

**Gustavus Adolphus College, Lutheran Church Archives,
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Soudan, Minnesota, 1888-1963.**

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ABSTRACT:

The Bethel Lutheran Church collection consists of the church's records from 1888-1963. Materials include annual reports, minutes, financial ledgers, and 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. Bethel Lutheran Church was located in the rural town of Soudan in northern Minnesota.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is divided into four series: Administrative; Financial; Groups; and Miscellaneous.

Administrative, 1888-1954 and undated

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

Financial, 1894-1941

Records in the financial portion of this collection consist of treasurer ledger books and financial reports.

Groups, 1921-1954

This primarily holds minutes and financial materials for Lutheran Ladies Aid. There is also some materials for Luther League and Lutheran World Action.

Miscellaneous, 1922-1960s

Included in the section is general correspondence, letters sent to the congregation by pastors, a history of the church (in Swedish), and a scrapbook.

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RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Reel 144. Augustana Synod, Minnesota Conference Congregations. Microfilm Reels of Minnesota Conference Congregations, Augustana Synod, Various Dates. LCA Collection 14.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Bethel Lutheran Church (St. Louis County, Minn.)

Protestant churches -- United States -- Minnesota.

Swedish Americans -- Minnesota -- St. Louis County.

Soudan (Minn.) -- Churches.

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

Church records and registers -- Minnesota -- Soudan.

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Administrative, 1888-1954 and undated		
Church Register, 1888-1935	1	1
Church Register and Record of Ministerial Acts, 1933-54	2	1
Congregational and Annual Meeting Minutes, 1937, 1940, 1951-52, and 1954	2	2
Constitution, undated	2	3
Kyrkorådets Protokollsbok (Church Council Minutes), 1891-98 (in Swedish)	2	4
License to Occupy, 1948	1	2
Pastoral Reports, 1931, 1938-39, and 1941	2	5
Protokollsbok (Minutes), 1886-1898 (in Swedish)	1	3
Protokollsbok (Minutes), 1899-1954 (in Swedish and English)	3	1
Student Pastor's Report, 1933	2	6
Financial, 1894-1941		
Treasurer's Account Book, 1894-1926 (in Swedish and English)	3	2
Financial Reports, 1923, 1935, and 1938-41	2	7
Financial Secretary's Record, 1923-43	1	4
Receipts and Disbursements, 1927-1954 also contains Textbook Record, etc. from Soudan Public School, 1905-14	3	3
Groups, 1921-1954		
Luther League, Minutes and Finances, 1921-27	1	5
Lutheran World Action, Donations, 1940	2	8
Lutheran Ladies Aid, Finance Report, 1938-39	2	9
Lutheran Ladies Aid, Minutes, 1928-36	1	6
Lutheran Ladies Aid, Minutes and Finances, 1942-45 and 1946-48	2	10
Lutheran Ladies Aid, Minutes and Finances, 1949-54	1	7
Lutheran Ladies Aid, Receipts and Disbursements, 1952-54	1	8
Miscellaneous, 1922-1963		
Correspondence, 1933, 1939-40, and 1943	2	11
History of Bethel from 1886-1922 by E.O. Johnson, 1922 (in Swedish)	2	12
Letters to Congregation, 1932, 1934, 1936-37, 1940, and undated	2	13
Scrapbook about the Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Church in Finland, 1960-63	3	--