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**Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. Records of Scandian Grove
Lutheran Church, Norseland, Minnesota, 1858-1993.**

LCA Collection 12

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. Records of Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Norseland, Minnesota, 1858-1993. LCA Collection 12. 3 Records Center Cartons, 1 oversize Hollinger box, 3 Hollinger boxes, 2 note card boxes, 1 flat box, 1 telescoping box, and 1 oversize folder.

ABSTRACT:

The Scandian Grove Lutheran Church collection consists of the church's records from its founding in 1858 through the creation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Materials include annual reports, minutes, membership cards and lists, transfer records, financial ledgers, Sunday bulletins, photographs, and event programs along with other less substantial papers. Also included are two histories written by Emeroy Johnson, and short history written by Herman Solomonson that includes information about the Dakota Conflict in 1862 and the grasshopper plague from 1873-78. The church served a Swedish-American population, and as a result, many records from the 1800s and early 1900s are in Swedish. Scandian Grove Lutheran Church is located approximately twelve miles to the northwest of St. Peter, Minnesota. There are a couple materials after the ELCA's formation during January 1988.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Swedish immigrants banded together to form the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church on 13 June 1858. These Lutherans had been meeting informally in the home of Andrew Thorson since 1855. Their church community became one of the thirteen original congregations within the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Located just outside of Norseland, Minnesota and approximately twelve miles from St. Peter, Minnesota, members of the local congregation played a role in bringing Gustavus Adolphus College to St. Peter. Members served on the college's building committee, and they pledged the needed financial resources to help the college grow. The congregation of the church has been primarily farmers and people living in rural areas of Nicollet County.

* Information obtained from the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection is described within the following seven content areas.

Administrative, 1858-1992: This series shows activities and actions of the church's administration. Materials include reports, minutes, protocol books, opinion surveys, and records of the library. Most documents are pre 1986, with one annual report from 1992.

Events, 1910-1983: Materials in this section are diverse but pertain to church events. Included are bulletins for Sunday services, funerals, special events, and programs. The bulk of materials are from the late 1940s through the late 1970s.

Financial, 1889-1986: Records in the financial portion of this collection consist of budgets, offering/donation records, treasurer ledger books, financial receipts, and stewardship planning files.

Groups and Church Bodies, 1892-1988: Papers of many organizations active within Scandian Grove are included. These include the Augustana Church Women, Churchmen, Junior Missionary Society, Ladies Aid, Luther League, Lutheran Brotherhood, Lutheran Church Women, Miriam Circle, Ninety and Nine Club, Sewing Circle, Women's

Missionary Society, Young People's Society, and the Young Women's Missionary Society.

Histories, 1892-1983: Clippings of various anniversaries and dedications make up this series. Included in this section are two books written by Emeroy Johnson.

Membership, 1858-1993: Papers in this portion of the collection document members from the church's founding through its merger into the ELCA. Major materials include directory books and transfer records. In addition, there are papers concerning confirmands, communion records, and vacation bible school reports and attendance logs.

Miscellaneous, 1883-1980s: This section includes sermon notes and the pastoral call for Rev. John Pehrson, a letter from Mrs. Cederstam to Mrs. Benson, letters to Pastor Belland after the church fire, newspaper clippings relating to the church and its members, scrapbook pages, and photographs of members, clergy, and Confirmation classes.

RESTRICTIONS:

There are no restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. However, some materials are in fragile condition and access may be limited. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of the Lutheran Church Archives, the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, and Gustavus Adolphus College.

COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Emilie Lokensgard, Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, donated part of this collection during April 2015.

PROCESSED BY:

Jeff A. Jenson processed this collection and developed the finding aid during May 2010.

Adrianna Darden processed additional materials during April 2012 and April 2015.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Reel 107. Augustana Synod, Minnesota Conference Congregations. Microfilm Reels of Minnesota Conference Congregations, Augustana Synod, Various Dates. LCA Collection 14.

Church records created since the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on 1 January 1988 are either retained by the congregation or have been transferred to the ELCA's archives.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church (Nicollet County, Minn.)

Protestant churches -- United States -- Minnesota.

Swedish Americans -- Minnesota -- Nicollet County.

Norseland (Minn.) -- Churches.

Church records and registers -- Minnesota -- Nicollet County.

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Administrative, 1858-1992		
Annual Reports, 1966-71	1	1
Annual Reports, 1972-77	1	2
Annual Reports, 1978-86 and 1992	1	3
Architectural Drawings and Floor Plans, 1892	10	--
Board of Deacons and Church Council Minutes, 1941-49	2	41
Board of Trustees Minutes, 1950-63	3	11
Church Board/Board of Administration and Church Council Minutes, 1929-61	3	12
Church Council Minutes (Kyrkoråds Protokoll Bok), 1880-86 and 1891-1909	2	42
Church Council Minutes, 1963-65	2	43
Church Protocols (Protokols Bok), 1858-86	1	4
Church Protocols (Protokols Bok), 1887-1913	3	1
Church Protocols (Protokols Bok), 1914-29	3	2
Contract with Ernest H. Schmidt, Architect, to build the Parsonage, undated	3	13
Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1965 and 1979	1	5
Correspondence, Pastoral Letters to Congregants and Miscellaneous, 1966-80	1	6
Internship Report, "A View from the Prairie" by Nancy Lee Ogren, 1986	2	19
Library Records, 1884-1912	1	7
Meeting Minutes of the Board, 1932-50 (Includes a Sweet Corn Acreage Contract)	1	8
Minutes of the Congregation, Ledger, 1930-48	3	3
Minutes, 91-97 Annual Meetings, 1950-56	1	9
Minutes, 98-102 Annual Meetings, 1957-61	1	10
Minutes, 103-113 Annual Meetings, 1962-72 (Missing 109)	1	11
Newsletters, July 1978-November 1979	1	12
Newsletters, January 1980-February 1983	1	35
Newsletters, December 1988-October 1989	1	13
Specifications for Parsonage, 1892	3	4
Surveys of Opinion, 1950 and 1967	1	14
Warranty Deed, 1873 (photocopy)	2	20
Events, 1910-1983		
400 th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Program, 1921	2	21
Centennial Days, Guest Book, 13-15 June 1958	7	6
Dedication of New Church Building, 24 August 1980	2	44
Funeral Bulletins and Cards, 1950s-80s	1	15
Historical Pageant Script, 1983	2	22
Programs, 1956-81	1	16
Service Bulletins, 27 February 1949-66	1	17
Service Bulletins, 1967-74	1	18
Service Bulletins, 1975-76	1	19
Service Bulletins, 1977-78	1	20

Service Bulletins, 1979	1	21
Special Services, Programs, and Events, 1970s-80s	2	23
Sunday School Christmas Program, 1910	1	22
Wedding Bulletins, 1960s-80s	2	24
Financial, 1889-1986		
Budgets, 1965-67, 1971, and 1986	1	23
Centennial Thank Offering, Ledger, 1943-44	3	5
Charity and Donations (Missionen och Vålgörande), Ledger, 1892-1917	1	24
Offering Book (Kollekter och Offer), 1893-1918	1	25
Receipts, 1889-94	1	26
Receipts, 1895	1	27
Receipts, 1896-1903	1	28
Reports, 1929-48	3	14
Special Accounts, Ledger, 1901-07	3	6
Stewardship, Church Records and Mailings, 1959-61, 1972, and 1975-77	1	29
Stewardship, General Documents and Training Materials, 1960	1	30
Treasurer's Book, Ledger, 1892-97	3	7
Treasurer's Book, Ledger, 1897-1904	3	8
Treasurer's Book, Ledger, 1897-1905	10	--
Treasurer's Book, Ledger, 1932-40	3	9
Treasurer's Report, Sunday School, 5 January 1929	1	31
Groups and Church Bodies, 1892-1988		
Augustana Lutheran Church Women, Minutes, 1959-69	3	15
Augustana Lutheran Church Women/Lutheran Church Women, Financial Ledger, 1959-73	3	16
Churchmen, Minutes, 1965-96	3	17
Junior Missionary Society, Secretary and Treasurer Reports, 1946-50	1	32
Junior Missionary Society, Financial Ledger, 1950-52	3	18
Junior Missionary Society, Minutes, 1952-62	5	1
Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1923-25	2	45
Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1926-29	2	46
Ladies Aid, Financial Ledger, 1927-49	5	2
Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1929-31	2	47
Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1931-37	2	48
Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1939-48	2	49
Ladies Aid, Financial Ledger, 1948-58	5	3
Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1948-59	5	4
Luther League, Minutes, 1924-29	4	1
Luther League, Minutes, 1929-34	4	2
Luther League, St. Peter District, Annual Convention, Program, 1932 or 1938	7	7
Luther League, Minutes, 1934-37	4	3
Luther League, Secretary Book, Meeting Minutes, 1937-44	2	1
Luther League, Financial Ledger, 1949-96	5	5
Luther League, Minutes, 1951-59	5	6

Luther League, Correspondence, 1958	2	2
Luther League, Leaguers' Log, 1959	2	2
Luther League, Minutes, 1959-66	6	1
Luther League, Minutes, 1967-71	4	4
Lutheran Brotherhood, Minutes, 1929-35	6	2
Lutheran Brotherhood, Minutes, 1936-47	6	3
Lutheran Brotherhood/Churchmen, Minutes, 1947-64	6	4
Lutheran Church Women, Minutes, 1969-88	6	5
Miriam Circle, Minutes, 1952-61	4	5
Ninety and Nine Club, Minutes, 1951-63	4	6
Ninety and Nine Club, Financial Ledger, 1952-85	4	7
Ninety and Nine Club, Minutes, 1963-81	6	6
Norseland Cornet Band, Constitution, 1892	2	25
Sewing Circle, Financial Ledger, 1914-30	6	7
Sewing Circle, Minutes, 1918-27	6	8
Sewing Circle, Minutes, 1927-32	4	8
Sewing Circle, Financial Ledger, 1931-43	4	9
Sewing Circle, Minutes, 1933-42	4	10
Sunday School Teachers, Minutes, 1943-47	4	11
Sunday School Teachers, Minutes, 1953-68	4	12
Sunday School Teachers, Minutes, 1969-86	4	13
Women's Missionary Society, Minutes, 1929-37	4	14
Women's Missionary Society, Financial Ledger, 1947-55	7	1
Women's Missionary Society, Minutes, 1949-58	7	2
Women's Missionary Society, History by Elva Johnson, c. 1952	7	3
Young People's Society, Minutes, 1909-19	7	4
Young Women's Missionary Society/Miriam Circle, Minutes, 1948-52	7	5
Histories, 1923-1983		
80 th Anniversary of Swedish Lutheran in Scandian Grove, July 2-3, 1938 by P.P. Quist	2	26
Anniversary and Rededication Programs, 1923-73	2	3
Anniversary, Clippings, 75 th , 1933	2	4
Anniversaries, Clippings, 100 th , 105 th , 110 th , 115 th , 125 th , 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, and 1983	2	5
Anniversary, 125 th , Clippings and Programs, 1983	7	8
"A Hundred Years of Sweden, New Sweden, and Scandian Grove, 1850-1950," by Herman Solomonson, c. 1956	2	27
Norseland Community, Brief History, 1976	2	28
Publications about the history of Scandian Grove, undated	2	29
<i>Scandian Grove: A History of the Scandian Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota, 1858-1958</i> by Emeroy Johnson, 1958	2	30
<i>Scandian Grove, A New Look: A History of the Scandian Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota, 1858-1980</i> by Emeroy Johnson, 1980	2	31

“Swedish Lutheran History: Published on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the First Lutheran Church of Scandian Grove, Nicollet County, Minnesota” supplement to <i>The St. Peter Herald</i> , 23 June 1933	Map Case	--
Membership, 1858-1993		
Baptismal Record, 1864-79	2	32
“The Charter Members of the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota: A Tentative Study” by Emeroy Johnson, July 1978	2	33
Church Record, Membership Details, 1858-c. 1883 (see working transcript)	2	6
Church Record, Membership Details, 1858-c. 1883 (working transcript)	1	33
Church Register, late 1800s-early 1900s	10	--
Communion Record (?), 1911-17	2	7
Confirmation Classes, 1864-1979	2	34
Confirmation Pupils, 1910-11	1	22
Member Directories, 1984 and 1993	2	35
Membership Cards, A-P, undated	8	--
Membership Cards, Q-Z, undated	9	--
Membership List (?), People from Christianstad, undated	1	34
Membership List (?), People from Christianstad, undated	2	8
Membership List (?), People from Färlöv, undated	2	9
Membership List (?), undated	2	10
Membership List (?), undated	2	11
Schedule and Directory Books, 1964-72	2	12
Schedule and Directory Books, 1973-82	2	13
Schedule and Directory Books, 1983-86	2	14
Transfers, A-H, 1860s-1950s (perhaps 1850s)	2	15
Transfers, I-N, 1860s-1961 (perhaps 1850s)	2	16
Transfers, O-Z, 1860s-1966 (perhaps 1850s)	2	17
Vacation Bible School, Reports and Attendance Logs, 1946-48	2	18
Miscellaneous, 1883-1980s		
Church members and miscellaneous pictures, 1885, 1903, 1910, 1978, and undated	2	36
Church Schedules, 1970-71	7	9
Clergy pictures, 1883-1978	2	37
Confirmation pictures, 1949 and 1950	8	1
Confirmation pictures, 1951-66	2	38
An Explanation of the Stained Glass Windows, undated	7	13
“In the Footsteps of Emigrants” (I Utvandrarernas Spår), undated	7	13
Letter from Mrs. Cederstam to Mrs. Malena Benson, 1878 (includes translation)	2	39
Letters to Pastor Belland and the congregations after the church fire, 1978-79	7	10
Newspaper Clippings, 1920s-80s	2	40

Rev. John Pehrson/Pehrsson, Pastoral Call (transcription and translation) 1863, and Sermon Notes, 1884 and undated	3	10
Scrapbook Pages, 1958-80	6	9
Scrapbook Pages, 1977-80	7	11
Service Flag, undated	11	--
Sunday School, Gold Class, Programs, 1958-60	7	12