

# **First Lutheran Church**

**125<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary**



**Sunday, October 12, 2008**



**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

WELCOME

GREETINGS FROM BISHOP WOLLERSHEIM

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HYMN – O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST – LBW 320

## **History of First Lutheran Church**

The year was 1883. Charles A. Arthur was President. The telephone and electric had just been invented. Illinois had been a state for sixty-eight years. Plano was a thriving industrial center. Farm machinery was the main product, with the grain reaper being the most famous. Plano received its city charter during this year.

On the south side of Plano was St. John's Lutheran which was made up of those of German ancestry. Services there were held in German. Seeing the need for a church to serve the Scandinavian population, Johannes Olsen became a leader in forming one.

The congregation was formally organized on October 3, 1883 at the home of Ole Olsen. Pastor Jens C. Roseland of Leland presided. The name chosen was "The Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plano, Illinois". There were twenty-five adult charter members. Seventeen more families became members during the next two years.

Services were held each Sunday often conducted by laymen as Pastors were shared with other churches. Services were conducted in Norwegian.

Synod Affiliations of First Lutheran have been:

Norwegian Augustana Synod 1884-1890

United Norwegian Lutheran Church in America 1890-1917

Norwegian Lutheran Church of America 1917-1946

The Evangelical Lutheran Church 1946-1960

The American Lutheran Church 1961-1987

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 1987-

## **Our Church Homes**

After First Lutheran was founded in 1883, services were held in homes until a church could be built. Land was donated for the site by Louis Steward. The cornerstone was laid July 12, 1884, and the first service was held on Christmas Day of that year. The cost of the building was \$800. The church was struck by lightning on June 1, 1916. Extensive damage resulted. The church was repaired and back

in use in three months. This building served the congregation for 70 years until the congregation grew too large for it.

Pastor Leonard Johnson lived in a home at the corner of Center and Clark streets. He sold this lot to the congregation for \$500 and moved his house to the adjacent lot. Pastor Johnson also drew the architectural plans for the new church. Ground-breaking was held on August 9, 1953. It took several years to complete the church as much of the labor was done by church members. The new sanctuary was dedicated October 6, 1957. 550 people attended.

Ground was broken for the Education Wing on Palm Sunday, 1971. The structure was dedicated in October of 1971 on the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church.

First Lutheran has owned two parsonages. When Pastor Johnson retired in 1964, a home on Big Rock Ave. was purchased and served as their parsonage. Upon the death of Pastor Johnson, his home next to the church was purchased and has served as the parsonage til the present.

## **Christmas Memories**

By Joanne Johnson

I started attending First Lutheran when I was five. The Sunday School Christmas program was held on a Sunday evening in the church basement. I remember because there is a stage in the basement and on the stage there are 2 side closets on the back wall of the stage where the angels used to wait to make their appearance. At first I was too young to play the part of an angel. I was a shepherd for a couple of years. I couldn't wait until I was old enough to play the angel. Well, the year finally came! I was not only one of the angels...I was one who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. I was so excited. The big night was here, the program was under way, it was time for me to appear and speak to the shepherds...and no angel...the door was stuck! People thought I didn't appear because I had forgotten my lines so someone off stage very loudly gave me my lines. I still didn't appear. The same nice person off stage gave me my lines again, much louder this time. Still no angel. One of the shepherds yelled at me to appear. I couldn't,

the door was stuck. Finally, someone realized that I was banging on the door and yelling to be let out. I was getting scared by this time. When one of the high school students finally got the door open I was so upset that I was crying. The high school student (Ron Marshall) felt sorry for me so he picked me up, carried me to the shepherds and helped me say my lines. The rest of the program went wonderfully. After the program I was allowed to be the first in line for cookies and hot chocolate. Each year, after the program, every child attending church that evening got an apple and orange and a small box filled with hard candy and English walnuts. Within the next few years our attendance had grown and they started having the Sunday School Christmas program in the sanctuary.

There have been a lot of changes during my "current" history here. We added an early evening Christmas Eve service. We discontinued Christmas Day service (which broke my heart!). We now have a wonderful "Christmas Choral" program every December which is full of beautiful music by all our choirs. I love the Communion Service where the entire Communion liturgy is set to favorite and well known Christmas hymns. We have had Christmas plays that gave members of the entire congregation the chance to shine and were always funny, warm and had a wonderful message about how God loved us so much he gave us His Son. Some years we have gone Christmas caroling. We have given out boxes of food. We adopted a family a few years ago and had the opportunity to show them that the true meaning of Christmas is sharing God's love and blessings. We have had a "live" Christmas walk where our members, along with some un-cooperating animals started from different places in town and followed the "star" to the manger at the church. The Sunday School Christmas program is now during the Sunday School hour. The ministerial committee of Plano presents an annual "Community Christmas Service" in which choirs from all the Plano churches participate and there is time for fellowship and cookies afterward.

Yes, there have been a lot of changes over the years. The one thing that has never changed and I hope never will is that First Lutheran is the best place on earth to celebrate Christmas. We are a family that loves each other and no matter how many changes take place we know everyone is always welcome here! We are truly blessed by God.

## Stained Glass Windows

By Jane Turner

As we embark on our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we need to stop and take in the beauty of our church and all that it holds. The beauty that First Lutheran encompasses is one that attracts many. The architecture is simple, but the characteristics that the structure itself holds are miraculous.

One of those characteristics is the stained glass windows. Their beauty shines whether the sun is out or not. It is not only the windows that shine, but it is the memory of those who they are dedicated to, and the symbolism that the pictures themselves represent.

On the south side of the church, the Old Testament is represented well with the Creation Window, Noah and the Great Flood, and the Covenant with Abraham. All of these windows depict prominent times in our beliefs and understanding of the bible itself.

The Creation window is separated into two parts; the scroll representing God's word and the center window is the world seen in God's hands. The chain to the Earth is his promise to continue his work in the world. The Earth and all that is in it belong to God, but he has given us the Earth as a gift to use and care for. This window was dedicated by the friends and family of Clara Miller and Jack Amerine, who were both active and dedicated members of our church.

The window that pictures Noah and the Great Flood presents the dove which represents God's blessings of beauty and strength, and his brilliance of glory and faithfulness to his people. The ark itself symbolizes the sins which we commit, and the flood represents the washing away of those sins. The panel of Noah and his wife represent what was saved. We need to remember that just as the flood waters receded for all humankind to have a new beginning, God offers us a new beginning through his Son Jesus Christ. These windows were dedicated to the memory of Anna Bailey (October 11, 1987), Alice June Dettman (March 1, 1992), & Sherwin Gilbertson (November 22, 1992).

The final window panel on the south side of the church is that of the Covenant with Abraham. This represents God's blessings to Abraham. God Himself is the source of light and glory

(the top window) that descends on Abraham (the second window). Abraham needed to rely on God for all things, because without Him, he could do nothing. That is something that we all must remember in our daily lives and believe that we too must rely on God for all things. These beautiful panes are dedicated in the memory of Jewell Peterson, Milton Frankenhauser, & Barbara Albrecht (October 3, 1993).

On the north side of the church, the windows there take us into the New Testament with the Nativity Window, the Resurrection Window, and the Pentecost Window. All of these portray a part of the bible that we as Christians remember and celebrate each year.

The peak of the Nativity window, at the far left, was given in memory of Lt. Chris M. Trotter (December 18, 1994). The brightest star of the window represents the star the Magi used to guide them to the baby Jesus, and is also representing Jesus himself, the light of the world. The middle window was given in memory of S. Clifford Nelson, Lena Nelson, Walter Secker, Harvey Jacobson, Dennis Jacobson, and loved ones of Bob & Bev Vilmin. (December 18, 1994). There are many symbols here that are represented. The manger is the color purple signifying royalty, but also represents the humbleness of his birth. Jesus became one of us through his birth, and died for us to take away our sins. He is our Lord and Savior and his birth shows how much he loved us.

The middle window, the Resurrection Window, is full of color and beauty that symbolizes Jesus' resurrection as a gift for each person to have strength and new life each day. He was raised from the dead by the power of the Father to live now and forever, which is something that we are all grateful for each day. This window was given to the church in memory of Bonnie Jean Svoboda (April 3, 1994).

The final window on the north side of the church, the Pentecost Window, was given in memory of Louis and Mamie Sears, and Fritz and Anne Lehman. Pentecost itself reminds us that we are grounded in the faith of the apostles and the early Christian Church, which is symbolized in this window. It shows the descending dove coming from the Holy Spirit, with the red color representing fire that reaches down and touches each of the followers. Below the dove is a cross that lays inside of a heart and on top of a white rose. This is the seal of the great reformer, Martin



Luther. This seal represents that our faith in Christ saves us, and that faith itself causes joy, comfort and peace. The white of the rose symbolizes the clothes of the angels and those who have gone before us to the Lord.

The beauty that all of the windows of First Lutheran provide help us remember, each time we enter it, the lives and the sacrifices that were made by many followers before us. These windows help to symbolize the Lord's love for us and the faith that we share each day. Coming into our 125<sup>th</sup> year as a congregation, when you enter the sanctuary that each of those windows represents not only a part of our history as a church and those whom they are dedicated to, but it also represents a part of our faith and beauty of being Christians.

## **Music**

By Joanne Johnson

When I first started attending First Lutheran we did not have the education wing. The younger children attended classes in the balcony. The balcony was enclosed with huge thick windows to protect the little ones from falling. The balcony was also the nursery during the services. It was not uncommon to look up from the choir loft and see little ones plastered against the glass trying to look down and see their loved ones sitting below. The poor janitor had a full time job just cleaning tiny handprints from the glass.

Well if the choir loft was used as classrooms and the nursery, where was our organ? The organ was tucked in to the little alcove at the front of the sanctuary by the loft that the choirs use today. In the past both choirs used to sing at the second service (which was our main service) with the Sr. Choir sitting on the lectern side and the Jr. Choir sitting on the altar side. The organ was tucked into the loft facing the congregation. The organist could see the altar, pastor, the members who were sitting in the first 2 or 3 pews and of course the noisy children sitting in the loft next to her. Since the organist couldn't see to the back of the sanctuary, during the offering it was hard for her to know when the ushers were ready to walk forward and present our gifts to the altar. Well some clever person came up

with the idea to install a small red light on the organ. Genius! The switch for the light was on the wall under the clock at the back of the sanctuary. It was (is) low on the wall so that people would not accidentally turn it on when it wasn't needed. When the ushers had finished taking the offering they would flip the switch the red light would go on and the organist would go into the introduction for the offertory.

In 1979, we purchased our current pipe organ and installed it in the balcony. The education wing had been built by this time so we no longer held classes there. The nursery was moved to the education wing. The glass was removed and the pipes were installed. This was not an easy undertaking. Some of the pipes are huge and had to be lifted over the balcony rail. For a few years the Sr. Choir sang their anthems from up there. Now our pipe organ shares its home with our beautiful bell choir. To help with the acoustics the sanctuary was painted and carpet was installed for the first time.

Did you know that we have two organs? One of them is used every week for our services; the other one is a beautiful antique which is located in the education wing. It is a beautiful piece of workmanship and everyone should take the time to check it out. There is also the story of the organ placed on its music stand. The loving home referred to in the story was the childhood home of Lorene Norem. She has very fond memories of the organ. It is a pump pipe organ which means while one person played it another person had to pump bellows so there would be air to make the beautiful sound of music. I bet Nan and Jane are glad they don't have to worry about that with our current organ.

Through the years that I have attended First Lutheran the one thing that stands out in my memory is growing up with the most beautiful music.

The Bible says make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Trust me, our organs not only make joyful noise but beautiful noise fills the air whenever they are being played.

## Women's Organizations

By Helen Sears

I attended my first Ladies Aid meeting at First Lutheran in the early fall of 1950. It was held at the home of Lillian Wesley, who lived in the large white house just north of our parsonage. (The house was recently purchased by our congregation.)

Among the women I remember who welcomed me were: Alma Burson, Carrie Henrickson, Millie Johnson, Jennie Bogardus, and Lorene Norem who had little Judy with her.

Meetings were always held at homes of members, since there were no facilities to accommodate them in the little white church. The local newspaper always announced the coming meetings. They suggested "Ladies Bring Dishes." Perhaps the hostess expected a large crowd and didn't have enough china to serve them, or maybe it was so that she wasn't left with a stack of dirty dishes after the meeting.

Another group that met for fellowship was the Dorcas Society. Olive Bollie, mother of Venet Trotter, often shared a bit of poetry or a timely article with the group.

After our present church building was completed in 1955, we had a large kitchen and plenty of space for gatherings. For several years the women worked to provide the necessary utensils—china, silverware, pots and pans to stock the kitchen.

The Mother-Daughter Dinner, usually held in May, was a very festive occasion. Committees worked to make beautiful centerpieces and nut cups to decorate the tables for about 150 persons. The women brought the food and the men served and cleaned up. There was also a special program. A style show of wedding gowns through the years was one I remember.

Soon after we moved into our new church, Pearl Johnson organized an Altar Guild to help care for the altar area, prepare for communion and arrange flowers. We also hand sewed the crosses on the napkins that were presented at Baptisms.

After First Lutheran merged into the ALC, circles were developed. At first there were three circles: Dorcas, Ruth and Mary Martha—as well as a general monthly meeting. A regular course of Bible Study from the women's magazine, "The Scope" was followed.

Alice Holtan was instrumental in forming a group to tie

comforters for Lutheran World Relief. Material was donated and the women met to sew and tie the comforters. Over the years many hundreds of quilts have been sent to disaster areas world wide.

When the ELCA was formed, the women's organization changed its structure again. Departments focusing on Community, Growth and Action were developed. The two circles, Ruth and Mary Martha, continue to meet monthly and use the study found in "Lutheran Woman Today".

The Circles, Altar Guild and Quilters provide many areas of service for the women of the First Lutheran Congregation.

## **LMM**

LMM (Lutheran Men in Mission) began in 1940 as Lutheran Brotherhood, a part of the ALC (American Lutheran Church). It was formed to encourage fellowship and spiritual growth of the men of the Church.

Our local Brotherhood was very active in the conference and their events. One conference-sponsored event that they participated in was "Layman Sunday". This was held in October each year, and the men conducted the service. A free will offering was taken at this service. The offering was taken to Pleasant View Nursing Home along with a cake. Brotherhood groups from other churches gathered with the First Lutheran men to treat and entertain the residents.

When the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) was formed, the Northeast Conference of Brotherhoods was disbanded and the Northern Illinois Synod Lutheran Men in Mission was organized.

Over the years, the Brotherhood/LMM has sponsored many projects such as Father-Son Banquets, Canoe Trips, Men and Boy Steak Frys, Trips to Sporting Events and attending Promise Keeper Events. Recent events have been Pancake Breakfasts, Valentine dinners, and serving lunches for the Bible School.

A long standing project has been the Dime Saver program. This was started many years ago as a Conference Brotherhood project. The funds from this were given to the Seminary Student

Fund. Frequently, First Lutheran was the leader in amount collected. With the formation of LMM, the dime saver program was dropped as a conference project. Jim Bohrer had been in charge of this at our church for some time and was determined to keep it going. Due to his efforts, the program still continues. Funds are now contributed to the Scholarship Fund of the Northern Illinois Synod LMM.

In a 1940 yearbook from our church, there is a report of the first year of our brotherhood. It stated its motto as “For Loyalty to Church and Country”. The financial report cited \$17.10 offerings and \$10.09 disbursements.

## **Bell Choir**

By Edie Weeks

In the year 1989, a gentleman came to First Lutheran to demonstrate hand bells. He would hold up either one finger or two fingers and if we were a one or two we would ring our bells. “Silent Night” was one of the songs we played and it has been a favorite ever since. Soon after, 37 handbells were purchased due to the generosity of the Jennie Bogardus Memorial Fund. In 1990, under the direction of Lois Johnston, our Bell Choir began. We had 11 members in the choir, and the majority of us did not have any formal music training. Lois was very patient with us, and we learned out notes and how to count to four. “Jacob’s Ladder” was one of the first numbers we played for a church service.

We have seen many changes over the past 19 years. Joanne Johnson was our next director and we continued to improve. We were all very anxious to learn new techniques. Karen Jacobson stepped up to take over the leadership after Joanne decided to give up the directorship. Karen scheduled workshops for us to attend and we learned new techniques such as tolling, thumb damps and the use of mallets. One of our most memorable moments was playing “Morning Has Broken” in front of a group of church ladies and we wished the floor would break and swallow us all up. Never had so few ladies made so many mistakes. Karen stopped us and we started again, but it didn’t get any better! Another memorable

occasion was “We Three Kings” - we just couldn’t get the camels going together; they were terribly out of kilter.

We are now under the direction of Nan Grommes and we have been challenged with new music. I feel we have come along way. There have been many ladies and a few gentlemen who have played over the years.

The choir has been asked to play at the Community Christmas programs, Mother and Daughter Banquets, Rotary Club Christmas dinner, and of course, our own church services. We recently played the recessional for Nan’s daughter wedding.

Our choir today consists of Barb Sears, Diane Kupp, Doug Boring, Virginia Phelps, Edie Weeks, Anne Sears, Ruth Ann Hoehn, Diane Schlesinger, Vicki Kern, Katelyn DeBolt and Carol Robinson. I am proud to say that I have been a member of the First Lutheran Bell Choir for 19 years. I was at the first demonstration and I knew that this was the choir for me.

## **Education**

Christian Education is a vital part of our Lutheran heritage and has always been important here at First Lutheran.

The earliest written records of our Sunday School date back to 1892. However, it is believed that Sunday School classes were held in homes before this date.

In 1971 when the Education Wing was built, the Sunday School was able to expand. Before that, classes met in the sanctuary, the basement and the balcony. As the SS grew, a Library and Vacation Bible School were established. Attendance at Lutherdale Bible Camp was also encouraged.

Over the years, many picnics, Christmas programs, and even some Easter programs were enjoyed. In recent years we have had special Rally day festivities. Also, a secret pal program has been started.

Supporting missions was always an important part of Sunday School. For many years a Mission Sunday was held in any month with a fifth Sunday. Often missionaries were guest speakers. In addition to the regular offering, there was a mission box available

each Sunday. A portion of SS offerings is still sent to missions.

In 1953 a Sunday School newsletter was started and continued for about 25 years. It was called the “Crusader”.

Our Vacation Bible School has also changed through the years. It has been held mornings, afternoons and evenings for one or two weeks each summer. For the last few years, we have had one-week all-day sessions led by counselors from Lutherdale Bible Camp. The UMC and Baptist Churches have joined us for the past five years.

Confirmation Classes are currently held for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wednesday evenings. In the past, students attended classes Saturday mornings for two years. Many our “mature” members remember the public examination night held before they were confirmed!

Although traditions change, First Lutheran Church continues to support Christian education and Bible study for all ages.

## **Outreach**

Since the founding of our church the spirit of outreach has been present. Early records show support of missionaries and benevolence.

The work of helping the needy and proclaiming the Gospel has been aided by the vision and generosity of our Pastors and members. Shortly after our local radio station WSPY was founded, we started broadcasting our weekly worship service. This was started during the ministry of pastor Halvorson. Under the leadership of Pastor Holtan, we became involved in sponsoring Lutheran Vespers, which is now called “Grace Matters”.

From grants and donations, there are three funds in our church that help us in our outreach. A portion of the Arneson Bequest and the McCarthy Fund is given to benevolence. These monies are distributed by the Social Concerns Committee. The Witnesses for Christ Endowment, established by Joe Martin, is used for mission outreach.

Our church is a corporate member of both Lutherdale Bible

Camp and Pleasantview Home in Ottawa. We have supported these institutions for many years.

We have also helped new congregations throughout the years, most recently in Plainfield and Algonquin.

Pastor E. L. Johnson established a scholarship at Luther Seminary. Through the gifts of First Lutheran Church, it has grown and is now an endowment fund that is used each year to help one or more students. Later, our church set up another scholarship fund that may be used by our members at any Lutheran Seminary. We are proud to say that four members of our congregation have entered the ministry.

Our church has generously given to World Hunger as well as our local Food Pantry. Money and items have been gathered through the years for Lutheran World Relief. The last few years many contributions were made to Plano “Rockin’ Christmas” project to help the less fortunate.

First Lutheran outreach has not just been monetary. Members have helped others through service throughout the years. For several years, volunteers have worked packing shoe boxes at Christmas for “Operation Shoebox”. This year we packed and delivered food boxes at Easter. Our youth, along with adult chaperones, have traveled throughout the country for Work Camp and Mission trips. A list of service projects would not be complete without mentioning our Quilting Group. These ladies have met weekly for many years.

These are only a few of the ways our church has strived to be “First in Spirit, First in Faith, and First in Outreach”.

## **Looking Forward**

By Pastor Bruce Booher

This October we will celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation. For the past 11 months these articles have explored aspects of our history. It is right and important for us to look back over the years. It helps us to better understand who we are and how we have come to be where we are. More importantly, it helps us to recognize God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, which has led,



blessed and sustained us for these 125 years. We have much to celebrate and give thanks for!

We are called to be people of deep memory, but we are also called to be people of exuberant hope! Memory is strong; hope is stronger. As children of God and disciples of Jesus, we are called to be people who look primarily to the future and not to the past. We rejoice in, give thanks for, and draw strength and courage from all that God has done for us in the past. But we follow a Lord who is leading us into the future. God's focus is on the future, for it is there that God's purposes will be brought to fulfillment and God's dreams will be experienced in their fullness.

So what does the future hold for us as the people of First Lutheran Church? I believe that we are living in a time of major transition and rapid change throughout society and culture. Just think for a minute about the world, the daily life of the men and women who formed this church in 1883. They could not have imagined automobiles and airplanes, radio and television, computers and the internet, or thousands of other things we take for granted. Just as surely, no one today can possibly begin to imagine what the world and daily life in it will look like 125 years from now. There is no point in trying to predict the long term future – it's an exercise doomed to fail. Even trying to predict the short term future is of limited use. In the next ten years there will no doubt be unexpected events in our congregation, our community, our nation and the world which will strongly affect our life and ministry.

But it is important for us to plan. We have a new Long Range Planning Team which will start working next month. Planning is important, but I believe that preparing ourselves is even more important than planning. Sports teams scout their upcoming opponents to get some idea of the challenges they will be facing. But most of their time and energy is spent building up their own strengths and skills, learning to better work together, becoming a better team themselves. I believe that as a congregation, we can best prepare for the future by focusing on continuing to grow as disciples. We should come to know and understand the gifts, strengths and abilities God has given us. We live by grace, by God's gift. The gifts and strengths God gives us help to shape who we are and how we are called to serve. As we use, develop and build on our strengths, we are built up together as the Body of Christ.

An old hymn reminds us that we do not know what the future

holds, but we know Who holds the future. As we look back at the past 125 years as a congregation, we see that God's goodness and faithfulness have guided, blessed and sustained us. It is God who is leading us into the future, guiding us into all that God has for us. Therefore we can face the future with deep confidence and exuberant hope, as we come to experience all that God has in store for us!

## OUR PASTORS



**Jens C. Roseland**  
1883 – 1885



**Peder I. R. Reinertson**  
1886 – 1889



**Jens C. Reinertsen**  
1889 – 1892



**Niels A. Stubkjaer**  
1893 – 1894



**Jacob Jaconson**  
1894 – 1902



**Nils G. Peterson**  
1903



**Henry T. Noss**  
1905 – 1908



**S. Aaron Johnson**  
1909 – 1915



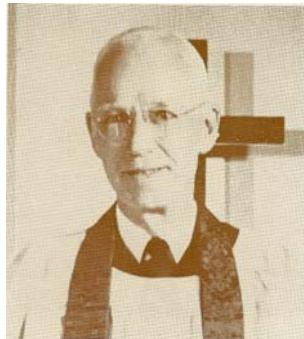
**Henrik G. Engum**  
1915 – 1924



**Osmund Johnson**  
1924 – 1939



**Ariel R. Molldrem**  
1939 – 1942



**E. Leonard Johnson**  
1942 – 1964



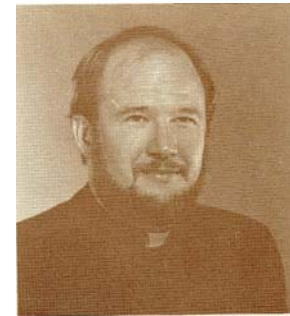
**Paul O. Guldseth**  
1965 – 1967



**Maynard Halvorson**  
1967 – 1974



**Leon Holtan**  
1975 – 1982



**Preston B Foster**  
1983 – 1986



**M. L. Jacobson**  
1987 – 2001



**James Reents**  
2001 – 2005



**Bruce Booher**  
**2006 -**

## **THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

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