Larson full time, since wife Sue began working full time for South Central Synod of Wisconsin as Director of Lutheran Office for Public Policy. Parsonage rented after Larson's used housing allowance to purchase their own home.

November __, 1994 - Wireless microphone installed. Damaged windows and siding from July hail storm replaced.

January __, 1995 - Elected Karen Kane president, Lou Stallman treasurer, Cyndi Voeck financial secretary, Diane Coudray recording secretary.

March __, 1995 - Completed refinishing pews.

June __, 1995 - Repaired south side of roof. New eaves on south side. Completed landscaping front entrance. Finished sidewalk north side of addition.

July __, 1995 - Parking lot blacktopped and striped.

1995 - New organ purchased and dedicated. "With One Voice" hymnbooks purchased. Parsonage sold to Jeff and Jan Dorner. New silver communion trays a memorial to Karl (Charlie) Reinen.

1996 - Officers elected; new silver communion trays from Charles Reinen memorial; dedicated new organ [web]

August 10, 1996 - Sun Prairie Fire Dept. put up new cross.

August 24, 1996 - Tore down front fence. Finished landscaping on north and west sides and south end of parking lot.

1997 - Elected Bob Fett president, Roger Nolden treasurer, Cyndi Voeck financial secretary, and Michelle Larson recording secretary.

April __, 1997 - Bristol Butterflies program for 3-5-year-olds begun. Youth raised \$4,575 toward New Orleans trip.

May 18, 1997 - Dedicated the 90th Anniversary project -- gathering confirmation pictures and purchasing a wall-mounted display rack -- completed by Jean Moe, Arlene Skrenes, Donna Weisensel, Jodie Henning, and Rev. Terry Larson.

July __, 1997 - Installed new white fence in front of property. Moved metal cemetery sign away from road and next to cemetery.

1997 - Project Grow Right begun for elementary age students in Sun Prairie.

1998- Elected Bob Fett president, Roger Nolden treasurer, Cyndi Voeck financial secretary, and

Mary Jo Blumer recording secretary.

_____, 1998 - Chimney tuck-pointed. Storm damage repaired, painted sanctuary.

August __, 1998 - Installed glass doors on old entrance.

October __, 1998 - On Reformation Sunday, belated celebration of 90th anniversary by reminiscing during coffee hour. Harold Skrenes read the poem he had written.

1998 -Joint call with Burke, Our Savior's and Bristol congregations to Rev. Gerdt for new mission church in Sun Prairie which was later called Living Waters Church. Purchased digital keyboard and chimes.

1999 - Steve Houser president, Gary Scott vice-president, Roger Nolden treasurer, Cyndi Voeck financial secretary, Mary Jo Blumer recording secretary, and youth representative - Joanna Scavone.

1999 - Well replaced because of high nitrate concentration. Altar painted. Bell and tower and foundation restored. South-side entrance closed. Track lighting installed by choir. Water filter installed to remove iron. In addition to Saturday services, two services held on Sunday with traditional and contemporary worship. Care Team Ministry formed. Web page created www.bristollutheran.org.

2000 - Elected Steve Houser president, Roger Nolden treasurer, Cyndi Voeck financial secretary, Michelle Larson recording secretary.

_____, 2000 - sound system upgraded, parking lot sealed and re-stripped, old furnace dismantled and removed, some trees removed [web]

September 6, 2000 - First Contemporary Worship Group led service. Dropped Saturday worship. Brought 1926 pump organ back.

2001 - Elected president Gary Scott, treasurer Roger Nolden, financial secretary Cyndi Voeck, recording secretary Alice Zweifel. Mentoring program for confirmation begun. Blue choir robes purchased. New furniture for pastor's office purchased.

_____, 2001- AAL Branch begun by Frederick and Alice Zweifel.

2002 - Same officers as 2001. Visioning task force appointed. Liquid wax candles purchased for communion table.

May __, 2002 - Proposal to start a preschool approved at semi-annual congregational meeting.

_____, 2002 - Added custom-made oak cabinet in sanctuary for music program.

May __, 2002 - Proposal at semi-annual meeting to change annual meeting date to November instead of December and hold semi-annual meeting in May.

June 30, 2002 - Ordination of Amy Engebose.

2002 - Rev. Lisa Nelson preached 1 Sunday per month; increased cost of cemetery lots to _____

2003 - Elected Brad Drake president, Roger Nolden treasurer, Cindy Voeck financial secretary, and Alice Zweifel recording secretary. Air conditioning added to building.

_____, 2003 - Purchased Yamaha keyboard. Built pass-through from classroom into kitchen. Painted classrooms. Replaced all carpeting on lower level with vinyl tile flooring. Repaired and refurbished all of lower level with work project grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and volunteer labor from members of combined Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood that combined to form Thrivent.

Sept __ 2003 - Angels of the Prairie (preschool for 3-5 year olds) classes begun.

_____ 2003 - celebrated Rev. Terry Larson's 25th Anniversary of Ordination.

_____ elected for 2004 - president Brad Drake, vice-president Gary Scott, treasurer Roger Nolden, financial secretary Cyndi Voeck, recording secretary Alice Zweifel

_____, 2004 - Refurbished old kitchen/furnace room/Sunday school storage room making it a youth classroom/meeting room for post-confirmation students and archives room by adding cabinets for Sunday school supplies and costume storage, a fireproof file cabinet for historical archives, whiteboard, and bulletin boards.

2004 - BLCW made aprons and rosemailed them for use at Norwegian dinners.

_____ 2004 - Rev. Terry Larson deployed to Kyrgyzstan in Southeast Asia. Rev. Ted Kalkwarf as Interim Pastor started Befrienders. New silver chalice for communion. Quilters made 306 quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

September __, 2004 - Angels of the Prairie incorporated as a separate entity with a probationary license and separate insurance policy and tax exempt number.

November __, 2004 - At first fall annual meeting, congregation approved formation of a history committee with Alice Zweifel as chairperson to compile a history book of the congregation and plan celebratory events for 2007. Elected for 2005 president Bob Fett, vice-president _____, treasurer Roger Nolden, financial secretary Dennis Johnson, recording secretary Lou Stallman.

April 2005 - Rev Terry Larson back then resigned July 2005.

August __, 2005 - preschool teacher quit. No replacement hired, so classes cancelled.

August 2005 to June 2006 Interim Rev. Larry Pinnow.

August 15, 2005 – August 15, 2006 - Intern Pastor Sylvia Lee-Thompson served with supervision of Rev. Larry Pinnow.

November __, 2005 - Elected for 2006 president Bob Fett, vice-president _____, treasurer Roger Nolden, financial secretary Dennis Johnson, recording secretary Lou Stallman.

July 2006 – Sept 15, 2006 - Interim Rev. Lisa Nelson

September 15, 2006 – Rev. Jonathan Baker installed.

November __, 2006 - Elected for 2007 president Kerri Smith, vice-president Brad Drake, treasurer Roger Nolden, financial secretary Dennis Johnson, recording secretary Lou Stallman.

March 2007 - *Bristol Lutheran Church History 1907-2007* and *Bristol Lutheran Families 1907-1917* were printed and available for purchase.

June 10, 1907 - celebrated 100th Anniversary with an Old Time Worship presided over by James Olia, first son of the congregation to be ordained. A special worship bulletin featured parts in Norwegian. Church historic documents and artifacts were displayed in the narthex, Participants were asked to wear clothing typical of 1907 and women wear hats. A coffee hour followed.

June 24, 1907 - celebrated 100th Anniversary with a Bridal Review and Reception featuring 87 gowns from 1881 to 2007 interspersed with wedding folklore. Members served as models. A reception with punch, coffee, cake, nuts, and mints followed in the church parlor.

June 30, 2007 - celebrated 100th Anniversary with entry in Sun Prairie Flags of Freedom Parade.

July 4, 2007 - celebrated 100th Anniversary with entry in DeForest Fourth of July Parade.

July 22, 2007 - celebrated 100th Anniversary with an outdoor worship, 1907 games, cemetery walk with brochure lauding founding families, prizes for 1907 attire, and a potluck picnic.

September 16, 2007 - celebrated 100th Anniversary with another son of the congregation, Bishop of Northern Great Lakes Synod Thomas Skrenes presiding over both worship services. The first featured a Musicians' Reunion; the second featured a Confirmation Reunion with a coffee hour and cemetery walk between. All former pastors and all those from the congregation who were ordained were invited as special guests to a catered dinner at The Round Table. A 20-minute photo loop highlighted building changes, pastors, congregational activities, and anniversary celebrations. The history committee was thanked for its 3-year commitment to write the history books and implement the four celebratory events. The descendants of families of the founders were honored, photographed, and invited to visit with one another.

Annual meeting scheduled for November 18, 2007, was cancelled. Expect meeting in February.

February 11, 2008 - Michelle Meier hired as congregational secretary to replace retiring Cyndi Voeck. Address, phone, and email listed for each council member with his/her committee assignment to facilitate reporting. Proceeds from historical events and book sales of 2007 designated to buy fireproof cabinet were confiscated to pay other bills.

April, 2008 - Pastor Baker lowered First Communion age to third grade.

April 26, 2008 - Garage Sale netted \$400 to be used to pay bills. BLCW salad buffet cancelled.

June 22, 2008 - A Task Force for Worship suggested only one Sunday service at 9 a.m. starting fall 2008. Semi-annual meeting approved it. Gluten-free bread option offered for communion.

July 14-17, 2008 - Paid counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Day Camp \$1,500 and provided their lodging and meals to provide Vacation Bible School free for 23 children in first through fifth grades. Endowment Fund paid \$1,000 of the cost.

August, 2008 - Photos taken by Olan Mills for pictorial directory. Pew cushions gifted by Lou and Sue Stallman. Laurie Goss resigned as Organist and Chancel Choir Director at end of August.

October 16, 2008 - Ken Forney hired as Director of Music. Speakers installed in Nursery room.

December, 2008 - Well installed in 1999 tested positive for bacteria. Water was "shocked" twice then air chamber of iron curtain system was cleaned and bed replaced. BLCW paid for this item.

July 12, 2009 - Term limits stated in BLC Constitution were illegally suspended for council and committees. Fundraising for piano began but motion not to purchase until have all the needed money.

September 8, 2009 - Scissor screen and projector purchased with Annetta Finger's memorial money.

September 17, 2009 - Council illegally dismissed the Angels of the Prairie (preschool) Board members, appointed for it a new Board of Councilmembers who then voted to dissolve the separate organization, closed it's account, and gave its money to BLC Endowment Fund and its furniture and supplies to BLC Sunday School - all at the same meeting. Four southwest corner windows replaced.

November, 2009 - Joint Thanksgiving Eve worship held at United Methodist Church with Bristol, Our Savior's, and Good Shepherd.

January 6, 2010 - Meeting with council and parents to discuss pre-confirmation instruction. Roger Nolden retired after 12 years as congregational treasurer. Alan Sebranek elected as Treasurer.

January-April, 2010 - Evaluation discussions in pastor\parish and council meetings continued with Synod staff until a petition from members asked Pastor Jonathan Baker to resign. His last Sunday was May 23, but he was given a four months severance package.

June 13, 2010 - Pastor David Natzke began serving. A one-year contract with him was signed September 16, 2010. Council borrowed \$9,900 from perpetual care funds of Cemetery Association.

October 2, 2010 - Norwegian Specialties Food Sale replaced Norwegian meatball dinner as BLCW fundraiser for charities. Except this year proceeds were needed for the congregation's general fund.

January 20, 2011 - Council approved lowering first communion to third grade. Congregation did not vote on the change.

January 23, 2011 - Frederick & Alice Zweifel appointed to chair committee to draft new constitution.

April 17, 2011 - Kwai black RX2 grand (2010) piano dedicated on Palm Sunday.

July 11-14, 2011 - Children attending Sugar Creek Day Camp were asked to pay fees for first time.

August 21, 2011 - Adopted Constitution & ByLaws & Continuing Resolutions compliant with ELCA.

September, 2011 - Membership included no 7th grade students, so no pre-confirmation classes held in 2011-2012. Pastor Natzke's contract renewed for another year.

November, 2011 - Balcony window removed, casement repaired, new outer protective window inserted. Conference room, women's bathroom, and one wall in fellowship hall repainted. Storage shed powerwashed and painted. A used, 4-drawer, fireproof cabinet was added for historical items.

January 29, 2012 - Ratified Constitution & ByLaws & Continuing Resolutions adopted August 21, 2011. Audit Committee appointed. Call committee elected. Facebook page created by Life & Growth Committee. Congregational website redesign completed by Audrey Drake.

April, 2012 - Congregational Information booklet revived for current members and new members.

September, 2012 - Pastor Dave Natzke's contract expired. Pastor Rick Reiten began.

November, 2012 - Thrivent approved Alice Zweifel as its first Congregational Advocate for Bristol.

February 3, 2013 - Since name change in 1949 was not registered with Dane County or state of Wisconsin, the name Bristol Lutheran Church was re-voted, registered, and deed titles changed. Also, Bristol Lutheran Cemetery Association begun in 1949 was never registered, so it was voted to include Bristol Lutheran Cemetery Committee as a Congregational Committee responsible to congregational meetings and to revise the Cemetery ByLaws. It is now registered with Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services. Statutes require 15% of payments for sale of cemetery lots be put into a "Care Fund." Separate checking and savings accounts for the Cemetery were re-established.

2013 - College Care Packages resumed with gift cards included for the first time. Altar flowers taken each Sunday rather than occasionally to nursing homes or shut-ins. Welcome mugs hand-delivered to homes of newcomers. Background checks implemented for Vacation Bible School workers.

June 20, 2013 - An off site data backup service was purchased.

September, 2013 - Wednesday evening alternative worship services began using a casual format. A congregational meeting to consider removing the altar rail faced considerable opposition to the idea.

September 16, 2013 - The Audit Committee held a “Best Practices” training session for chairpersons for all Standing Committees and Auxiliaries.

January 26, 2014 - Endowment Fund was made a Congregational Committee responsible to congregational meetings. ByLaws for it were amended. Both Cemetery and Endowment Committees were added as Congregational Committees to the Constitution & ByLaws of Bristol Lutheran Church.

2014 - Began *Shepherd's Staff* computer software and “sins” instead of “trespasses” version of The Lord's Prayer. Replaced window shades on south side and locks on outer doors. Revised job description for Director of Music.

November 2, 2014 - Voted 48-5 to adopt Same-Sex Marriage Resolution.

2015 - Purchased dishwasher, baptismal font, 2 water fountains, & safe for Sunday collection; cleaned and painted steeple; discontinued Live Nativity; created family emergency fund; granted summer internship with Stephanie Blumer; wrote job description for choir accompanist; finalized digital version of cemetery plat map. Changed to Church Mutual Insurance Company with increased coverage and a 2015 property inventory.

2016 - Repaired altar & leak in bell tower; discontinued Sunday School & Vacation Bible School; created stewardship map & sexual misconduct policy; paid 3-year pledge to Habitat for Humanity in one year. Began healing service on 5th Wednesdays and pet blessing during outdoor service.

2017 - Cemetery Committee laid out larger plots in Section 2, replaced cement markers with magnetic ones, & planted Crimson King & Norway Maple trees. Building Fund put into Capitol Projects. May 18 Call Committee began. June 12 Eleanor Brinsko was church secretary a few months. July 16 Pastor Rick Reiten's last day. August 14 Interim Pastor Jen Johnson began.

2018 - Ann Schwanke was elected Treasurer. Jeff Hoffman computerized cemetery records. Pastor Tim Knipfer was called May 20 and installed July 8. Michelle Meier continued as Financial Secretary. Karen Kane began as Office Manager. Matt Weiss and Karen Kane revised website.

August 29, 2018 - Used pipe organ - Casavant Frères Ltd. Opus 3252 (1974) - gifted by Scott Adams after closure of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poynette, WI. Pipe Organ Installation Committee began October 30th by transporting and cleaning all the parts. After moving the altar from the apse to the ushers' corner and the pulpit to the commons area, Martin Seitz directed rebuilding of the chancel platform. Dean Dederich repaired the apse wall. Ken Forney and Jamie Falk began installing the organ parts - 2 manuals, 3 divisions, 13 stops, 10 registers, 13 ranks, and 716 pipes. A year later Ken left for California and Jamie was unable to finish the task.

2019 - The lengthy organ installation created a serious controversy. Some members wanted to

remove the historic altar and pulpit, make the organ the focus of worship, and modernize the chancel. Others were passionate about retaining the altar, pulpit, lectern, and railing. A special congregational meeting was requested in the fall of 2019 to democratically discuss and vote on placement of the altar, pulpit, and railings. Eight congregational members attended a church council meeting on November 2019 to discuss the placement of the altar, pulpit, and railings and requested a special congregational meeting. Because the annual church meeting was being held in January, 2020, the meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic caused cancellation of all church activities in March, 2020 including the special congregational meeting. The Ceiling balcony and steeple was repaired by Dean Dederich.

2020- In March, 2020, our federal, state, and local governments closed many services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ELCA churches were also closed, and our building and all services and meetings ceased on March 15, 2020. Bristol Lutheran Church followed the guidelines provided by the ELCA, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and Wisconsin state and local officials.

Response to COVID-19 church closing:

March 17, 2020—Pastor Tim sent letter to congregation about church closing, and hopeful reopening in June.

Pastor Tim and David Elfers set up virtual worship services which began on March 22, 2020. While church was closed, Pastor and technically competent congregational members provided virtual worship services. Masks and socially distancing was required for the individuals who assisted with providing virtual worship services. To achieve social distancing, the piano was moved to the hallway outside the sanctuary and remained there until mid-May, 2021.

March 22, 2020—Virtual worship services began with over 222 unique viewers accessing our website.

March 29, 2020—Began sending weekly newsletters to 54 households not on internet. Continued Weekly Blurb to all persons with email addresses.

April 15, 2020—Zoom Confirmation classes began led by Pastor Tim in ministry with Holy Trinity, Marshall and Pastor Nancy Raabe

April 19, 2020—Marsha Schwanke and Tara Kiley began virtual Sunday School on Zoom. Church continued to be closed until the pandemic seemed to improve and BLC reopened for worship in August, 2020. BLC continued in person church services and virtual worship services and Sunday School into 2021.

August 20, 2020—Drive thru Pet Blessings performed by Pastor Tim and conducted Adopt a Highway

August, 2020—Began 10 am Zoom Coffees/Fellowship time with Pastor Tim.

November 17, 2020—In person worship again suspended due to increase in COVID-19 outbreaks and deaths.

Christmas Eve, 2020—Drive in service provided to congregation and community.

Virtual worship service included a special Sunday School Christmas program and Choir ensembles done through Zoom or individuals being recorded at church.

2020 - COVID Relief Emergency Fund created – for anyone who had financial difficulties because of COVID 19.

2021—BLC continued to be closed to anyone but immediate staff until March. COVID-19

patients and deaths began to reduce and reopening was discussed.

February 7, 2021—Annual meeting with vote to remove pipe organ.

February, 2021—Arlene Skrenes and Cyndi Voeck organized all of the music data and categorized it in an excel spreadsheet. All music is now in a central location for everyone.

February, 2021—Arlene Skrenes and Cyndi Voeck cleaned and organized all church equipment, and donated any old or unused items.

March 28, 2021—In person worship began on Palm Sunday. Masks, social distancing, and reservations with seat assignments were required until June, 2021. Singing in the church was not allowed initially as stated in the guidelines from the ELCA, Wisconsin Council of Churches, and state and local authorities.

April 11, 2021--Baptism

April 25, 2021-- in church singing began after a 13 month COVID restrictions.

May, 2021—in person meetings began in the church.

May, 2021 --Used pipe organ is removed by Kelly and his wife Paula, along with Kelly's brother Dave, at no cost to BLC. The removal of the organ started in March and the final pieces were removed on May 8, 2021.

June, 2021 – June Special task Force committee created to look at the financial situation of BLC. After 15 months of piano in the narthex, moved back into the Sanctuary on June 13, 2021.

May

June, 2021—BLC had two baptisms.

August, 2021—BLC began communion at the front of the sanctuary with homemade bread.

2022 January COVID variant increased cases, and reduced Sunday services and reduced singing.

2022 – January council leaders: Ron Radunzel President, Donna Weisensel Vice President, Marty Seitz – Treasurer, Shelly Seehafer – Recording Secretary

2/9/22—Funeral and luncheon for Kathie Koch 4/22—Pastor Tim performed baptism at home

3/22-Letter from church council about BLC's financial situation.

2022 - Spring Bishop Joy Mortensen-Weibe approached Pastor Tim Knipfer regarding the consolidation of St Paul's Waterloo and Bristol Lutheran. 3/22—began meeting with St. Paul's in Waterloo about shared ministry. 7/22-Both BLC and St. Paul's agreed to share ministry. Pastor Tim's time will be shared half time beginning in September. The interim pastor of St Pauls wanted to Retire it would be as the two congregations were struggling financially. Joint Task Force Ministry was created with members from both churches. Had regular meetings and created a survey for both congregations. The survey passed in June (semi Annual Meeting at BLC and St Paul's in July). The proposed trial period started in September 2022. October 2022 an installation service of Pastor Tim Knipfer at St Pauls. Currently both churches are on four month rotation start time. For example: BLC would start at 8:30, St Pauls at 10:30. Sunday School (BLC) during service.

2022 – March - Letter from church council about BLC's financial situation

2022 Pastor Tim performed three funerals with Luncheon in August – Beverly Gehrke, Lou Stallman and Stacy Lorenz

Baptisms: None in 2022

2022 -August – Karen Kane resigned as Office Secretary, and Deb McMichael became office secretary. She is the secretary for St Pauls and Bristol Lutheran as she rotates her days at each church.

2022 – December - Gina Jorgensen resigned as Director of Music, but continued to fill in only on Sundays through February 2023.

2022 – December - Hosted a “Christmas Concert and Cookie walk” Money raised went to the Sun Prairie Food Pantry.

2022 - December Christmas Eve had one service at 4:00

2023- January council officers - Elected: Randy Taylor – President; Donna Weisensel – Vice President, Marty Seitz – Treasurer, Shelly Seehafer – Recording Secretary

2023 – February 19 – AED and CPR training at Bristol Lutheran

2023 – COVID rules let up. On February 23 Ash Wednesday service was cancelled due to snow storm. The disposition of ashes was completed on the following Sunday – No masks or mask optional. Full singing

2023 – July Task force created to review and make changes to BLC constitution.

2023 – August – Hired Holly Dow as the new Music Minister.

2023 BLC choir active and are singing at St Pauls – Waterloo and at Bristol

2023 Performed two funerals with luncheons. July 2023 - Russ Lorenz and September 2023 David Grulke

No baptisms in 2023

Wedding: September 23rd, 2023 – Ms Karen Kane and Ms. Kim Broeren

November 2023 – Bristol Lutheran and St Paul’s Lutheran churches hired Universal Church Directory (Ohio) to take pictures for a combined directory.

2024 – January council officers: Randy Taylor – President; Donna Weisensel – Vice President; Marty Seitz – Treasurer: Shelly Sheehafer – Recording Secretary

Wedding: April 27, 2024 - Travis Erbs (Donna Anderson Great grandson) and Maggy Luer. Officiants: Pastor Tim Knipfer and Pastor Terry Larson

New Members: June 16, 2024 Richard and Judy Peterson, Emily Johnston, Kay Knipfer, Nancy Weisenburger.

Funeral, luncheon and committal – May 7, 2024 Mike Matheson with Rev. Tim Knipfer presiding

Funeral, luncheon and committal - July 22, 2024 Edna Clare Betlach Odegaard with Rev. Robert Moberg presiding. Burial was at Prairie Mound Cemetery in Oregon, WI

Confirmation (Pentecost): May 19, 2024 Braxton Moore, Daniel Jorgenson, Elliot Pray, and Brinly Schwanke with Rev. Tim Knipfer and Rev. Bob Moberg. Also used the communion rails, the first time in several years. Confirmands wrote their version of the Lords Prayer and that was used at confirmation.

Baptism: September 8, 2024 Finley Robert Knipfer

December 15, 2024 – Combined Service “Act of Faith” Christmas Program @ Bristol Lutheran Church

January 2025 Council Officers: President – Donna Weisensel; Vice President – Pam Tennant; Treasurer – Marty Seitz; Recording Secretary – Donna Moore

January 2025 – Brynna Gonzalez was hired as Parish Secretary to replace Debra McMichael, who left due to health reasons. Brynna also serves St Pauls in Waterloo.

February 2025 – After at least five years of not installing the new congregational council, Congregational council for 2025 was installed during worship service on February 23, 2025.

March 2025 installed a new Panasonic worship projector on the sanctuary ceiling. It was paid for from the Gertrude Johnson Estate/Trust.

Constitutional updates presented at the Finance/Budget Meeting in December, 2024 and again at the Annual Meeting in February 2025. All changes were approved then submitted to the ELCA for final approval. ELCA recommended some grammatical changes; this will be presented at the Semi-annual meeting in Summer.

Changes included definition of a quorum, number of church council members, and committee review recommendations. Committees were reviewed with members on March 23, 2025 and decided to remain the same.