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**Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church. Records of Clear Lake
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gibbon, Minnesota, 1871-1988.**

LCA Collection 20

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ABSTRACT:

The Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church collection consists of the church's records from its founding in 1871 to its closing in 1988. Materials include minutes, membership lists, transfer records, financial ledgers, baptism certificates, marriage certificates, land deeds, cemetery deeds, records of ministerial acts, and event programs. The church served a Swedish-American population, and therefore, many early records are in Swedish. Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church was located in Gibbon, Minnesota.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Swedish Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sibley County was founded on 30 October 1871. There was no church building when the constitution was signed, and a debate continued for six years as to where the church would be built. During that time, there were essentially two congregations, East and West. In 1877, the church was finally built, and the two congregations merged. The congregation adopted the 1939 Synod constitution during the January 1940 annual meeting. Subsequently, the church's name changed from the Swedish Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sibley County to the Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gibbon, Minnesota. The church was dissolved on 31 December 1988.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is divided into four series: administrative, financial, committees and groups, and miscellaneous.

Administrative, 1871-1977: This series is comprised of administrative materials such as birth certificates, cemetery deeds with corresponding map, transfer certificates, church registers, records of ministerial acts, marriage licenses, lists of confirmands, and construction contracts.

Financial, 1910-88: This series holds financial records of the church. There are mostly treasurer's books, but there are also some bank statements, bills, a stock certificate, and insurance policies.

Committees and Groups, 1895-1979: This series consists of minutes, treasurer's books from the Centennial Committee, the Ladies Aid Society, L.C.W., the Lutheran Brotherhood/Churchmen, the Willing Workers, and the Women's Club.

Miscellaneous, 1877-1980: Retained in this series are a number of miscellaneous items such as programs and greetings from different anniversaries of the church. There is also a guest book, and newspaper articles.

RESTRICTIONS:

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ACQUISITION:

Rev. Timothy Thoreson donated this collection during July 1989.

PROCESSED BY:

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during November 2010.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Reel 88. Augustana Synod, Minnesota Conference Congregations. Microfilm Reels of Minnesota Conference Congregations, Augustana Synod, Various Dates. LCA Collection 14.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Clear Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church (Sibley County, Minn.)

Protestant churches -- United States -- Minnesota.

Swedish Americans -- Minnesota -- Sibley County.

Gibbon (Minn.) -- Churches.

Church records and registers -- Minnesota -- Gibbon.

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Birth Certificates, 1877-86	1	1
Cemetery Deeds, 1947-58 and By-Laws, 1946	1	2
Cemetery Plat Map, 1946	4	1
Certificates to Transfer from Clear Lake, 1926-67	3	1
Certificates to Transfer to Clear Lake, 1876-1950	3	2
Church Register, 1871-1977	4	-
Church Register and Record of Ministerial Acts, 1951-72	1	3
Confirmation Classes, 1885-1946	2	4
Correspondence Concerning Synod Name Change, 1947-49	1	4
Documents and Correspondence Regarding Call of Rev. H.O. Hemming, 1895	3	3
Land Deeds, 1878, 1880, 1885-86	3	4
Marriage Licenses, 1926-42 and 1972	1	5
Parochial Report to Synod, 1939	1	6
Parsonage Construction Contracts, 1926	1	7
Records of Ministerial Acts, 1924-85	4	-
Financial, 1910-88		
Bank Statements and Checks, 1949-52	1	8
Certificate of Exempt Status, 1969	1	9
Improvement Fund, Treasurer's Book, 1952-77	1	10
Insurance Policies, 1910-18, 1964, 1979, 1981 and 1983	3	5
Memorial Fund, Treasurer's Book, 1959-87	1	11
Miscellaneous Improvement Bills, 1949-50	3	6
Stock Certificate, Klossner Co-Operative Oil Company, 1940	1	12
Subscription List and Promissory Note for New Parsonage, 1926	1	13
Treasurer's Book, 1940-43	1	14
Treasurer's Book, 1944-48	1	15
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Treasurer's Book, 1981-88	1	24
Committees and Groups, 1895-1979		
Centennial Committee, Minutes, 1970-71	1	25
Ladies Aid Society, Treasurer's Book and Minutes, 1938-58	1	26
L.C.W. (Lutheran Church Women,) Treasurer's Book, 1959-79	1	27
Lutheran Brotherhood, Minutes, 1939-40	1	28
Lutheran Brotherhood/Churchmen, Minutes, 1959-83	1	29
Willing Workers, Treasurer's Book and Minutes, 1930-43	2	1

Women's Club, Treasurer's Book, 1895-1930	2	2
Miscellaneous, 1877-1980		
70 th Anniversary, Programs and Greetings, 1941	3	7
75 th Anniversary, Program, Invitation and Greetings, 1946	3	8
80 th Anniversary, Emeroy Johnson's Sermon Notes and "The Church Beacon," 1951	3	9
90 th Anniversary, Program, 1961	3	10
100 th Anniversary, Program and Greetings, 1971	3	11
Centennial Festivity, Guest Book, 1971	2	3
Marriage Certificate in German, 1879	3	12
Minutes of First Meeting, 23 September 1877; List of Pastors, 1872-1965; Bulletin 27 January 1980	3	13
Newspaper Articles, 1928, 1932, 1960 and undated	2	5
Reminiscences of Andrew A. Gulbranson, undated	2	6