

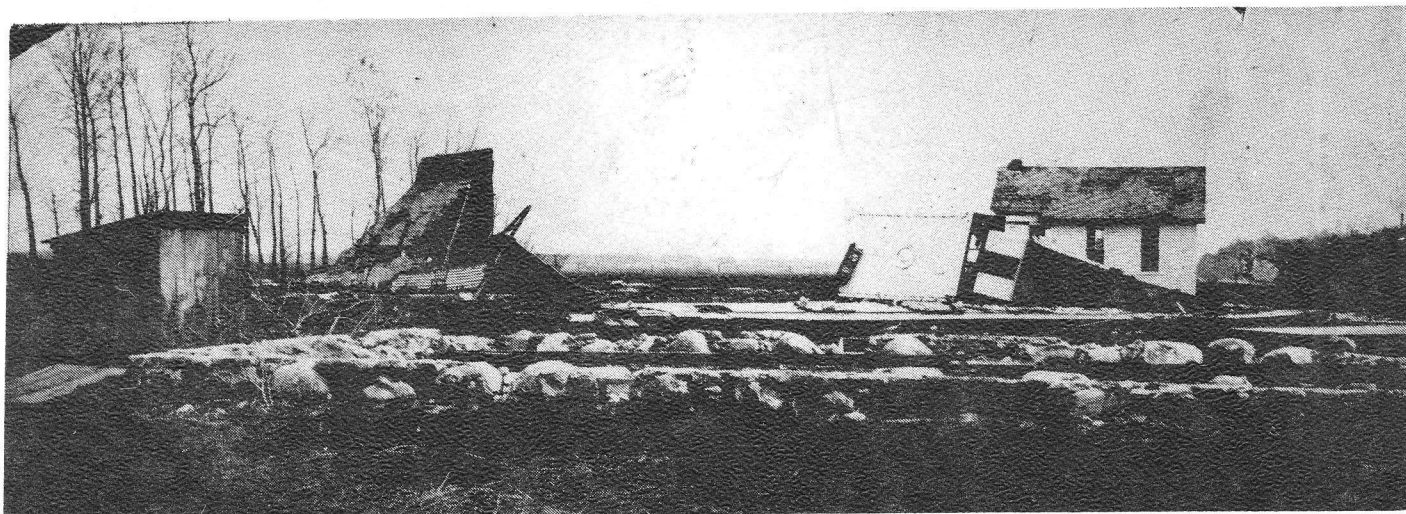
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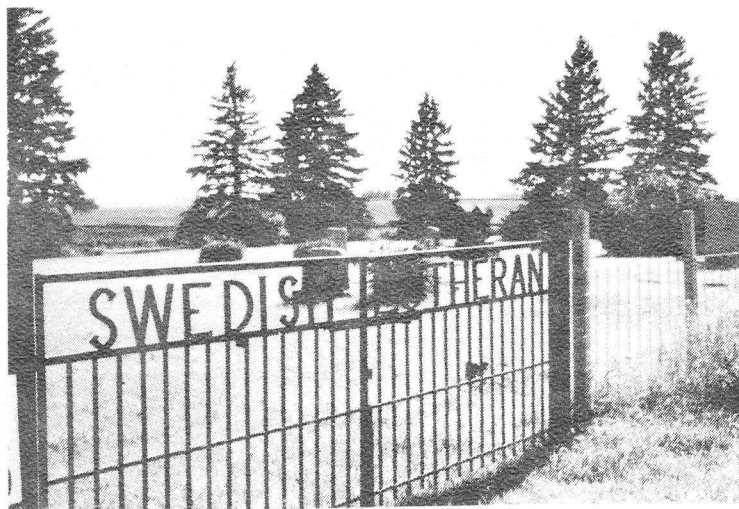
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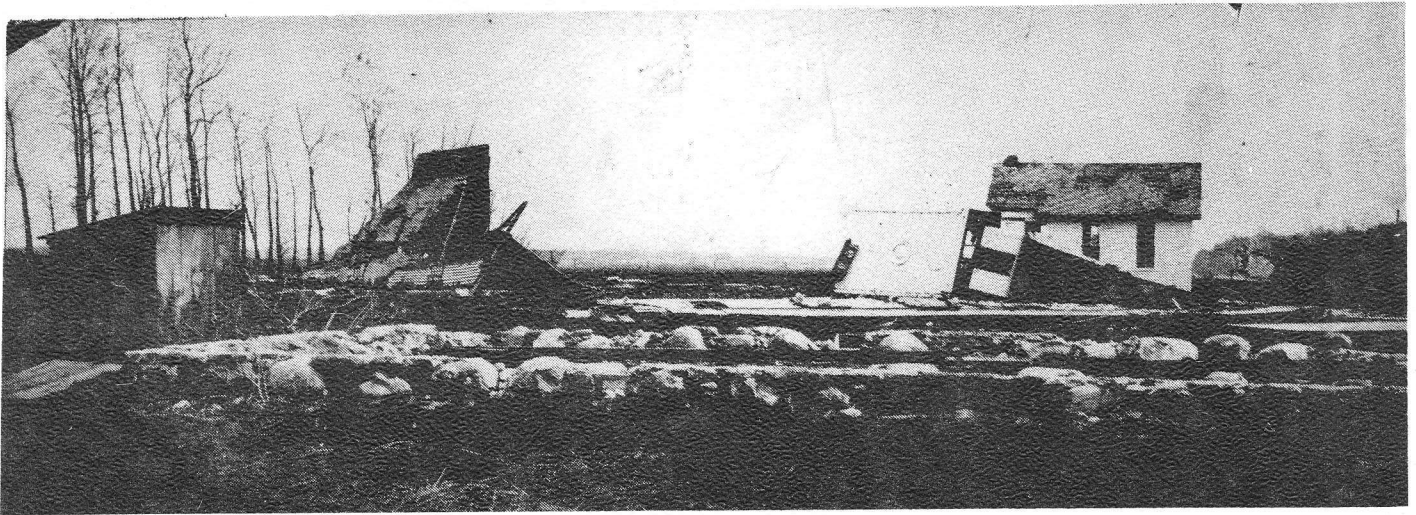
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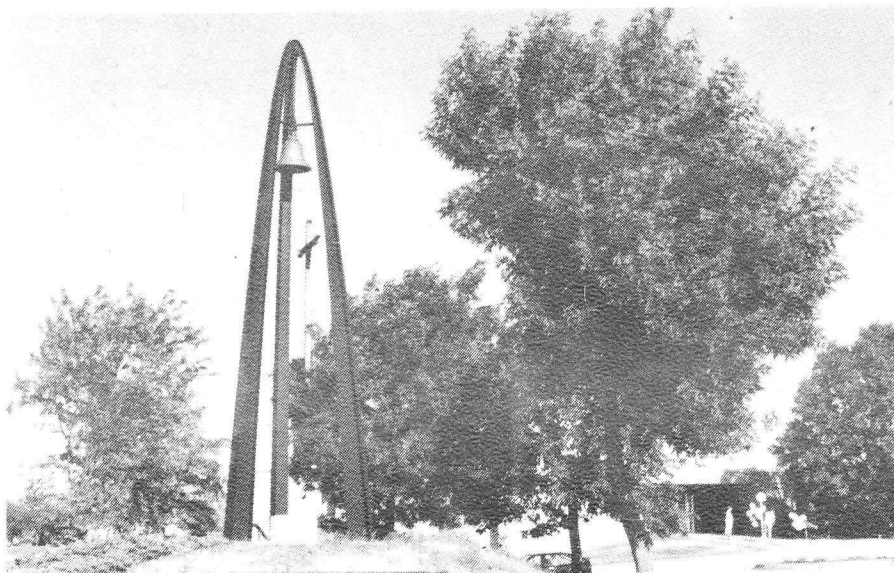
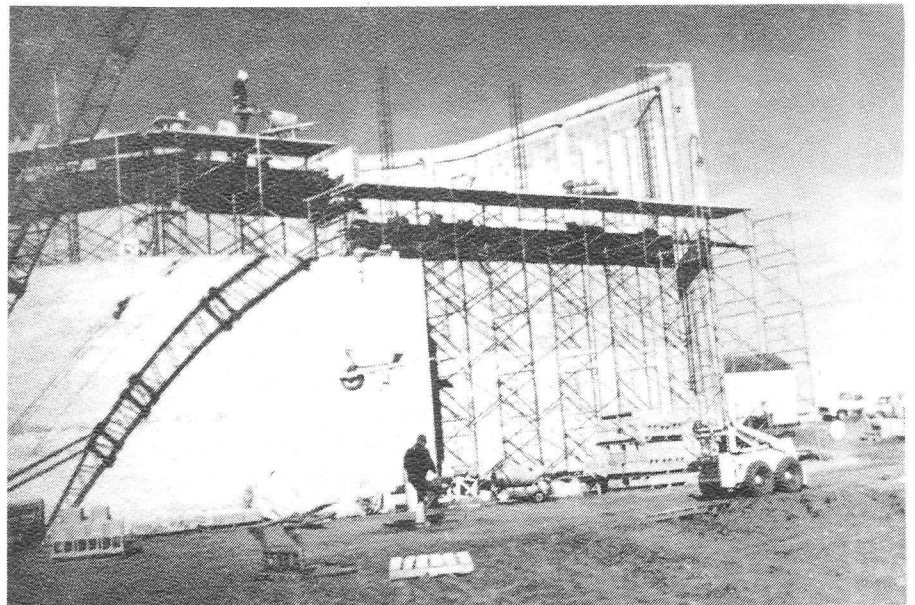
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On April 16, 1967, ground breaking for the new church took place. Among those participating were, Harvey Ordun, Hans Norgaard, Don Carlson, Gus Johanson and Pastor H. Eugene Cedarholm.

Construction began during the summer of 1967.



On August 14, 1977, Trinity remembered the origin of her growth by placing the bell, which had been purchased in 1910, for the Lincoln Church by Mrs. Andrew Olin, in the Trinity Memorial Bell Tower.



Above the altar in the newly formed Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was the beautiful painting of Christ in Gethsemane. This picture was painted by the artist Grafstrom of Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, and given by Mrs. Karl Lunbeck in 1914 to the Lincoln congregation.



The design of the nave in the new Trinity church grew out of the congregation's statement of beliefs and needs. It was desired that the seating arrangement gather the worshipping group as closely together as practicable around the pulpit, altar and font. This encourages a spirit of family togetherness and provokes a greater sense of involvement in the Sunday Liturgy.

Highlights of Trinity's History



The Senior Choir in 1952

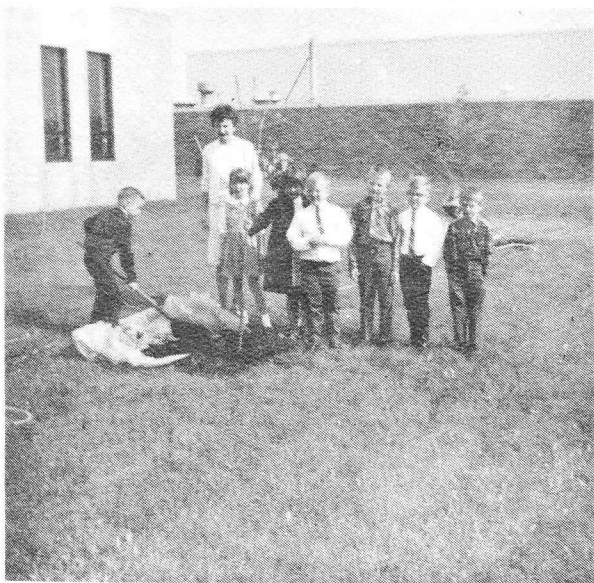
Pictured from left to right - Front Row - Kay Carlson, Ann Shumate, Marlene Johanson, Ruth Anderson, Esther Shumate, Elna Lidman.

Second Row - Rose Olson, Glo Hagberg, Sheryl Johnson, LaVonne Peterson, Beth Carlson, Hilda Peterson, Eunice Olin, director Tom Shumate.

Third Row - Harvey Sanford, Mel Hagberg, Enoch Carlson, Don Olin, Dick Carlson, unknown, Don Carlson, Rich Vande Vegte, Jack Van Norman



The Junior Choir made these banners for Pentecost Sunday in 1965. Pictured from left to right: Front Row - Debbie Harrison, Rochelle Clark, Rita Bergquist, Tim Kinkade, Barbara Carlson, Janet Ebel. Second Row - Cinthia Kinkade, Linda Harrison, Lynn Harrison, Jeannine Carlson, Debra Fairman. Top Row - James Kinkade, Delores Cedarholm, director, Tom Hage.



Lois Carlson and her first grade Sunday School class planting the Ash trees at our new church. in June, 1968.

Children pictured from left to right are: Scott Harrison, Lori Cedarholm, Michelle Hummel, Mike Blair, Andy Nelson, Brad Hanson and Kenny Ebel.



The Trinity Pioneers was made up of the senior citizens of the church. The group was organized in the early 1970's and met monthly.

Pictured from left to right. Ken and Lillian Speiss, Cecelia Carlson, Dorothea and Gus Bendlin, and Esther Shumate.



On April 9, 1976, members of Trinity took part in a Palm Sunday processional, complete with palm branches and a Beast of Burden. It began on W.14th St. and continued through the church where festival banners and instrumental music were added.



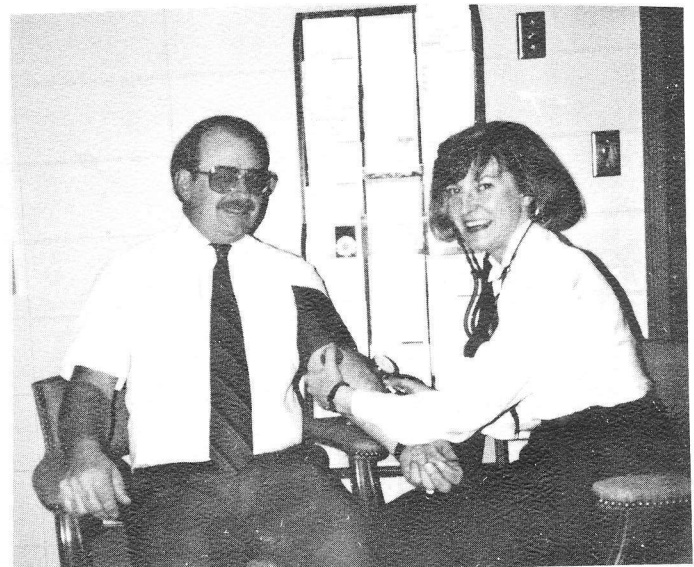
The 1989 Sunday Church School Christmas program.



The Van Cao family, was baptized on April 18, 1976. Sponsors were Shirley and Arnie Clark, Marian and Bertil Carlson, Pastor and Colleen Last, Harold and Pearl Heins, and Paul and Carmen Twesme.



Colleen Last taught one of the first ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at Trinity.



Jan Striepe began her parish nurse service in April, 1985. She and the members of the Social and Health Ministry Committee have increased members' knowledge of wholistic well being, responding to Jesus' command "to preach, teach and heal." Pictured left to right are Roger Green and Jan Striepe.



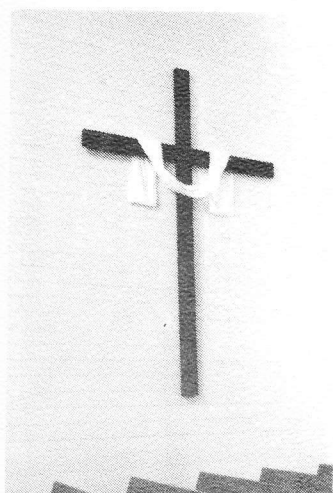
The 1965 Youth Convention was held in Miami Beach, FL. Pictured (l to r) Nancy (Stoll) Taylor, Barb (Johanson) Smith, Steve Peterson and Jerry Ebel. Arnie and Shirley Clark were the chaperones.



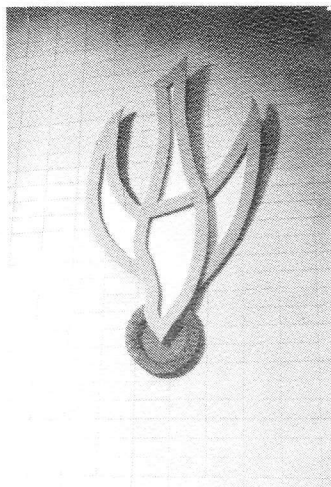
The 1991 Youth Gathering was held in Dallas, Texas. Pictured are Trinity's LYO Youth and sponsors. (l to r). Linda and Bob Bisgaard, sponsors, Angie Bisgaard, Chris Fritsch, Amy Huff, Jamie Butenhoff, Ben Bendlin, Josh Cook, and Dave Fritsch.



Trinity's Preschool and Daycare Center was established in 1979.



This cross, used during Lent and Easter was made by Pastor Gary Gabel and Myron Soppeland.



The dove, used for Pentecost was designed and constructed by Ron Behrens, a Trinity member.

Did You Know?

Lincoln Firsts

- ◆ Pastor Road, the first pastor, received a salary of \$150.00 a year.
- ◆ Charter members were:

Gustaf & Amanda Swenson
Carl & Katarina Freeberg
Johan Freeburg
Carl & Anna Lundbeck
Agda Lundbeck
Carl Wahlstrom
Aug. & Brita Johanson
Andreas & Albertina Olin
Johannes & Sofia Isakson
Lennard Person

Andrew Holmberg
Aug. Carlson
Frans Pearson
Frans & Karin Vettergren
Kristina Olson
Malakias & Lotta Wahlstrom
Gustaf & Maria Berglof
Albert Johanson
P. & Johanna Alert

- ◆ Elisa Nelson was the first organist.
- ◆ The first confirmation class: Ada Isaacson (Carlson), Selma Freeburg (Olson), and Carl Freeburg.
- ◆ The Lincoln Ladies Aid was organized on January 9, 1892.
- ◆ The first Luther League was organized in 1906.

Bethesda Firsts

- ◆ The first baby to be baptized was Rose Christina Miller, daughter of Axel Miller.
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. John Lidman were the first couple to be married in Bethesda.
- ◆ In its first year after organization, the church had 56 communicants and 20 children.
- ◆ Bethesda was privileged to have Rose Olson, Lily Wilson and Violet Emrich, triplets, in its congregation.

- ◆ Charter members were:

Carl & Johanna Carlson
Gust. & Margareta Hamberg
Axel & Anna Miller
A. & Bert Strand
Carl & Klara Gustafson
Johan Lundbeck
Anna Carlson

Emma Johnson
Herman Setterlund
Kristina Hendrickson
Kristina Hamberg
Emma Hendrickson
Mrs. A.G. Anderson

Trinity Firsts

- ◆ The Reverend Leonard Smith was Trinity's first pastor.
- ◆ The Lincoln Church bell rang from Trinity's tower for the first time on Easter, April 9, 1950.
- ◆ Florence VandeVegte, now of Maple Plain, MN, was the first choir director. Even though she felt musically inept and had a small family to care for, she held this position until Tom Shumate came to Spencer to become Trinity's director of music.
- ◆ Trinity was the first church in Spencer to sponsor an Asian refugee family. Cu and Cuc Van Cao and three children from Vietnam came the summer of 1975.
- ◆ Colleen Last and Shirley Clark taught the first ESL (English as a second Language) classes in Trinity.
- ◆ In 1985, Jan Striepe introduced the Parish Nurse concept to Trinity.
- ◆ On August 25, 1968, Matthew David Bendlin, the son of Robert and Sue Bendlin, was the first child baptized in our new church. Sponsors were Larry and Laura Bendlin. Pastor H. Eugene Cedarholm officiated.

Did You Know?

♦ Andrew Mortenson, who was not a member of the church, built the Bethesda Church and gave it to the congregation for worship. The deed to the land was not secured until 1917 when it was purchased for \$100 by Alfred Johnson, a member of Bethesda, and given to the congregation.

♦ The Danish people in Spencer used Bethesda for services, too. They paid a rental of 50 cents each Sunday during the summer but paid 75 cents each Sunday during the winter.

♦ Harvey and Joan Sanford were members of Trinity during Pastor Setterlund's years of service. One Sunday, while the choir practiced their anthem in the basement of the church, David, the Sanford's 4 yr. old son, went upstairs. When he came back, his mother said, "Was anybody up there?" "Just God," he answered (referring to Pastor Setterlund)

♦ There was a period of time when Trinity had serious water problems in the basement. The water was so deep that the basement could not be used. Shirley Clark's Jr. High Sunday School class, who met on the stage, had a good view of the water each week. As part of their study of the Psalms, they were asked to write a psalm of their own. One group came up with this fitting lament.

Save me, O God,
For the water comes deep into the basement.
The waters have risen to my neck.
I sink into deep misery.
I am swept into deep water,
And the flood carries me away.

I am wearied with crying out; my throat is sore,
My eyes grow dim as I wait for God to help me.
How long must I wait for my rescue?

Do not let me sink, let not the flood carry
me away.

by Melody Knoploh, Peggy Nelson, Michelle
Hummel, Colette Clark (Rossiter)

♦ During the years of Pastor Jacobson's service at Trinity this problem was finally resolved. The basement floor was raised and eventually carpeted.



The parsonage at 114 E. 9th St. was built in 1911 for \$3,640. It was owned by both churches. Bethesda owned 1/3 and Lincoln owned 2/3. This remained a parsonage until 1975 when it was sold. This same year, Pastor Michael Last became the first pastor of Trinity to purchase his own home.

Dedication

We dedicate this book to a small group of Swedish settlers whose vision, dedication and perseverance enabled them to establish a church in this area, a church that grew and grew.

Throughout the past one hundred years the church's one foundation has been Jesus Christ our Lord. This belief has led God's people in the past. As we enter the next one hundred years, we pray that the Lord will continue to be the rock of our salvation and that we will go forward in faith to carry out our mission in the world.

Centennial Executive Committee



Front row (l to r) Merlyn Winther, Lois Carlson, Shirley Clark, Arnie Clark, Kathy Brandt, Sonna Winther.
Back row (l to r) Bernice Back, Ron Bauermeister, Marlyce Bauermeister, Pastor Maisenbach, Mitch Brandt.

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