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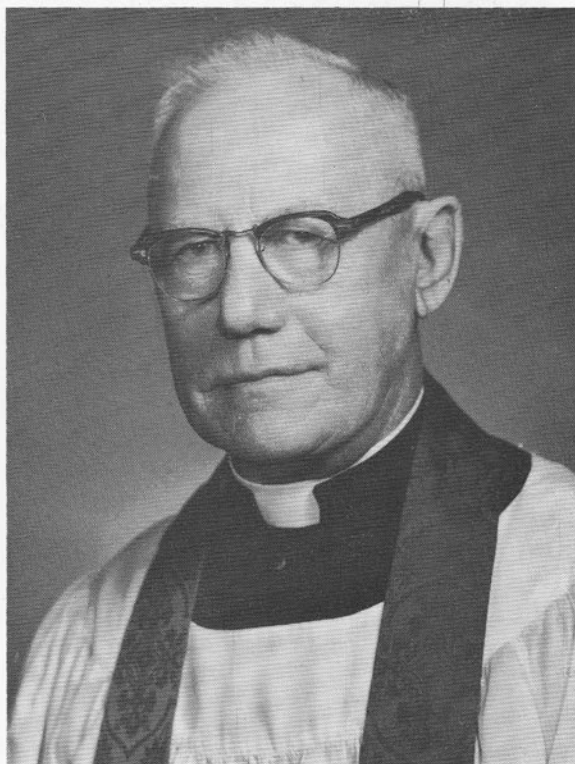
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THE COVER

For 100 years the altar painting shown on the cover has been an inspiration to parishioners of the Waterloo Ridge Congregation. The same altar painting was transferred from the old 1867 stone church to the present edifice built in 1912. In the chancel of this present church reads the Norwegian inscription, "Her er Guds Hus; her er Himmelens Port." The late Rev. Olaf M. Wangensteen suggested this inscription which is the first line of hymn No. 6 in the old Landstad's Salmebog used in the former Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. "Here is God's House; here is the port of Heaven" would be the English translation. Rev. Wangensteen, the first pastor of the 1912 edifice was also responsible for the selection of the unique curved pews. For 55 years this chancel inscription has been read over and over again by parishioners that understand Norwegian and inquired into by others not understanding Norwegian. Thus the theme of the Waterloo Ridge Centennial Celebration is centered around the old No. 6 Landstad hymn, "Her er Guds Hus; her er Himmelens Port."

— Peter Swenson



Pastor S. O. Sorlien
Present pastor of Waterloo Ridge A.L.C.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*Built on the rock the church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.*

For one hundred years the Gospel has been proclaimed and Sacraments rightly administered in the Waterloo Ridge Lutheran congregation. Ever since the first church was built the bell has been chiming calling the young and old to rest.

During these hundred years the membership increased until it reached a certain peak from which it began to fluctuate due to the tractor, the automobile, and the necessary interest in higher education for the children. Because of the tractor, less help was needed on the farm. The inevitable result was that many of the children had to have a better education in order to obtain employment in the city or town. Since the advent of the automobile the "horse and buggy days" became a thing of the past and transportation to the church became exclusively by auto — five or ten miles did not mean much any more.

Because of the evolution of power and education the country churches lost membership with the result that today Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church has a baptized membership of 208 and a confirmed membership of 129.

What is the future of Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Congregation? God only knows. However one thing we do know:

*Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.*

Therefore we thankfully sing:

*To God the Father, Son, and Spirit three in one,
All praise be given:
Crown Him in every song, to Him our hearts belong,
Let all His praise prolong, on earth, in heaven.*

S. O. Sorlien, Pastor

P R E F A C E

The committee on the Historical Booklet divided the chores of this work as will be noted. Mr. Gilbert Rud, the oldest living church member of this congregation, helped us considerably in verifying history which was vague in the church records. The committee wishes that it could be possible to acknowledge all the persons that helped to provide pictures, records and other helps in our endeavor.

The Centennial Historical Book Committee

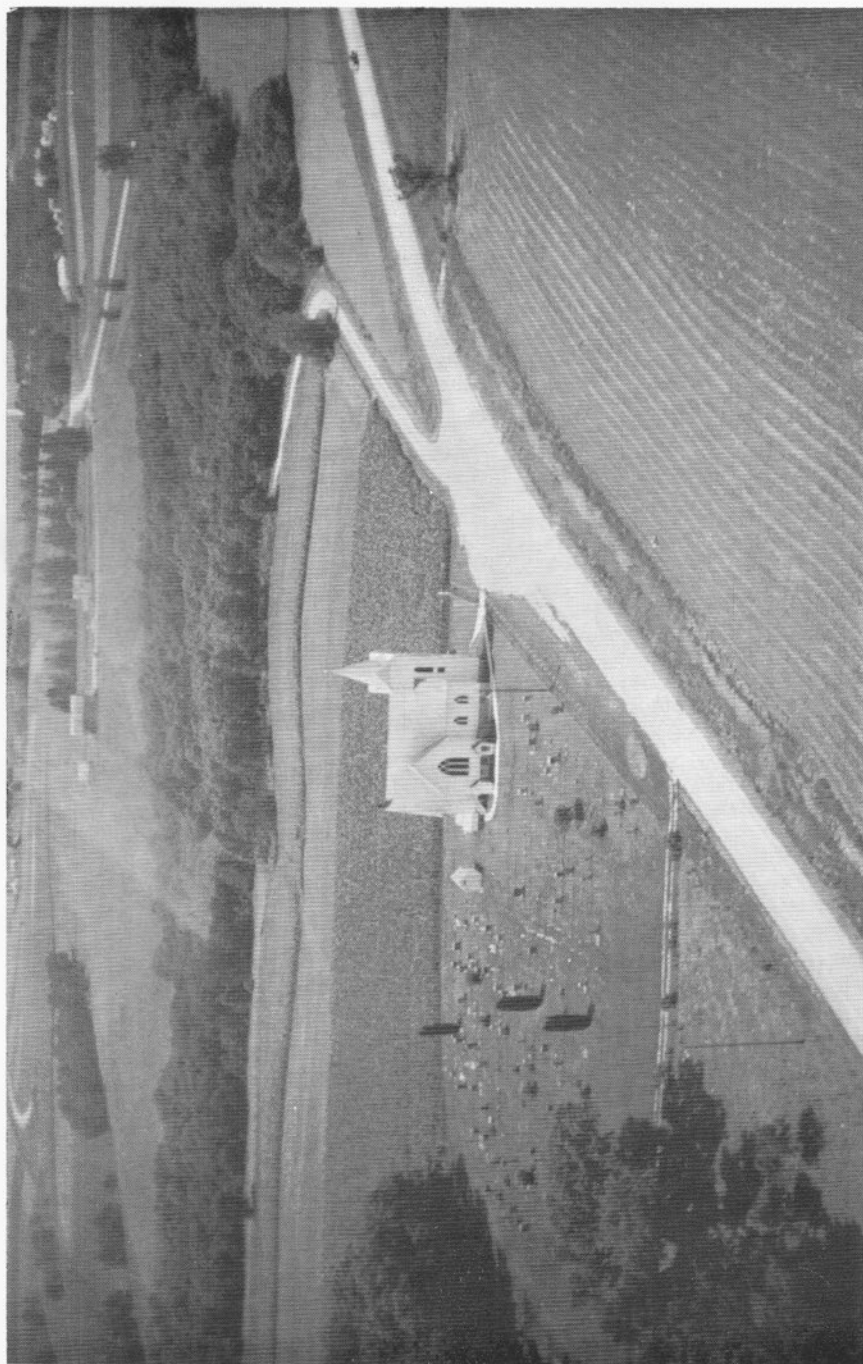
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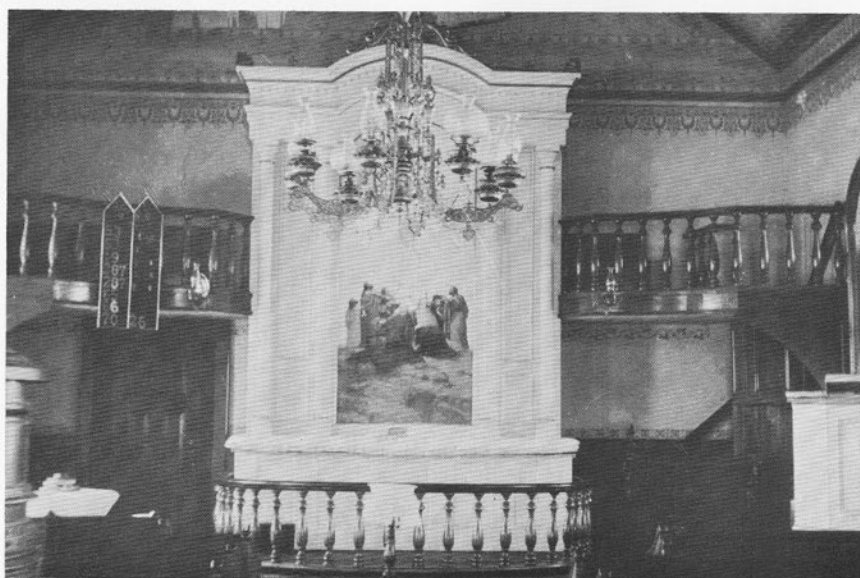
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Custodian	Gilman Rud (Served 1951 to 1967)
Present Custodian	Orville Tilleraas



The present Waterloo Ridge Church



The Old Church (1867-1912)



Altar in the Old Church (1867-1912)

HISTORY OF THE WATERLOO RIDGE CONGREGATION from 1867 to 1952

The first settlers who migrated to the Waterloo Ridge were: Peter Stenslie, Esten Lassenes, Elias Hanson, and Claus Olsen. However from 1855 and on migration to the community which became known as Waterloo Ridge increased rapidly.



First Log House at Waterloo Ridge

Front row (left to right) — Grandma Hanson, Grandma Lassenes

Back row — Hilda Eggen, first child born in this log house; Karine Lassenes, last child born in this log house.

These pioneers experienced the common lot of the early pioneer. They possessed a determination to enjoy the principles of a democracy. It's a far cry from the log cabins, dugouts and tallow candles to the modern homes with electricity, oil heat and bath.

The necessities of life were not so easily obtained as today. They had to be carried or hauled by oxen mostly from Lansing, Iowa, an early wheat market. Wheat was a chief crop of this as well as other new communities. Later horses and the lumber wagon came into use, then the buggy and finally the automobile.

Farm conditions have developed from oxen to tractor, cradle to combine and hoe and spade to the modern plow.

Their constant desire for Spiritual Guidance brought far away neighbors together in their simple cabins. They made use of the Bible, Hymn Book and other devotional books which they had brought from Norway, where the fruit of religion was seeded.

The first services of clergy the community enjoyed was by the Missionary Pastor, Nils Brandt. Later Rev. F. C. Clausen, who tem-

porarily served this community and then was called as residing Pastor of Norwegian Ridge Congregation, part of which was Waterloo Ridge at that time. Later Norwegian Ridge Congregation was changed to Spring Grove Congregation.

The first church meetings began in 1860, but the first congregation was not organized until March 11, 1867.

In 1867, the southern part of Spring Grove Congregation and the northern section of Big Canoe Congregation seceded. They organized a new Congregation known as Waterloo Ridge. A letter of call was sent to Rev. H. A. Stub, pastor of Big Canoe. He accepted and served the Waterloo Ridge Congregation from 1868 to 1873.



Rev. H. A. Stub
(1868-1873)

On March 11, 1867 a meeting was called to discuss the possibilities of building a church. It was decided to build a church 36 x 50 x 16 ft. The congregation elected H. Gaare as President; A. Dille, Secretary; Elias Hanson, Treasurer. They decided to not pay more than \$30.00 per acre for church lot and cemetery. The lot, 2 acres was bought from Elias Hanson for \$20.00 per acre.

The second congregational meeting was held Nov. 2, 1867. At this meeting they decided to build a stone church instead of a frame church, the quarrying of the rock should begin the same fall. The vote was 15 for and 2 against.

The general committee for the building of the church was C. Evenmoe, P. Martinson, and Esten Lassenes. Elias Hanson was in charge of the rock quarrying. Knudt M. Stover, Torval Kolbotten and Ole Anderson received the contract of furnishing the rock needed for the sum of one hundred dollars. At the meeting on January 2, 1868 a building committee was elected namely: Iver Hendriksen, Ole Clausen, Christian Evenmoe, Hans Engan, and Claus Olsen. Esten Lassenes agreed to burn all the lime necessary for the church and deliver the same. The question of going in with Big Canoe was brought up but was voted against.

March 21, 1868 they started building the church. They built the walls, floor, roof and steeple. The mason work was done by N. G. Colsh, Sr. of Waukon, Iowa. The interior of the church was unfinished except for the floor and a few simple benches and the pulpit. Two years later finishing work was started, however it was not completed until in 1877. The total cost, outside of donation work amounted to \$2,678.43.

The day of reality had arrived. The ten year period of church building had ended. The dedication of the church was in order. Church

President Rev. Johan Olson of St. Ansgar enlightened their hearts by being present to dedicate their church. Again the determination and spirit of a God abiding group had born fruit.

The names of the charter members of the congregation were as follows: Peder A. Dille, Axel P. Dille, Peder Martinson, Ole Clausen, Anders Larsen, Knudt Nilsen Stover, Ole Martinsen, Ingebrigt Clausen, Anders Torvalsen, Claus Olsen, Hans Clauson, Esten Lassesen, Elias Hansen, Iver Hendriksen, Christian Evenmoe, Anders Andersen, Peder Berget, Peder Flatbergh, John Eggen, Jonas Svendsen, John Svendsen, John Hansen, Iver Olsen, Ingebrigt Megaard, Gulbrand Eggen, Tomas Siverson, Hans Engan, Peder Hansen, John Eriksen, Hans Gaare, Jens Solien, Jens Nymoen, Lars Olsen, Lars Morken, Peder Svendsen, Anders Pedersen, Peder Eriksen, Berge Sjonneson, Anders Moan, Peder Clauson, Paul Reitan, Jakob Helgesen, Nils Nilsen, Gilbert Johnson, Johannes Vernsen, Torger Flaten, and Lars Fjeseth and their families.

The constitution for the congregation was adopted and recorded on January 25, 1869.

The following have served as cantors in this respective order: Mikkil Torgersen 1868-69, T. E. Saeter 1869-70, H. J. Digre 1874-79, Axel P. Dille 1879-1911, and H. J. Digre from 1911 until the time of his resignation.

From its early beginning this congregation as well as others has been deeply concerned about the religious instruction of its children.

For many years, in fact until 1916, permanent parochial school teachers were employed. Those who served in this capacity were: T. E. Saeter, H. J. Digre, Axel P. Dille and Mrs. Rev. N. J. Vikingstad. Since that time local teachers have been employed as vacation school teachers in the various school districts, often times in cooperation with adjoining congregations, where attendance would be more convenient.

From 1873, at the time of the dissention of Waterloo Ridge and Big Canoe congregations in regard to joint ownership of property and other material things, Waterloo Ridge was served temporarily for a year and half by Rev. Jensen of Houston, Minn. In the meantime Waterloo Ridge and Iowa River sent a letter of call to Pastor O. Bostad of the Conference Church. He served the charge until 1876, when he decided to return to Norway.

Upon the suggestion of Church President Rev. Johan Olsen, a letter of call was sent to Rev. J. A. Bergh, who accepted the call and came here in September 1877. During his pastorate here from 1877 to 1882, Rev. Bergh served seven congregations, namely: Waterloo Ridge, Iowa River, Springwater, Kopanger, Hoel, Ridgeway and Paint Creek.



Rev. O. Bostad
(1873-1876)



Rev. J. A. Bergh
(1877-1882)



Rev. L. O. Pederson
(1882-1893)

The present parsonage was built in 1880, with Rev. J. A. Bergh in total charge of site and construction including purchase of site, planning, cost and labor. Secretary's report as of September 29, 1881 shows a total cost excluding donation work, of \$1,505.87.



Waterloo Ridge Parsonage (1895)

Rev. J. A. Bergh received a call from Luther Valley Congregation in Wisconsin, which he accepted, thus creating a vacancy which was filled by Rev. L. O. Pederson.

Later Bethania Congregation in Fillmore County, Minnesota with Waterloo Ridge and Iowa River formed a new charge. Rev. Pederson served these until 1893, when he accepted a call at Shell Rock and Elk Creek Congregation in Worth County, Iowa.

After his departure a division of territory again took place, when Hesper and Mabel Congregations joined together with Waterloo Ridge



Rev. O. K. Weium
(1893-1894)



Rev. M. F. R. Lunde
(1894-1895)



Rev. N. J. Vikingstad
(1895-1909)

and Iowa River in calling Rev. O. K. Weium of Twin Valley, who served the call until his death in July, 1894.

Hesper and Mabel seceded and Waterloo Ridge and Iowa River called Rev. M. F. R. Lunde of Waukon, Iowa. At a joint meeting of the two congregations in 1895, Rev. Lunde made known his desire to resign from the Ministry.

A definite vacancy existed for two years. Upon the recommendation of Rev. L. O. Pederson, Rev. N. J. Vikingstad, who was taking a forced vacation due to illness was asked to serve this congregation temporarily. He accepted the call and served this parish for thirteen years. He then took a charge at Cooperstown, North Dakota.

Rev. W. O. Wilhelmsen succeeded Rev. N. J. Vikingstad. After two years and four months he moved to Woodford, Wisconsin.

At a special meeting of the congregation on November 22, 1910, a committee consisting of Ole Langlie and A. B. Droivold were chosen to secure plans and possible costs of building a new church. On December 16, they reported that a frame church building exclusive of foundation would cost approximately \$7,000. A subscription drive together with a promise of \$2,000 from the Ladies Aid and the Young Peoples Society, the necessary funds were subscribed.

N. N. Folkedahl, Ole Flatberg, C. A. Blegen, John Thompson, A. B. Droivold, Ole Langlie, S. J. Svendsen, John Lassesen and Peter Evenmoe comprised the building committee.

In the spring of 1912 razing the old church and excavation for the basement were completed. This work together with the hauling of all the material was gratis.

The contract for erection of the new edifice was let to Gustav Melby of Mabel, Minnesota, at a complete cost of \$9,275.00. Dedication of the new church took place June 1, 1913.



Rev. W. O. Wilhelmsen
(1909-1912)



Rev. O. M. Wangensteen
(1912-1924)



Rev. Chr. Heltne
(1925-1948)

In August 1913, Rev. O. M. Wangensteen came to Waterloo Ridge. He served this parish until 1924, when he moved to Pierpont, South Dakota. Rev. Wangensteen was instrumental in choosing the design and purchasing of church furniture.

Rev. Chr. Heltne, served our congregation temporarily from 1925 to July 18, 1926 when he was installed as our residing pastor by Rev. Johan Olsen. Rev. Heltne has the honor of being a resident pastor here longer than any of our former pastors. Some of the most important improvements made during the time Rev. Heltne was pastor was the installation of an electric light system, and remodeling of the basement.

In 1937, our sister congregation, Iowa River, had the misfortune to lose their church by fire. This loss was also keenly felt by this congregation, especially their friendly relationship which we valued highly. Some of the members joined our congregation, others to neighboring congregations. Iowa River has a Cemetery Association which maintains a beautiful resting place.

In the first log house built on Waterloo Ridge were born Hilda Eggen and John Lassesen, daughter and son of the first two pioneer families, Elias Hanson and Esten Lassesen. Hilda Hanson Eggen was the first child of Norwegian parentage born on Waterloo Ridge. Olga Eggen, her daughter, resided at Monrovia, California at the time of her death Jan. 10, 1967. She still owned the old homestead near the church. John Lassesen plotted our present cemetery.

— Gilman and Tinka Rud

SON OF THE CONGREGATION



Rev. A. Bernhard Heltne

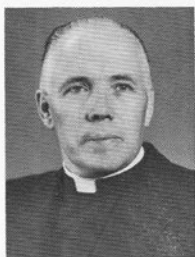
Son of the Congregation

Pastor at Goodridge, Minnesota

Family: Wife Evelyn; Children: Carl — Concordia, Paul — H. S., Rebecca — H. S., and Ilah — Jr. H. S.

BRIEF HISTORY OF WATERLOO RIDGE CONGREGATION from 1952 to 1967

At the 84th Waterloo Ridge annual meeting in 1952, the condition of our parsonage was discussed. The members expressed quite unanimously that our parsonage should be modernized. Some talk of building a new one was expressed, but by vote, it was decided to fix up the present parsonage. A new roof and bathroom were the first of the improvements in 1953. During 1953 a new Constitution for our church was adopted.



Rev. L. A.
Staveness
(1948-1953)

After serving us faithfully since 1948, Pastor L. A. Staveness tendered his resignation at the 85th annual meeting, effective April 8, 1953. He was asked to reconsider. Reverend Staveness accepted a call at Kathryn, North Dakota. Pastor and Mrs. Staveness with Clyde and Elaine moved in early 1953. Reverend and Mrs. Staveness helped us plan many of the forthcoming parsonage projects. For a year we were without a minister. The deacons and vice-president provided for temporary services and communion services. Pastor Orville Running of Luther College and other pastors served us during this year. The kindness and help of the late Pastor William Hexom of Big Canoe and Highland was greatly appreciated during this time.

District President, Dr. Jordahl, met with us to help consider Waterloo Ridges' next move. A merger was considered at this time with congregations, Hauge or Hesper. President Jordahl again met with Waterloo Ridge November 20, 1953, and at this meeting the congregation decided to send a call letter to Reverend Edmund Beaver of Clifton, Texas.

Pastor and Mrs. Edmund Beaver and children, John, Lois, Lowell and Norma Claire moved to our parsonage in April 1954. A new furnace and heating system was another parsonage improvement during this year. In 1955, the water was piped to the church from the parsonage well. Later, restrooms were installed in our church. In the kitchen of the church parlors, a central sink and water softener was added. Thus, our church and parsonage were now modern going into its centennial decade.



Rev. Edmund
Beaver
(1953-1964)

After serving the Waterloo Ridge Congregation for more than ten years, Pastor Beaver resigned his pastorate in August, 1964 to accept a call at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Pastor and Mrs. Beaver were very influential in the beautification of the parsonage and its grounds.

In the latter part of 1964 a call committee was chosen. Dr. Seifkes, District President, met with the call committee at Mason City, Iowa. Pastor Sorenson, district vice-president, also met with the congregation at Waterloo Ridge. At a special meeting December 3, 1964, the congregation voted to send an interim call to Pastor S. O. Sorlien of Decorah. Pastor Sorlien accepted.

The year 1965 saw us continuing our Centennial celebration plans for the centennial year of 1967. The centennial plans started in 1964.



Just before Services

Back row (left to right) — Orville Tilleraas, Roy Tyribakken, Carl J. Evenmoe, Peter Swenson.

Front row — Karl Larson, Oscar Morken holding Jeffrey Tyribakken, Henry Evenmoe, Arnold Melbostad, Gilbert Svendsen.

Photo by Edgar Lasseson

The Waterloo Ridge Congregation decided that the year 1966 must be the year to prepare for the 1967 Centennial. Pastor S. O. Sorlien highly approved of this idea. A contract was signed with Robert Rucker, paint contractor from Onalaska, Wisconsin. Work was begun shortly after Easter, 1966. The interior was decorated first, followed by the outside painting. New front steps were constructed and new front doors added. During early 1967, the church parlors and kitchen were remodeled. We are grateful to Pastor Sorlien for his untiring efforts towards our centennial.

It's extremely difficult to give the laymen proper credit for their work in a congregation. We are mindful of the hours and hours of work given by the laymen of the congregation on the several projects undertaken throughout this past century. This fine dedication to the work of the Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church by the laymen has helped to make this centennial possible. May God bless their work through these 100 years!

— Peter Swenson

THE "OTHER" WATERLOO RIDGE CONGREGATION

Of great interest, to us presently living at Waterloo Ridge, is the fact that we had at one time two separate organized congregations here at Waterloo Ridge. During the span of this century, another congregation existed from 1873 to 1892. Since this congregation of almost twenty years duration was so closely associated and intertwined with the majority congregation (1867-1967), it seemed fitting to render a brief account of this minority congregation.



North Bear Creek School (Gaare School)

Served as meeting place for the "other" Waterloo Ridge congregation, the W. R. N. E. L. Church (1873-1892).

Persons identified in this school picture are:

Back row (left to right) — No. 8, Sofia Swenson Evenmoe, Teacher, No. 11, Edward Engan, No. 12, Sam O. Swenson

Front row (left to right) — No. 7, Martin Langland, No. 9, Hans E. Engan, No. 13, Albert E. Nyhus (Newhouse)

This minority congregation organized October 13, 1873 and decided on the name, "Waterloo Ridge Norsk Evangelisk Lutherske

Menighed (Waterloo Ridge N. E. L. Church). This congregation was made up of members from the north Big Canoe area, south Spring Grove area, east Hesper area and the Waterloo Ridge area. Members' names as given in the protocol (protocollen) who belonged at one time were: Hans Clauson, Eli Miner, Hans Digre, Juul Christoffersen, Torger Flaten, Arne Overhaug, Anders Blinken, Jens Andersen Sollien, Gulbrand Nordgaard, Anders Evenmoe, Torsten Pedersen, Lars O. Morken, Peter Hansen, Gulbrand Eggen, Lars Flaten, Amund Berg, A. I. Torgenson, Nils Nilson, Lars Olsen, John E. Engan, John Hansen Engan, Mons Langeland and Anders Reitan. There were likely others whose names did not appear in the old "protocollen" (secretary's book).

The Waterloo Ridge N. E. L. Minority congregation retained Pastor H. A. Stub as pastor and joined with Big Canoe to form a new parish. Records show that the W. R. N. E. L. Church met quite frequently in Services and congregational meetings at the Nordre Bear Creek Skolehus (North Bear Creek School); also known as the Gaare School. This building was located close to the road on the east side and right north of the Benard Strinmoen farm. There is evidence of the premises to this day. This building was destroyed by a tornado, and was rebuilt as the Highland District No. 1 school, still standing on the Everett Gulbro farm. Later on the Reverend K. Seehus served the W. R. N. E. L. congregation. At certain times the congregation would have services in the regular Waterloo Ridge Church. Meetings were also held in the members' homes.

The Waterloo Ridge N. E. L. Church planned to build a parsonage in the spring of 1876 as recorded in the minutes of December 20, 1875. About one acre of land from the Daniel C. Miner farm was purchased as recorded in the abstract dated December 6, 1877. This is the location of the cemetery on the now Peter Swenson farm, formerly the Charles Miner farm. Evidently both the parsonage and a place for a cemetery was intended here. The parsonage was never realized but at the cemetery plot some twenty graves are located. The present owner of this farm, located a short distance west of the Waterloo Ridge Church has from old tombstones recorded this data:

- (1) Gunhild, Födt Andersdatter, wife of Hans Davidson Evenmoe, Born 1853 - Died 1876.
- (2) Sophie Marie Christianson, födt (born) Evenmoe, born 1856, died 1884.
- (3) Oline Christofersen Tokerud: konen (wife) 'til Juul Christofersen, Born 1842 - Died 1882.
- (4) Emma E. Hoiness, Födt Julsen, Born 1880 - Died 1902.

From the Big Canoe records, other burials in this cemetery are: Gjertrud Overhaug, (Mrs. Arne Overhaug) Died 1875; Ingeborg and Karoline (last name not legible), twins; one day old 1873; Edvard Engan, one year, son of Erick Engan; Hans Eggen, one year; Bereth Eggen, four days, 1872; Esten Hilmoe, nine years, 1872; Anders Paulsen, six months, 1870; Edward Hansen Engan, eight and one-half months, 1870; Anne Jensdatter Sollien, seventy years; Erick Flatens' unbaptized child, twenty days, 1877; Anders Andersen Sollien seventy-two years, 1880; Ole Martinsen, Thirty-four years, 1883; Inger Anne Gurine Digre, two years, 1885; Baby Sollien. This cemetery was also referred to as the West Waterloo Ridge Cemetery.

A church building size 26' by 40' by 16' was planned as early as 1875. A subscription committee for ingathering of funds was chosen. As the years passed, more and more of the members felt the need for a church building, but it seemed difficult to get this accomplished for the N. E. L. Waterloo Ridge minority congregation since their members were scattered and as the years progressed some members also transferred. At the meeting on December 20, 1892, a motion was made to the effect that the congregation should dissolve; however, Pastor Seehus asked them to carry on a little longer, since there were negotiations to build a church on the H. Busness farm. This now became the Highland Congregation of which the Waterloo Ridge N. E. L. Congregation was a nucleus, together with members from Big Canoe, Hesper and Spring Grove areas. Some members went back to the Waterloo Ridge majority congregation.

Let us go back into Norwegian Lutheran History in the United States which affected the division of the Waterloo Ridge Lutheran members into two congregations. Early Lutheran church leaders from the aristocratic state church of Norway coming to the United States in the early 1840's, felt a democratic freedom in theological feelings which had been denied them in the old state church of Norway. Thus, great Norwegian church leaders coming to this country such as Elling Eielsen, Claus L. Clausen, Laur. Larsen, Stub, Preus, Koren and Dietrichson had theological differences which reflected on the Lutheran laymen and the pioneer congregations. The various divisions of the pioneer Lutherans in this country, however, contrary to general belief, actually strengthened the Lutheran church in America. The early Norwegian Synod or "Synoden" differed with the United Lutheran Conference or "Forenede" (United). The early pastors and laymen often became aligned with one or the other. The intense interest in the church by the pioneer laymen was a great tribute to the devotion shown by them. To us living in the centennial year of the Waterloo Ridge Congregation, these differences might even seem trivial, because we may lack some of the devotion of the pioneer laymen. Thus, in spite of two Waterloo Ridge Congregations, the laymen were sincere in their differences. In

the year 1917, the Norwegian Synod, the United or Conference Church and Hauge's Synod merged into one great body, the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.

(A "thank you" to the Nordgard family, Mrs. Carl Drievold, Syver Sollien, James Miner, John Engan, Benard Strinmoen, Gilbert Rud, Joel Evenmoe and the Big Canoe Congregation for information, pictures and records on the "other" Waterloo Ridge Congregation.)

Peter Swenson

HISTORY OF THE WATERLOO RIDGE LADIES' AID AND A.L.C.W.

The desire to take more active part in the work of the church prompted the women of Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church to form an organization known at the "kvindeforining". Eighty-eight years of uninterrupted and blessed service to the congregation and the church in its different activities is the record of the W.R.L.A.

The Waterloo Ridge Ladies' Aid was organized in January 1879 by the Rev. J. A. Bergh, with 26 members.

The following were the charter members: Kersti Dille, Mrs. B. E. Bergh, Kari Swenson, Lucie Evenmoe, Johanne Lasseson, Kristine Hanson, Mrs. L. Johnson, Sigri Quandahl, Dordi Engan, Sigri Dille, Ingeborg Reitan (Stenslie), Hilda Hanson, Hohanna Hauge (later Mrs. Lars Fjeseth), Lena Olson Bergh, Beret Morken, Mette Swenson, Karen Hanson Bergh, Ingeborg Engan, Marit Seesnon, Kari Morken, Sofie Auna, Petronelle Torvaldson, Johanna J. Swenson, Beret O. Clauson, Mrs. A. Peterson and Mrs. Gulseth.

The meetings opened and closed with devotion.

Mrs. J. A. Bergh was the first President of the Aid, she served until the family moved away in 1882, her helpers were Hilda Hanson, Hannah Hauge and Gertrude Swenson.

The next President was Mrs. L. O. Pederson who served from January 1884 until 1889 with the exception of one year when she asked to be relieved and Mrs. J. Lasseson was selected as President that year.

Mrs. Hans Digre was President from January 1890 to January 1899 when Mrs. J. Tilleraas was elected and served for three years.

In 1902 Mrs. J. Thompson and Mrs. A. B. Droivold were elected and served for two years.

Others who served from one to two years were Mrs. Rev. N. J. Vikingstad, Mrs. H. Digre, Mrs. E. Gaare, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. J. Lasseson, Mrs. O. Langlie Jr., Mrs. O. Reiten, Mrs. P. Peterson, Mrs. I. Langlie, Mrs. P. C. Evenmoe, Mrs. O. C. Evenmoe, Mrs. J. Melbostad.

It was in 1906 that the monthly social meetings were begun, for the express purpose (at the time) to create a sinking fund for the building of a new church, which proved a worthy project for when the building of the new church was commenced, they had \$1,500.00 to donate towards the building fund.

In 1882 \$130.00 was raised as a gift to the congregation, for the purchase of a church bell; that same bell is today calling to worship the second, third and fourth generation of our church. Well it would be for us to heed the call as though it were those early foresighted pioneers who still admonish us to come to God's house.

Many other worthy projects have been undertaken by the Ladies' Aid during these many years and as outstanding and worthy of special mention is the annual Mission Sale which has been held every year without interruption, with the proceeds going to missions.

As surroundings changed, so did the methods of carrying on the work of the Ladies' Aid; but the aim remained as always, mission work. The membership increased an indication of the growth of the spirit of this work.

Our local organization was a part of the W.M.F. and delegates from the Aid were regularly sent to the Circuit Conventions of the W.M.F.



Waterloo Ridge A. L. C. W. — 1967

Other various projects of the W.M.F. were supported by our Aid Penny a Meal boxes, Mission boxes, Thank Offering encouraged greater sharing. The programs of the W.M.F. were followed and several books of the Bible were studied. In 1949 Life Membership pins were awarded

all our senior members at a special program. All babies were enrolled in the W.M.F. Cradle Roll at baptism either by relatives or paid by the Ladies' Aid.

Other worthwhile projects carried on by the Ladies' Aid are food and bake sales, birthday parties, Mother-Daughter banquets, Father-Son banquets and serving of lunches at farm sales.

In 1961 with the merger in effect, we are no longer the Waterloo Ridge Ladies' Aid, but the W.R.A.L.C.W. The Scope became the official magazine and contains the Bible study series which are used each month in our individual circles.

There are three very active circles: the Sarah, Rebecca and Ruth circles. Each participates in furnishing programs for A.L.C.W, serving for funerals, weddings, farm sales and other activities that may be desired. Besides the basic mission work of the A.L.C.W it functions as an aid in improvements of the church, supplying utensils in the kitchen such as new dishes, silverware, coffee makers and servers.

The purpose of the A.L.C.W. continues to unite all the women of the church in Christian service and with divine guidance to develop an understanding of the work of the church at large, deepen spiritual life, stimulate sacrificial giving, and promote Christian service in the home, the church, the community, the nation and the world.

May God who has blessed us and brought us forward to this day, continue to guide us that we may prove faithful to the end.

THE CHOIR

Sacred music, has always found a home in the hearts of the people of Waterloo Ridge. In the early days, it rested in the hands of the cantors. Gradually it developed into choirs directed by able leaders of music.

A male chorus was organized in the late seventies when Rev. Bergh was our pastor. As time went on mixed choruses developed, junior choirs and various group choruses.

In the infant stage of the choir, while transportation was a problem, rehearsals were often held at the homes.

The choir has sung for all special church services, also regular services, and sometimes for social gatherings. The choir has sung at "Sangerfests" and Choral Union Concerts.

No record of choir directors is available but some of those who have served as directors are: Axel Dille, Paul Heltne, Irene Langlie, Bernhard Heltne and all residing pastors.

Though some years the choir has not been so active, it can be said that from its beginning it has been a great asset to our church.



Waterloo Ridge Choir — 1895

Front row (left to right) — Sarah Quandahl, Clara Quandahl, Bertha Engan.
 Second row — Gustine Langlie, Ingeborg Swenson, Christine Reiten, Elisa Engan, Sofia Swenson.
 Third row — Anna Flatberg, Kari Flatberg, Nellie Eide, Elizabeth Overhaug.
 Back row — Ole Flatberg, Jacob Quandahl, Ole Langlie, Peter Evenmoe, Ole Reiten.



Waterloo Ridge Choir — 1915-1917

Front row (left to right) — Josie Melbostad, Anna Klegseth, Olga Gaare, Ellen Miner*, Anna Overhaug.
 Second row — Regina Flaten, Julia Tilleraas, Anna Reiten, Signa Klegseth, Karine Lasseson, Ida Morken.
 Third row — Clara Fossum, Ella Thompson, Lewis Morken, Maria Evenmoe*, Ruby Flatberg*, Gilma Langlie*, Olga Horgen.
 Back row — Alfred Thompson, Peter Evenmoe, Esten Langlie, Olaf Overhaug, Olaus Evenmoe, Carl J. Evenmoe, Ole Flatberg.

* Also served as organists.

LUTHER LEAGUE

Early records of the Luther League are not available, so a complete history is impossible. Through interviews it has been discovered that a league known as, 'Young Peoples Society' or "Ungdoms Forening" was organized under Rev. Wilhelmson in the year 1909.

From its beginning the League nearly always has sent delegates to the Circuit and District Conventions. Sometimes it has sent delegates to the National Convention.

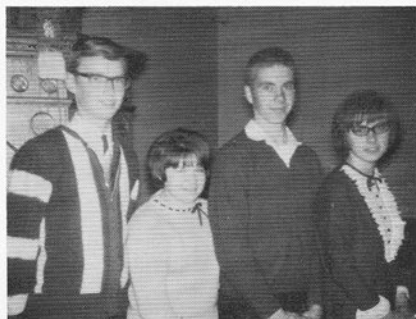
Programs usually consisted of readings, recitation and musical selections. In the later years the programs have been based on the Better League Magazine.

The Luther League has always sent annual donations to Church work. Several years ago the league provided for, physically and morally, certain missionary children as a league project.

The league has donated sums of money for the improvement of our church building, such as aiding in installing electrical lights, decorating, memorial window of Pvt. Lewis H. Morken, a fellow member who died in action in World War I and other articles.

The league has been host to the Decorah Luther League Convention and to Mission Societies.

Throughout the years the league has steadily improved. It is a mighty weapon in our Church's strength.



Treasurer — Dean Melbostad, Vice-President Audrey Vongroven, President — Terry Tilleraas, Secretary — Diane Melbostad.

THE ORGANIST

In the early history of our congregation there was no organ in the church as the cantor led the singing at all services. Instrumental music was then considered unethical. Later an organ was decided on and some pioneer women made a house to house canvass for funds with which to purchase an organ. With the advent of the organ in the church, the need of an organist became evident. To these faithful, servants of the church, past and present, is dedicated the following from a poem entitled:

“THE ORGANIST”

*Who serves the church with loyalty,
Who's at her post most faithfully,
Who gives her talents willingly
And plans and works unstintedly?*

The Organist.

*For tasks like hers God hath a care;
And He alone can trust her fair.
Therefore, my heart sends up this prayer:
“Dear Lord, bless her with blessings rare —
The Organist.”*

Some who served the church faithfully as organist were Gilma Langlie, Marie Evenmoe, Ruby Flatberg, Alma Quandahl, Ellen Miner, (who served longer as organist than any other to this date), Mrs. Leonard Blegen, and the present organist, Mrs. Peter Swenson.



Alma Quandahl
Osmundson
(Served under Pastor
Wangensteen)



Mrs. Peter Swenson
1953-



Evelyn Blegen Langland
1947-1953

WATERLOO RIDGE PIGEFORENING

*In Jesus' name
Our work must all be done
If it shall compass our true good and aim
And not end in same alone;*

*For every deed
Which in it doth proceed,
Success and blessing gains
Till it the good attains.
Thus we honor God on high
And ourselves are blessed thereby;
Wherein our true good remains.*

The singing of the above hymn opened the organization meeting of the Waterloo Ridge Pigeforening on January 1, 1895 with Rev. M. F. R. Lunde presiding.

A constitution with four paragraphs was drafted and adopted at this first meeting and eleven girls signed as charter members; only two of these were living at our seventy-fifth anniversary, Viz: Kari Flatberg and Clara P. Quandahl (Mrs. Bernatz, Decorah, Iowa.)

The object of this organization was threefold as explained in a paper prepared and read at their first regular meeting by their first secretary, Sophia Swenson (Mrs. P. C. Evenmoe) now deceased.

1. To render help to our own Church and community.
2. To extend our help outside our own Church and community, to benevolent institutions, etc.
3. For the benefaction of our own self, literally, to improve our minds, our character and our Ladyship and in other words, to make us more God-like and better fitted for good society.

Besides regular monthly meetings, many special events were sponsored, such as ice cream socials, oyster suppers and fancy-work sales; the last meeting was held at the O. C. Evenmoe home on October 17th, 1909, after which the society dissolved and became merged with and became an integral part of the new Young Peoples Society which was organized by Rev. W. O. Wilhelmson the same year.

In 1896 at their March meeting the society decided to adopt and support a heathen child in our Mission in Madagascar. In 1897 with the assistance of the then existing Y.P.S. paying half of the expenses, they had assigned to them as their charge a heathen girl at the mission station at Tananarivo, Madagascar, whose name was Ratsivoro Naro. This custom was practiced (taking on new charges as the previous ones grew to Womanhood) as long as the Society was in existence; after that this work was carried on by the Young Peoples Society for many years.

In 1897 also, the society presented, as a gift to the Congregation, the beautiful altar painting which still adorns the altar of our church, a constant reminder of Christ's Triumph over death and sin.

About that time plans were under way to make repairs on the old Church, and the society also took an active part in that work.

Many other projects, too numerous for special mention, in which these women took part, were the result of a determination to, as was expressed in a verse adopted as their slogan.

*Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing.
Learn to labor and to wait.*

MEN'S CLUB

The men of Waterloo Ridge had long felt the desire to organize a men's club. They have for several years sponsored an annual event during the Christmas - New Years Season by serving a supper, either lutefisk or oyster, prepared entirely by the men. The first event took place in 1935. Finally in 1940 a club was organized. The purposes of the club are: (1) Bring into the church any unchurched neighbor or friend, (2) Uphold the principles of our church, (3) Help in the material upkeep of the property of the congregation, (4) Provide local help to accomplish any project such as sponsoring cemetery maintenance.

The Men's Club now includes all men of the Congregation. Although its members are few, it has provided substantial financial assistance to the congregation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a Child in the Way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Surely this was in the minds of our forefathers. From its early beginning the church sponsored a parochial school (norske skole) or summer vacation school. Until the year 1916 a permanent parochial school teacher was employed. Those who served in this capacity were T. E. Saeter, H. J. Digre, Axel P. Dille, and Mrs. N. J. Vikingstad. Since that time several local teachers were employed as vacation school teachers in the various schools, often times in cooperation with adjoining congregations where attendance would be more convenient.

Later the Sunday School of our church was organized. The children meet for one hour before church services. Classes are held for kindegarten, primary, intermediate and Jr. High. Pastor teaches the Bible Class for adults after Confirmation.

To the many Sunday School teachers past and present much credit is due for the Christian influence their work has had on our children. Our present enrollment is 36 with the following as teachers: Judy Vongroven, Audrey Vongroven, Larry Vongroven, Mrs. Lester Von-

groven, Mrs. Hartvig Auna, Mrs. Sander Swenson, Mrs. Gilman Tollefsrud, Pastor S. O. Sorlien, Mrs. Gilman Rud, Supt., Miss Selma Clauson, Sec.-Treas. We pray that it may continue for many years to come.



Norse Parochial School (Waterloo Ridge 1895)

Front row (left to right) — Sivert Digre, John Rud, Gilbert Rud, Netta Halvorson, Katherine Overhaug, Maria Droivold, Sven Overhaug, Oscar Langlie, Martin Clauson, Hans Digre, teacher.

Second row — Olai Langlie, Martin Stenslie, Louis Clauson, Josie Clauson, Mathilde Rud, Marie Alsberg, Ottilia Clauson, Hans Edward Engan, Claus Clauson.

Third row — Torsten Thompson, Lunde, Louise Gaare, Pauline Stenslie, Helma Clauson, Gina Horgen, John Engan, Henry Thompson.



Waterloo Ridge Sunday School



Waterloo Ridge Sunday School Teachers

THE LILAC FESTIVAL AND OTHER CHURCH FUNDS

Our first Lilac Festival blossomed May 27, 1956. Miss Olga C. Eggen started this impressive and beautiful event and included the Waterloo Ridge Lilac Trust Fund in connection with it. Every other year the Festival has been held "when the lilacs are in bloom." Miss Eggen composed the song "When the Lilacs Bloom" inspired by the lilac trees at her old homestead on Waterloo Ridge. Atty. Arthur Jacobs' son spoke at the first festival, Prof. Hoslett of Luther College spoke at another and a professor from the University of Minnesota spoke at still another festival. Some beautiful colored pictures and colored movies have been shown of these events.

July 24, 1961, the Hanson - Eggen Memorial Fund was started by Olga C. Eggen in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maruis Eggen and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hanson, one of the first pioneer couples to settle on the Ridge.

January 5, 1967, the Waterloo Ridge Endowment Fund was started by Olga C. Eggen and invested in the American Lutheran Church. At Christmas time, Miss Eggen sent a letter to the treasurer of the Lilac Festival, Mr. Edgar Lasseson, telling him of her decision on such an Endowment Fund. The congregation in joyful pleasure of this Christmas gift was saddened by her sudden death only days later. Miss Eggen was buried January 10, 1967 at Monrovia, California. We are indebted to her for many of the older pictures in the Historical Booklet and her fine memory of identification and other history. Olga Eggen was honorary member of the Waterloo Ridge Congregation. May God Bless her life time interest in the Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church!



Olga C. Eggen

CONFIRMANDS

No records prior to 1874

1874

Anders Christianson
Svend Johansson
Peder Estenson
Johan Hanson
John Anderson
Hans Hanson
Soland Larson
Anton Iverson
John Peterson
Peter Olson
Erick Hanson
Anfind Lussion
Kathrina Thorson
Barbro Estenson
Kari Larson
Eli Johnson
Brita Nilson
Anna Maria Gulbranson

1875

Carl Johan Olson
Johan Andres Severson
Hans Edvart Iverson
Peder Johnson
Andres Hanson
Sigre Jacobson
Brynild Olson
Olina Martha Nilson
Angnette Johanneson

1876—(no class)

1877—(no class)

1878

John Lasseson
Johannes Clauson
Erick L. Morken
Ole O. Langlie
Lars G. Melbostad
Olaus K. Evenmoe
Johannes Gulseth
Arne Knutson
Marit J. Svenson
Johanna O. Iverson
Hanna O. Clauson
Kertrud I. Raaen
Marit A. Kuraas
Hanna Maria Auna
Pernilla J. Vernson
Anna Marie Gunderson

1879

Alvilde Gunhilde Lindhjem
Alfina K. Lindhjem

1880

Jorgen J. Melbostad
Hans L. Morken
Elias H. Gaare
Peter Hendrickson
Ole A. Kuroose
Erik Erikson
Hans M. ?
Johannas K. Hegle
Marit Clauson
Gertrude K. Svenson
Ingebor H. Clauson
George Pederson

Kristian Moan

1881

Victor Wernson
Ingebor Langli
Ole C. Flatberg
Olina Langlie
Beret Maria Clauson
Johanna Olson
Dorthea K. Evenmoe
Gurine Knudsen
Gertrude J. Svendsen
Petra Olea Swendsen
Johannas J. Auna
Emma Nilsen
Emelia J. Engan
Ragnild Pedersen

1882

John Thoreson
Martin Melbostad
Lauris Kuraas
Thore Kristianson
Clausina O. Clauson
Malina P. Clauson
Hanna M. Clauson
Tanna J. Clauson
Kari Gunnarson
Berit Maria Svendsen
Janetha Johnson
Julia Johanson Slinde

1883—(no class)

1884

Peder Dille

Peder Anderson
 Johanas Vongroven
 Anna Margreto Viken
 Dorthe Flatberg
 Gurina Langlie
 Ingebor Knutson
 Herman Hagli
 Martin Stenslie

1885

Johanna Clauson
 Anna K. Dille
 Hanna Sophia Swenson
 Peter Evenmoe
 Johan Wernson
 Hoaken Haakensen
 Oscar Kristianson
 Olaus Anderson
 Lauris Larson

1886

Anders Reiten
 Johannas P. Clausson
 Martin Estensen
 Peder H. Pederson
 Ole H. Pederson
 Gertrude K. Pederson
 Marit Viken

1887

Martin O. Svenson
 Lars Vongroven
 Abramhan Dille
 Gurina Sekonnesen
 Olova Hanson
 Elen Stenslie
 Berit Engan
 Ingeborg A. Clauson
 Anna K. Gaare
 Kari Flatberg

1888—(no class)

1889

Lars Morken
 Edward P. Engan
 Sonves Johaneson
 Ole Viken
 Johan Hanson
 Johan Matheson
 Anton Johaneson
 Helen I. Quandahl
 Juliana O. Olson
 Berthe Gustine Langli
 Lena M. Quandahl

1890

August J. Peterson
 Karl Nyhus
 Nils Hanson
 Severin Severson
 Sven O. Svendsen
 Ellef Viken
 Esten Engan

Martin Dille
 Ingebrigt Langlie
 Ingebrigt Flatberg
 John Kuraas
 Andres Kuraas
 Ingeborg Svendsen
 Kristina Reitan
 Kristina Peterson
 Pernelli Clauson
 Gina L. Droivold
 Regina Vongroven
 Olina Schonesson

1891

Henry Pederson
 Jacob Nels Quandahl
 Karl Johan Gresli
 Albert Oscar ?
 Andres Morken
 Henry K. Halverson
 Andres Rosten
 Gilbert Hagen
 Sarah M. Quandahl
 Pauline Clauson
 Othilda Rosten
 Ingeborg M. Gaare
 Anna L. Vongroven

1892

Ole Reitan
 Svend Engan
 Albert Olson
 Olaf P. Gran
 Lars Viken
 Esten O. Langlie
 Gurina Svendsen
 Ingeborg O. Svendsen
 Anna E. Overhaug
 Anna Droivold
 Maria Olson
 Clara S. Quandahl
 Paulina Peterson
 Helene M. Rosten
 Ingeborg Moan

1893

Peter N. Horgen
 Mikkel E. Bakken
 Ole Alfsberg
 Julius Hagen
 Marie Narjord
 Elisa Engan
 Clara J. Quandahl
 Julia Swenson
 Anna G. Flatberg
 Anna Vernson
 Lisabeth Peterson

1894

Ferdinand Wilhelm
 Oscar Clauson
 Joseph Engen
 Olaus ?
 Bertine Droivold

Ragnild Lundering
 Louise ?

1895

Albert Rosten
 Svend Overhaug
 Ida M. Morken
 Inga Jonetta Hagli

1896

Karl Olson
 Nelius Horgan
 Gilbert Rud
 John O. Langlie
 Martin Clauson
 Ella J. Quandahl
 Claus Clauson
 Anna Helgeson
 B. Maria Droivold
 Bertha Engan
 Louise Bakken
 Helen Bue
 Josephine Clauson
 Martha Quandahl
 Sophia Viken
 Mathilda Myhus

1897

Edward Bakken
 Michael Hagen
 Kathrina Overhaug
 Martha Quandahl
 Clara Roppe
 Andrew O. Langlie
 Edwin A. Newhouse
 Hans Edward Engan
 Sophia Droivold
 Peter Rosten
 Oscar Horgen
 John Olsen
 Amanda Amundson
 John P. Rud
 Martin Stenslie

1899

Jacob P. Quandahl
 Ivar Lundering
 Benny Flatberg
 Sven Viken
 Peter Bakken
 Albert Bang
 Otilie Clauson
 Sophia Peterson
 Andrina M. Alfsberg
 Gina Horgen
 Clara Clauson
 Johanna Engan

1901

Ole Lundring
 Knut Quandahl
 Hans Horgan
 Lewis Clauson
 Henry Thompson

John Engan
George Olson Loffsgaarten
Helena Clauson
Gustina M. Rud
Hilda B. Pedersen
Beret Pauline Stensli
Anna Nyhus
Mette Quandahl
Beret Maria Morken

1902

Petra Flatberg
Josephine Wangsli
Emma Hagan

1903

Thosten Thompson

Lewis Morken
Martin Droivold
Stephen Iverson
Ella Bue
Clara Olson
Clara Anderson
Ida Larson

1904

Peder Alfred Engan
Henry Gaare
Olaf Hendrikson
Nils Hendrikson
John Lundring
Ole Clauson
Clara Horgan

Petra Quandahl
Emelia Lassenon
Ida Melbostad
Serine Kjerland

1905

Henry Rud
Olaf Tillerass
Clarence Thorson
Gustave Clauson
Daniel Droivold
Enna Stenslie (Klinge)
Tilda Kjirland
Julia Thompson
Maria Evenmoe

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1906—1966

1906

Morris O. Horgen
Martin Nyhus
Della Thompson
Emma Isabel Morken
Julia Othilda Halverson
Petra Marie Clauson
Anna Cecilia Melbostad
Louisa Morken
Ingebor Clauson

1907

Carl Helmer Morken
Edward Quandahl
Peter Stenslie
John Overhaug
Clarence Melbostad
John Tillerass
Karine Lassenon
Josephine Auna

1908

Andrew Vikengstad
Ole Droivold
Beldin Lofssgaarden
Arnold Melbostad
O. Walter Johnson
Olga Horgen
Anna Kjerland

1909—(None listed)

1910

Olaf Overhaug
Alfred Thompson
Alfred Lukken
Helmer Auna
Arthur Quandahl
Morris Droivold
Olaf Thorson
Amanda Melbostad
Gilma Peterson

Alma Melbostad
Ida Folkedahl
Clara Lundring
Julia Tillerass
Anna Morken
Ida Blegen

1911

Ella Thompson
Sigrid Klegseth
Gurine Lukken
Anna Overhaug
Anna Peterson
Signe Klegseth
Minnie Johnson
Inga Johnson
Sophie Clauson
John Julius Johnson
Carl J. Evenmore
Harry Blegen

1912—(None listed)

1913

John Klegseth
Oscar Thompson
Carl Tillerass
Carl O. Flatberg
Gustav Overhaug
Olaf Langlie
Arthur Melbostad
Dan Gaare
Alvina Auna
Ida Morken
Olga Blegen
Olaf Folkedahl
Oberlin Lofstgaarden

1914

Ruby Flatberg
Julia Langlie
Anna Rietan

Inga Magnusson
Christina Magnusson
Olga Gaare
Henry Melbostad
James Clauson

1915

John Edgar Lassenon
Henry Overhaug
Gilma Morken
Blonda Clauson
Anna Klegseth
Dora Auna
Carl Droivold

1916

Ole Swenson
Gilbert Svendsen
Bennie Gunderson
Bennie Magnusson
Joel Evenmoe
Louise Overhaug
Alma Blehrud
Minnie C. Melbostad
Minnie C. Melbostad
Ingebor Klegseth

1917

Anna Blegen
Othilda Langlie
Henry Morken
Andrew Droivold
Theodore Flatberg
Arthur Folkedahl
Anders Rietan

1918

Ida Thompson
Genora Ella Melbostad
Melinda Erickson
Johanna Klegseth
Oscar Overhaug

Leonard Evenmoe
Gerhard Clauson
Andrew Folkedahl
Julius Smerud
Oliver Peterson

1919

Palmer Flatberg
Henry Engan
Lewis Smerud
Rebecca Magnusson
Olga Morken
Ida Lasseson
Alma Quandahl
Selma Morken
Genora Overhaug
Henry Peterson
John Swenson

1920

Harry Clauson
Gilbert Droivold
Elmer Flaten
Gerhard Klegseth
Danhard Droivold
Peter Clauson
Lilly Melbostad
Myrtle Gunderson
Gustine Langlie
Julia Overhaug

1921

Carl I. Evenmoe
Edward Folkedahl
Myrtle Overhaug
Ovidia Overhaug
Cora Blegen
Gilman Rud

1922

Melford Melbostad
Norris Langlie
Martin Klegseth
Christine Klegseth
Christine Flatberg

1923

Gilman Overland
Morris Svendsen
Peter Swenson
Louella Gaare
Tilford Morken
Edward Peterson
Arnold Thorson

1924

Alvin Peterson
Louis Droivold
Henry Evenmoe
Norton Folkedahl
Grant Melbostad
Leonard Blegen
Selma Clauson

Stella Overhaug
Erling Lundering

1925

Oscar Langlie
Petra Auna
Jarla Clauson
Evelyn Quandahl

1926—(no class)

1927

Carl Wernson
Alvin Swenson
Herman Blegen
Alma Langlie
Tilman Melbostad
Norma Quandahl
Ellen Folkedahl
Truman Quandahl
Palma Rud
Harold Morstad
Roy Tyribakken
Helen Gaare
Adolph Bernard Heltne

1928

Esther Rud
Agnes Rud
Olaf Klegseth
Jonas Svendsen
Silas Christopherson
Ruth Quandahl
Gladys Overhaug
Cora Melbostad
Minnie Droivold

1929

Marjorie Morstad
Ruth Swenson
Lena Wernson

1930

Arnold Klegseth
Julie Clauson
Evelyn Ellingson
Olga Rosendahl
Agnes Droivold
Nels Quandahl
Melford Solum
Myrtle Solem

1931

Harold Tyribakken
Kenneth Ellingson
Louis Overhaug
Anna Augedahl
James Hagen

1932

Rudolph Rud
Irene Melbostad
Thelma Folkedahl
Irene Langlie

Helen Quandahl
Palma Droivold
Mabel Rosendahl

1933

Marcellus Quandahl
Selmer Goodno
Bennie Droivold
John Morstad
Edna Goodno
Bertha Hagen
Crystal Strinmoen
Opal Langlie
Margerette Rud

1934

Myrtle Evenmoe
Irving Raaen
Eddy Rosendahl
Henry Overhaug
Leona Klegseth

1935

Harold Ellingson
James Gunderson
Orval Tilleras
Phillip Morstad
Norval Strinmoen
Warren Horton
Thelma Overhaug
Cora Sollien
Eileen Solem

1936

Julia Lasseson
Margrethe Droivold
Gertrude Arlien
Melpha Sagdalen
Silas Vongroven
Howard Bergeson
C. Melius Bergeson
Norman Rosendahl
Milton Iverson

1937

Archie Klegseth
Hartvig Auna
Stanley Sollien
Emory Quandahl
Jerome Gunderson

1938

Jerome Arlien
Arne Overhaug
Sander Swenson
1939
Arthur Augedahl
Virlyn Bue
Donald Droivold
Jerome Melbostad
Glenn Morken
Lester Vongroven
Thelma Rosendahl
Floyd Strinmoen

Stella Strinmoen
Delores Bergeson
Avis Clauson
Betty Quandahl
Palma Raaen

1940

Osmund Quandahl
Norman Vongroven
Dorothy Bakken
Juliet Sollien
Verna Rosendahl
Pauline Horton

1941

Clarence Johnson
Garland Vongroven
Stanley Ellingson
Paul Quandahl
Helen Arlien
Elizabeth Droivold
Opal Severide
Alice Quandahl
Henrietta Veum

1942

Dale Clauson
Manceer Raaen
Almo Bergeson
Melvina Bakken
Kenneth Boots

1943

Palma Engan
Stella Rosendahl
Dorothy Droivold
Sylvia Wirth
Helen Clauson
Ardyce Flaten
Mildred Horgen
Andrew Sollien
Richard Quandahl
Kermit Iverson
Alf Myhre
Owen Myhre

1944

Norman Kannenberg
Beulah Peterson

1945

Eloise Quandahl
Sylvia Peterson

Francis Folkedahl
George Goodno

1946

Margaret Overhaug
Sandra Quandahl
Audrey Myhre
Jerald Clauson
Selmer Engan

1947

Merlin Magnusson
Charles Rosendahl

1948

Ellen Droivold
Verdayne Melbostad
Norman Klinge
Roger Bender

1949

Joanne Amundson
Naomi Quandahl
Martha Sollien
Alden Droivold
Sylvan Flaten
Kenneth Kamp
Gerald Myhre
Roger Powell
Loren Rud
Frederick Thompson

1950—(no class)

1951

Beverly Quandahl
Elaine Staveness
George Thompson
Naomi Thompson
Jerome Myhre
Virginia Myhre
Joycelyn Rud
Lyle Powell
Mrs. Mary Rosendahl

1952

Curtis Droivold
Ardis Melbostad
Darlene Rud

1953—(no class)

1954

Larry Blegen

Lennis Langlie
Mavis Rosendahl

1955

Judy Hauge
Carol Rosendahl
Judith Rud
Judith Tilleråas

1956—(no class)

1957—(no class)

1958

Lorraine Overhaug
Daryl Rud
Linda Swenson
Karen Langlie
Jaerdis Tilleråas
James Tollefsrud

1959

Rita Overhaug
Lois Swenson
Charles Thompson

1960—(no class)

1961—(no class)

1962

Alice Klegseth
Lorna Rud
Mrs. Ruby Klegseth
Gordon Vongroven

1963

Robert Powell
James Westby
Duane Melbostad
Gary Melbostad

1964

Bennie Larson
Judy Westby
Diane Melbostad
Shirley Tollefsrud
Audrey Vongroven
Judy Vongroven
Larry Vongroven

1965

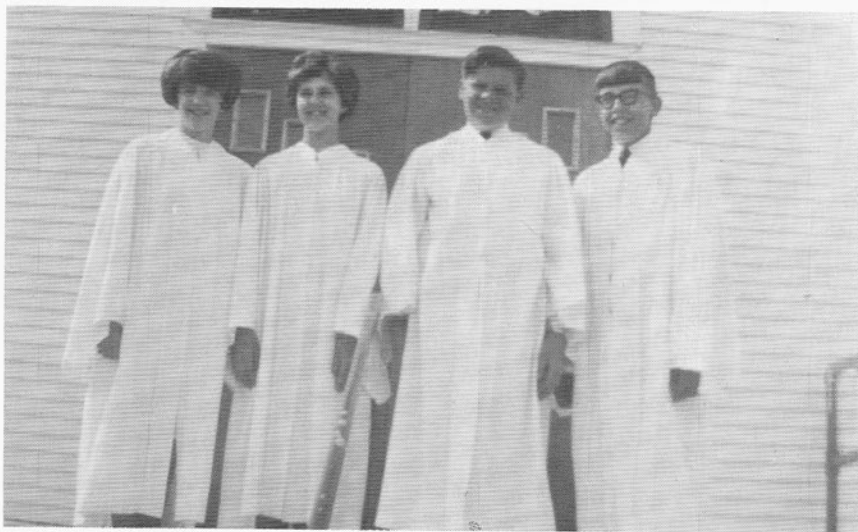
Connie Clauson
Deane Melbostad
Dennis Rud
Terry Tilleråas

1966

Bonnie Myhre
Dorene Langlie
Kathleen Swenson
Debra Rosendahl
Catherine Tollefsrud



Waterloo Ridge Confirmation Class (October 1893) Rev. Weium, Pastor
 Front row (left to right) — Marie Narjord, Julia Swenson, Elise Engan, Anna Flatberg, Anna Vernson, Clara Quandahl.
 Back row — Peder Horgen, Ole Alsberg, Mikkell Bakken, Julius Hagen.

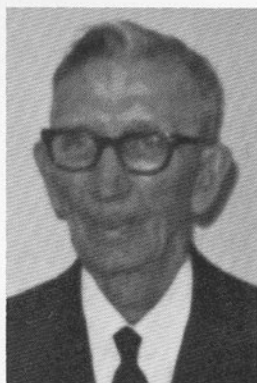


1967 Confirmation Class
 (Left to right) — Brenda Vongroven, Jeannine Tillerass, Gregory Rosendahl, Mark Rud.

OCTOGENARIANS



Clara Tyribakken



John Rud



Clara Rosendahl



Gilbert Rud



Mrs. Wermager



Albert E. Newhouse

SENIOR CITIZENS



Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Auna



Front row (left to right) — Clara Tyribakken, Josie Droivold, Laura Vongroven.
Back row — Rev. S. O. Sorlien, Carl J. Evenmoe, Arnold Melbostad, Martin Goodno, Gilbert Rud.



Front row (left to right) — Julia Goodno, Emma Klinge, Sarah Engan.
Back row — Carl Tilleraas, Olaf Tilleraas, Oscar Morken, Alfred Engan.

COMMITTEES



General Committee

Front row (left to right) — Edgar Lasseson, Blonda Lasseson, Shirley Droivold, Jarla Clauson, Judy Melbostad
Back row — Rev. S. O. Sorlien, Dale Droivold, Verdayne Melbostad



Antique Item Display Committee

(Left to right) — Mr. and Mrs. Orville Tilleraas, Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Tollefsrud, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Droivold, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Flatberg



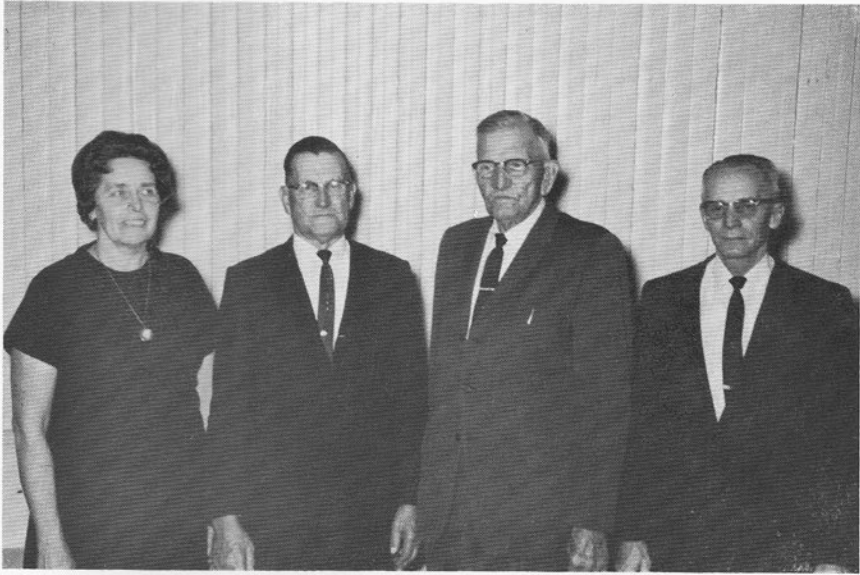
Exterior Decorating Committee

(Left to right) — Mr. and Mrs. Grant Melbostad, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Vongroven, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Clauson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Flaten



Floral Committee

Olga Evenmoe, Mrs. Gerhard Clauson, Selma Clauson



History Book Committee

(Left to right) — Tinka Rud, Gilman Rud, Gilbert Rud, Peter Swenson



Interior Decorating Committee

Front row (left to right) — Evelyn Langlie, Muriel, Muriel Tyribakken, Julia Vongroven, Peter Swenson

Back row — Oscar Langlie, Roy Tyribakken, Norman Vongroven, Glenn Morken



Program Committee

(Left to right) — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morken, Mr. and Mrs. Hartvig Auna, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Swenson



Publicity and Plate Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wright

Photographic Committee



Mr. and Mrs. James Tollefsrud



Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Melbostad



Picture taken 1913

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God!
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.



Memorial Committee

Front row (left to right) — Shirley Swenson, Selma Clauson, Mildred Myhre.
Back row — Sander Swenson, Carl Evenmoe, Arnold Melbostad, Owen Myhre.

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on page 5 by Dale Droivold.