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**Kansas Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church. Records of the Kansas
Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1871-2009.**

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ABSTRACT:

The Kansas Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church collection consists of the church's records from its founding in 1871 through the church's closing in 2009. Materials include annual reports, minutes, membership and confirmation lists, financial ledgers, guest books, and event programs along with other less substantial papers. Originally, the church served a Swedish-American population, and as a result, some of the records from the 1800s and early 1900s are in Swedish. Kansas Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church was located near the rural town of Butterfield, Minnesota.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Kansas Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially formed on Saturday, 2 December 1871 when the Augustana Synod's proposed constitution for congregations was adopted. Congregation members were Swedish-Americans who had started meeting on 11 February 1871 at the home of Hendrick Hendrickson and decided that the community was in need of both a school and a church.

The congregation suffered sometimes from hardships, including a fire that burned down the church in 1904. However, members persevered, rebuilt their church, and remained together into the early 21st century. After 138 years of service, congregants, due to the "changing face of the rural community," made the decision to cease operation during 2009.

*Information obtained from the collection and Matt McCarbe, "Kansas Lake's 138 Years of Worship Comes to a Close," *St. James Plaindealer*, 24 June 2009, accessed 11 November 2011, <http://www.stjamesnews.com/news/x135724541/Kansas-Lake-s-138-years-of-worship-comes-to-a-close>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is divided into seven series: Administrative; Events; Financial; Group and Church Bodies; Histories; Membership; and Miscellaneous.

Administrative, 1871-2009:

This series shows activities and actions of the church's administration. Materials include reports, minutes, and records of the library.

Events, 1936-2009:

Materials in this section are diverse but pertain to church events. Included are bulletins for special events and programs.

Financial, 1871-2009:

Records in the financial portion of this collection consist of budgets, offering/donation records, treasurer ledger books, and financial receipts.

Groups and Church Bodies, 1892-2009:

Papers of many organizations active within Kansas Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church are included. These include the Junior Missionary Society, Luther League, Willing Workers, Christeens, Ladies Aid, Dorcas Society, Lutheran Church Women, Family Night, and Sunday School. In addition, this collection contains many of the groups' dues books. There is also a combined scrapbook for the Dorcas Society, Ladies Aid, and Lutheran Church Women which also contains photographs.

Histories, 2009:

This collection contains a compiled history of the church with excerpts from Reverend David Davoux, Cora V. Eckstrom, and Peggy Romsdahl. In addition, there are stories and reflections of current and past members of the church. Also, there is material concerned with the closing of the church.

Membership, 1908-2008:

Major materials include church yearbooks, confirmation records, and congregation photos.

Miscellaneous, 1961-2009:

This series contains guest books as well as church correspondences.

RESTRICTIONS:

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ACQUISITION:

Joyce Bolte donated this collection during July 2010.

PROCESSED BY:

Amber Holets, archives intern, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during November 2011.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Reel 99. Augustana Synod, Minnesota Conference Congregations. Microfilm Reels of Minnesota Conference Congregations, Augustana Synod, Various Dates. LCA Collection 14.

DIGITAL CONTENT:

Portions of this collection have been digitized and are available online through our [digital collections](#).

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Kansas Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church (Watonwan County, Minn.)

Protestant churches -- United States -- Minnesota.

Swedish Americans -- Minnesota -- Watonwan County.

Butterfield (Minn.) -- Churches.

Women -- Minnesota (State) -- Butterfield -- Societies and clubs.

Youth -- Minnesota (State) -- Butterfield -- Societies and clubs.

Sunday schools -- Minnesota (State) -- Butterfield.

Church records and registers -- Minnesota -- Butterfield.

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Annual Meeting Minutes, 1953-59	1	6
Annual Meeting Minutes, 1960-69	1	7
Annual Meeting Minutes, 1970-72, 1976-79	1	8
Annual Meeting Minutes, 1980-86	1	9
Annual Meeting Minutes, 2000, 2007-09	1	10
Board Meeting Minutes, 1901-40	1	18
Board Meeting Minutes and Letters, 1941-59	4	12
Board Meeting Minutes and Letters, 1978-91	4	13
Board Meeting Minutes, 1992-95	1	19
Board Meeting Minutes, 1996-2000	1	20
Church Library Holdings, 1960-69	2	38
Notice of Special Meeting, May 1943	5	4
Secretary's Book of Meeting Minutes, 1871-91	3	1
Secretary's Book of Meeting Minutes, 1885-1901	3	2
Secretary's Book of Meeting Minutes, 1891-1908	3	3
Secretary's Book of Meeting Minutes, 1909-37	3	4
Secretary's Book of Meeting Minutes, 1938-52	3	5
Events, 1936-2009		
Christmas Programs, 1936-c. 1993	5	3
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Church Programs, 1959-84	2	33
Financial, 1871-2009		
Building Fund, 1966-99	2	17
Church Funds, 1934-65	2	19
Income Statements, October 1994-December 1999	5	1
Income Statements, January 2000-April 2002	5	2
Lindquist and Investment Funds, 1965-81	2	18
Proposed Budget, 1972-73	1	17
Treasurer's Book, 1871-91	3	10
Treasurer's Book, 1892-1908	3	11
Treasurer's Book, 1909-30	3	12
Treasurer's Book, 1931-61	3	13
Treasurer's Book, 1932-33	1	16
Treasurer's Book, 1966, 1970-88	6	--
Groups and Church Bodies, 1892-2009		
Dorcas/Young Women's Mission, Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Book, 1948-58	1	26
Choir, Treasurer's Book, 1922-39	2	34
Christeens, Meeting Minutes, 1960-62	2	30
Church Women, Annual Reports of the President, 1958-90	2	35
Church Women, Scrapbook, 1961-88	2	36
Church Women, Meeting Minutes, 1964-77	4	6
Church Women, Meeting Minutes, 1978-91	4	7

Church Women, Rebecca/Bethany Unit, 1959-76	2	20
Church Women, Treasury Books, 1905-34	2	37
Committee on Christian Education/ Parish Education Committee, Meeting Minutes, 1964-77	2	31
Family Night, Meeting Minutes, 1975-81	3	6
Family Night, Meeting Minutes, 1982-87	3	7
Family Night, Finance Book, 1930-84	3	8
Family Night, Finance Book, 1985-2000	3	9
Junior Mission, Meeting Minutes, 1926-29	1	21
Junior Mission, Band Meeting Minutes, 1931-38	1	22
Junior Mission, Band/Society Meeting Minutes, 1938-56	1	23
Junior Mission, Meeting Minutes, 1956-68	3	14
Junior Mission, Meeting Minutes, 1968-71	3	15
Junior Mission, Membership and Treasury Book, 1927-49	1	24
Junior Mission, Treasury Book, 1950-71	1	25
Ladies Aid, Dues Book, 1931-34	2	16
Ladies Aid, Dues Book, 1935-57	4	5
Ladies Aid, Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Book, 1892-1923	2	12
Ladies Aid, Secretary's Book, 1924-31	2	13
Ladies Aid, Meeting Minutes, 1932-40	2	14
Ladies Aid, Secretary's Book, 1940-52	4	3
Ladies Aid, Secretary's Book, 1952-63	4	4
Ladies Aid, Treasurer's Book, 1935-59	2	15
Ladies Aid, Treasurer's Book, 1944-59	4	2
Willing Workers, Meeting Minutes, 1909 (predecessor to Luther League)	2	23
Willing Workers/Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1909-14	2	24
Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1914-17	2	25
Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1917-21	2	26
Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1921-26	2	27
Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1926-34	2	28
Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1934-46	4	8
Luther League, Secretary's Book, 1946-52	4	9
Luther League/Family Night, Secretary's Book, 1952-66	4	10
Luther League, Treasurer's Book, 1911-15	2	29
Luther League, Treasurer's Book, 1909-23	4	11
Sunday School, Teacher's Meeting Minutes, 1963-64	2	1
Sunday School, Teacher's Meeting Minutes, 1960-66	2	2
Sunday School, Attendance and Treasurer's Book, 1908-15	2	3
Sunday School, Attendance and Treasurer's Book, 1916-26	2	4
Sunday School, Attendance and Treasurer's Book, 1927-40	2	5
Sunday School, Attendance and Treasurer's Book, 1941-59	4	1
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Sunday School, Attendance and Treasurer's Book, 1970-73	2	7
WELCA, Meeting Minutes, 1991-2004	2	21

WELCA, Meeting Minutes, 2004-09	2	22
Women's Missionary Society, Meeting Minutes, 1925-40	2	9
Women's Missionary Society, Meeting Minutes, 1940-52	2	10
Women's Missionary Society, Meeting Minutes, 1952-58	2	11
Women's Missionary Society, Treasurer's Book, 1944-58	2	8
Histories, 2009		
History and Closing Related Materials, 2009	5	8
Membership, 1908-2008		
Confirmed Members of the Church, 1876-1989	5	7
Congregation Photos, undated	5	6
Parish News, 1973; and Confirmation Roster, 1876-1961	5	5
Yearbooks, 1949-59	1	1
Yearbooks, 1960-69	1	2
Yearbooks, 1970-79	1	3
Yearbooks, 1980-90	1	4
Yearbooks, 1997 and 2001-08	1	5
Miscellaneous, 1961-2009		
Church Centennial Correspondences, 1971	2	32
Guest Book, 1961-83	1	11
Guest Book, 1967-95	1	12
Guest Book, 1971-94	1	13
Guest Book, 1983-96	1	14
Guest Book, 1996-2009	1	15
Kansas Lake Lutheran Cemetery Association, Approved Constitution for Congregations and Rules and Regulations, 1971	5	9