

DEDICATION

**New Addition and Remodeling
May 5, 1985**



**Long Lake Lutheran Church
L.C.A.
1891-1985**

Long Lake Lutheran Church
Route 1, Box 308B
Isanti, MN 55040
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Paul H. Hammar
Office Secretary: Doris
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Organist: Judy Lundeen
Custodians: Arne
and Eloise Mitchell

Fundraising

Northwest Counselors:
Mr. Larry Quanbeck

Architectural Firm

Sessing Architects Inc.
Mr. Norm Sessing

General Contractor

The Building Committee

Sub Contractors

Belsheim Roofing and Construction; D & D Plumbing & Heating; Bill
Japp-Carpeting and Tile; Ron Hoving Electrical; Tom Stoffel-Taping
and Spraying; Gravelle Bros. Siding; Jim Staff Excavation.

Laborers

Members of the congregation.



SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Prelude - Organ and Trumpets

Processional Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Organs, Trumpets, Congregation

Verse 1

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light and grace!

Verse 2

Gracious God, I come before thee; Come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, Let it be the temple now!

Verse 3

Here thy praise is gladly chanted, Here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

Verse 4

Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep thy gift divine;
How - so-e'er temptations thicken, May thy Word still o'er me shine.
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

Verse 5

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, Let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] And also with you.

[A] Brothers and sisters: We have come together to dedicate this church for the worship of almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. From this day forward let it be a place for the gathering of the people of God, a place for proclaiming the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, a place for bringing life and hope to us and to this community.

[P] Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, in that all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen

[P] Peace be to this house,

[C] and to all who enter here.

Choir Anthem "O Lord Our Lord" J. S. Bach; Arranged Hopson

Psalm 122: verses 1-9 (to be read responsively)

I was glad when they said to me,*

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city*

that is at unity with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,*

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment,*

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;*

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls*

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake,*

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God,*

I will seek to do you good."

First Lesson: I Peter 2:1-9

Rev. Randy Ahlberg

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30

Rev. Bill Patterson

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

Verse 1 - All

The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is His new creation By water and the Word.

From heav'n He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Verse 2 - Men

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Verse 3 - Women

Though with a scornful wonder, This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

Verse 4 - All

Through toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

The sermon: Rev. Paul Krupinski - Assistant to the Bishop - Minnesota Synod

Choir Anthem: "God of our Fathers" Gordon Young

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Offering: Our offering has been designated to the building fund.

Offertory: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
"A Mighty Fortress"

The Lundeen Brothers

A LITANY OF DEDICATION

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"And the people had a mind to work" Neh. 3:4

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "Make for us a place to learn of Jesus and tell us the old, old story."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built for your growth in His word."

CONFIRMANDS: "Make for me a place to learn, to know, memorize and understand the basics of my faith as taught by Luther."

"Make for me a place to learn of my Lutheran heritage and to know more fully our Confessions of Faith."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built to enhance yours and our lives as confessing Lutheran Christians."

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: "Make for me a place to learn of life and love and maturing that I might move into the future led by my church and surrounded by its caring."

"Make for me a place to learn who I am, what I can be and set for me a path to manhood supported and surrounded by Christian guidelines."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built for your growth in Christian love."

NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE: "Make for us a place where we can found and nurture our marriage and fulfill the joys of family based on God's plan for Christian families."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built so that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit may enter your marriage and give your family growth and development to the glory of God."

COUPLE WITH A NEW BABY: "Make for us a path from the font of baptism to the fullness of life based on the eternal truth - ONE BIRTH, ONE FAITH, ONE LORD."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built as a place of preaching and teaching that surrounds us from ATONEMENT at baptism to ATONEMENT with God on the day of our burial."

FAITHFUL COUPLE: "Make for us a place of fellowship, learning, sharing, caring and worship to nurture our bodies and souls with all things needful and sufficient unto this day."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built as your church home, full of grace and truth, for the glory of His kingdom here on earth."

A SINGLE PERSON: "Make for me a place where I can experience being close to God and can be assured of His care and sustenance of me. Make for me a place where I can know the warmth of human contacts where I can care and be cared for."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate this church as a place where people can gather and hear of God's love for us and we can express our love one for another."

SENIOR CITIZENS: "Make for us a place where we can grow old together and to so live that when God calls us home we each can accept His will for us until that day when we shall be together again in His eternal Kingdom."

"Make for me a place where love surrounds my loneliness and God prepares me to go to my Father's house and join all the saints who from their labor rest."

(The People Respond:) "We have built and we dedicate that which we have built for all who await here or in Heaven the coming of our Lord to establish His kingdom of love and peace and life eternal."

The Pastor: "Before you stand your fellow members who have petitioned for your stewardship of this place, now to be dedicated, to take on meaning, significance and purpose in their lives. They have petitioned for each of us. We have had a mind to work. That work stands before us now finished by human hands. Let us now as one people commit that which we have built into God's hands."

[P] The Prayer of Dedication

[C] Amen.

Acknowledgements and Greetings

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

Organ, Brass
and Congregation

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, Has blest us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is our today.

Verse 2

Oh, may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm, In this world and the next.

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God, The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns, With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Note: As the third verse of the hymn is sung the procession out of the church will begin. The Crucifer leads followed by the ministers, church council members, honored guests and the congregation. The procession will proceed around the entire outside of the church. We will then gather for the Laying of the Cornerstone and conclude by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist	Rev. Paul Hammar
Preacher	Rev. Paul Krupinski, Assistant to the Bishop Minnesota Synod.
Lectors	Rev. Randy Ahlberg - Oxlip Evangelical Free Church Rev. Bill Patterson - St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Organist and Choir Director	Judy Lundeen
Trumpets	Neil Clasen, Margaret Ekstrum and William Ekstrum
Trombone	Jon Pederson
Flutes	Annette Lundeen and Carolyn Sager

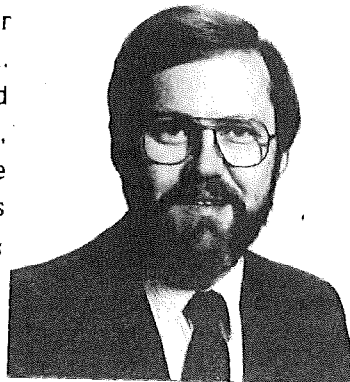
FROM THE PASTOR

As many as eight years ago it was becoming evident that our building space was inadequate for our growing congregation. In 1980 a Long Range Planning Committee carefully studied our congregation and predicted its future needs. On Dec. 6, 1981 the congregation approved the architects plans and the hiring of a fundraising counselor. The building project was underway. The goals included (1) additional educational space; (2) accessibility for the handicapped; (3) a larger narthex; (4) storage area for educational material; (5) a family/meeting room; (6) a nursery; (7) redecorating of the sanctuary; (8) additional fellowship space and (9) improved administrative layout. Virtually all these goals have been met besides the fact that our building has been preserved for many years into the future.

Our building project is a leap of faith, for when we build we are saying that we, by the grace of God, have a future. We trust that God will sustain us, that a mortgage will be paid and that new people will be brought into the fellowship of Christ's Church. It is this statement of faith, more than new boards and new paint, that makes this a time of renewal and hope. We look forward to the future and entrust it to God.

A dedication is also a time to turn over to God that which we have built so that it is not longer ours but it is a temple built completely and entirely for the praise and honor of our Lord and saviour. From now on we are stewards of this house of prayer and not its owners. It is God's house.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Paul H. Hammar



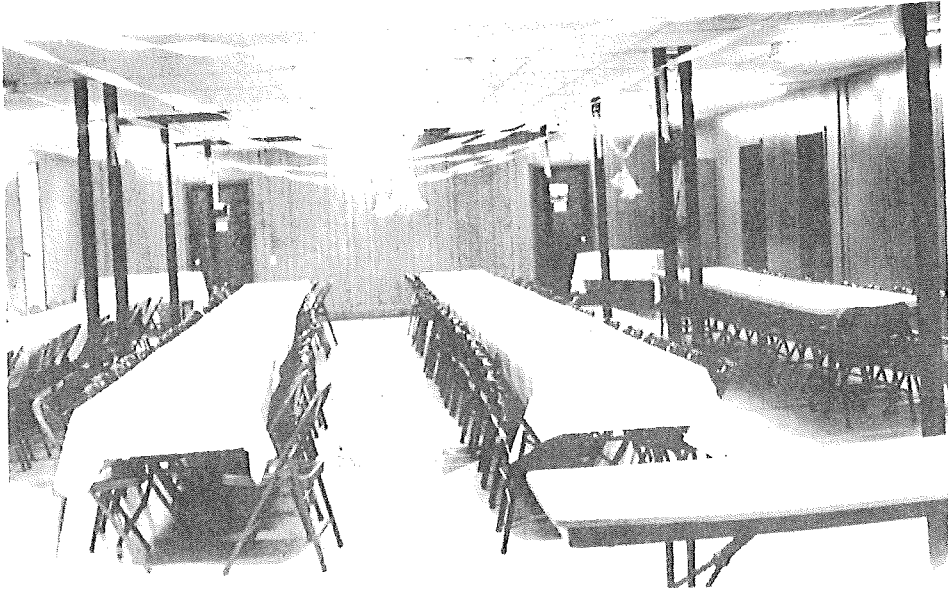
INFORMATION ON BUILDING PROJECT

- New Construction - 2,726 Sq. Ft.
- Remodeling - 6,127 sq. ft.
- Estimated cost of building project in 1982 - \$135,500
- Three year pledges to Building Fund, March 1982 - \$71,457

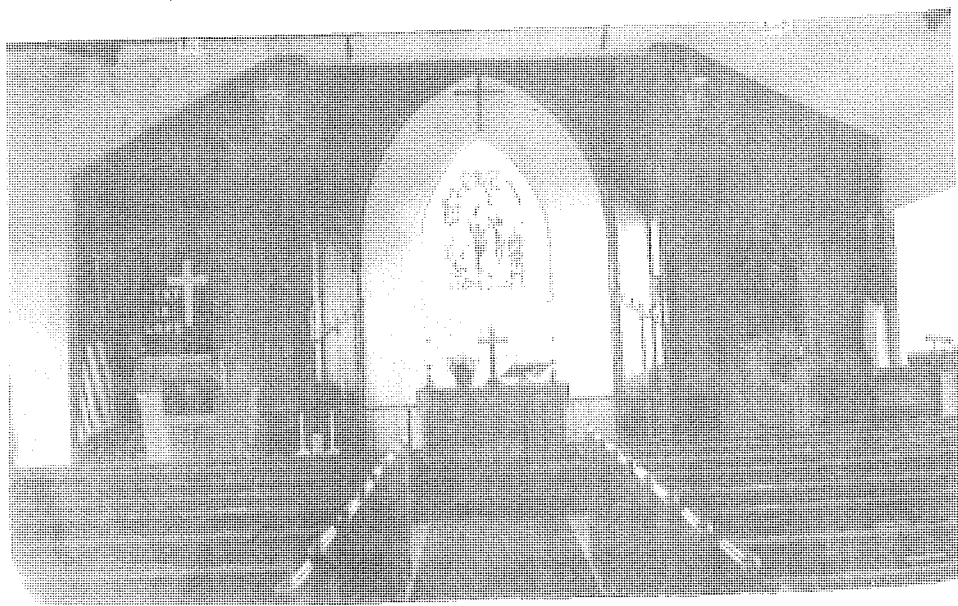
Received for Building Fund, March 1982 - March 1985 - \$63,797
Amount to be mortgaged (estimate) - \$60,000
(Includes remaining 1968 mortgage of \$3,419.55)
Estimated market value of new construction - \$197,670
Appraised value of church structure - \$287,000
Total cost of building project (estimate) - \$123,797
Estimated value of donated labor - \$73,873
Mortgage holder - AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans)



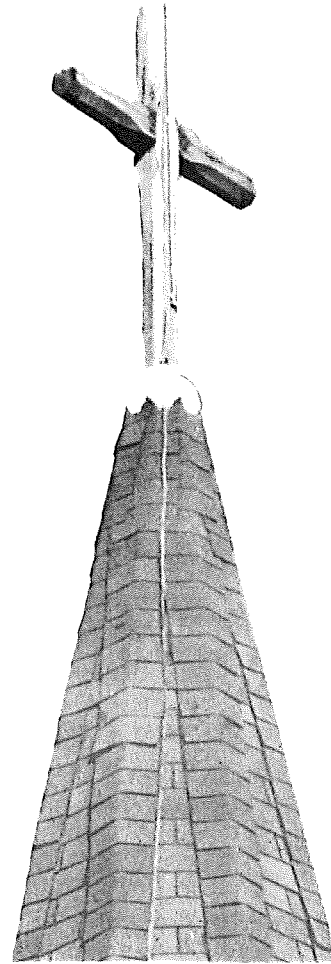
Ground breaking May 15, 1983. Building Committee Chairman John Merkouris and Pastor Stig Demker.



The expanded fellowship hall provides table seating for up to 180 people.



Our shorter and wider sanctuary draws us closer together. There is seating for 170 in the pews.



The old spire erected in 1913 with its handmade 'old rugged cross' symbolizes the lifting up of our prayers to God and the way of the cross as our way in life. The preservation of the tower as a part of our new structure symbolizes that we build upon the foundations that others have laid who have gone before us in faith. The beautiful tower bell donated by the Luther League calls us to worship as it has now for 72 years.