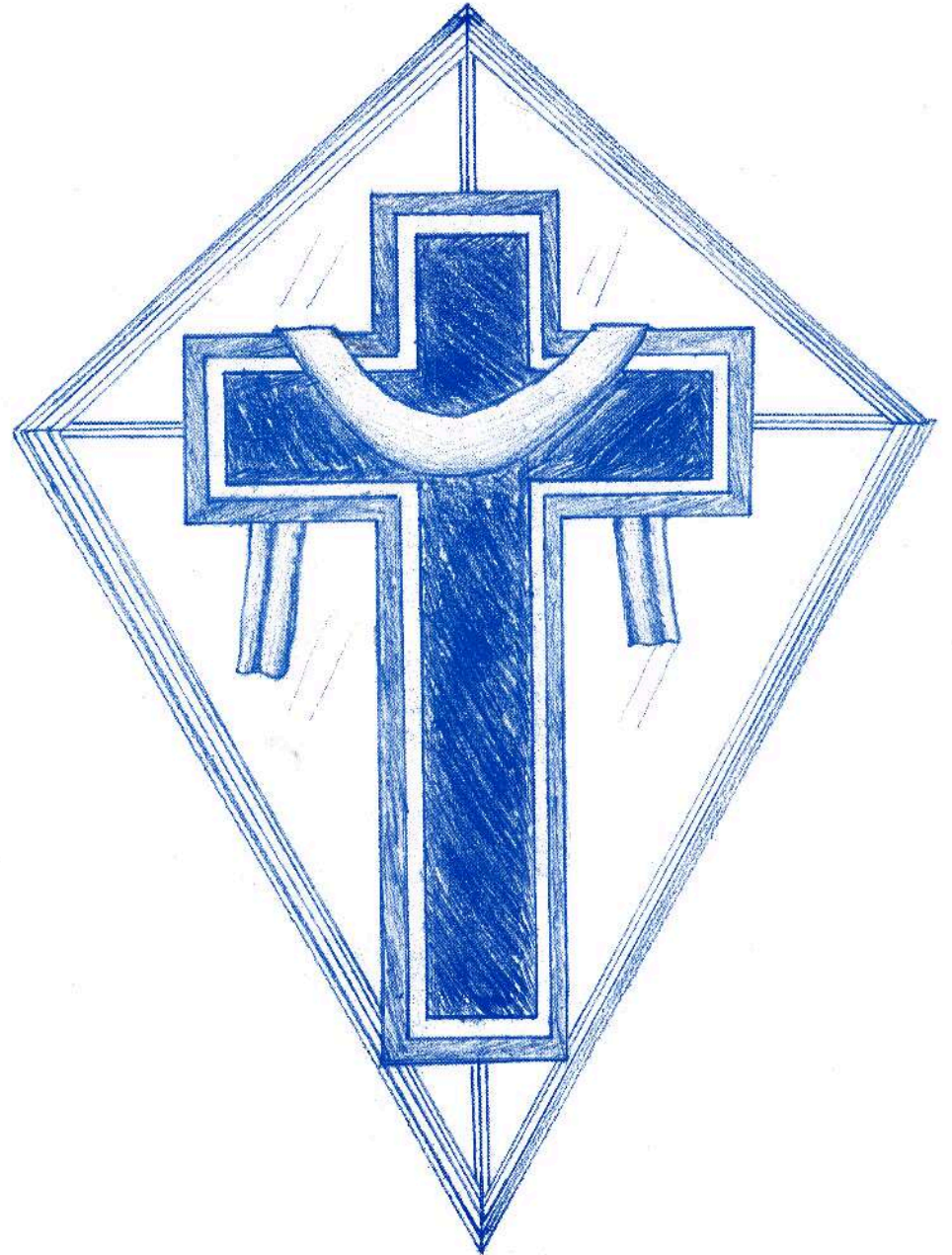


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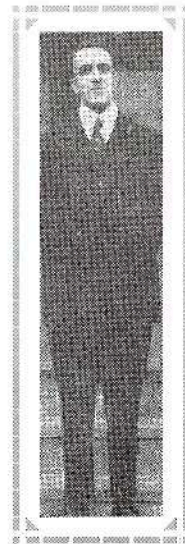
God's Kingdom is an eternal kingdom that lasts from one generation to the next. {Daniel 4:3}. In the perspective of eternity 75 years is not at all very long but Emmanuel Lutheran Church is part of the grand scheme of God's Kingdom and over the past 75 years she has passed the faith on to succeeding generations. Over 75 years the members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church have actively shared the faith and participated in God's work so that the congregation has grown and touched the lives of many people. History is a record of significant events that have shaped where we are today. As you read through this booklet you will discover a few of the many events that the Spirit of God has worked through the people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moose Jaw so that His Kingdom continues to last from one generation to the next. May our future be as blessed as our past.

Rev. Dr. John Kreutzwieser

**The Pastors Who Have
Faithfully Served
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**



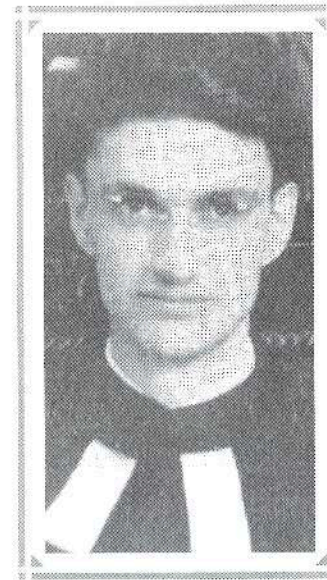
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1917 - 1918

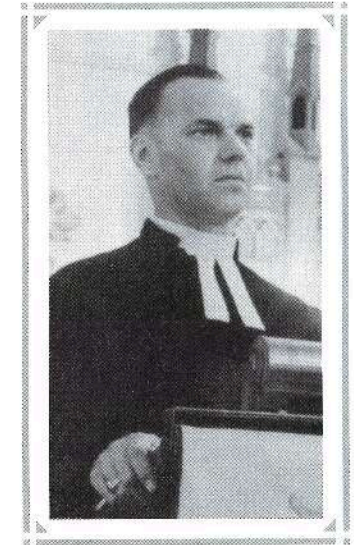
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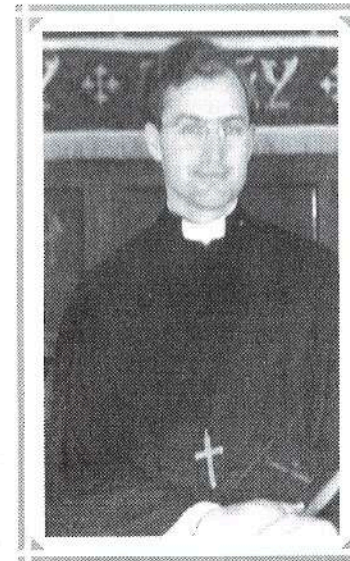


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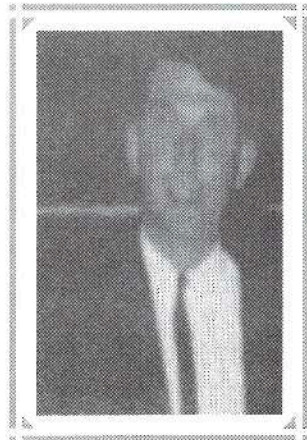


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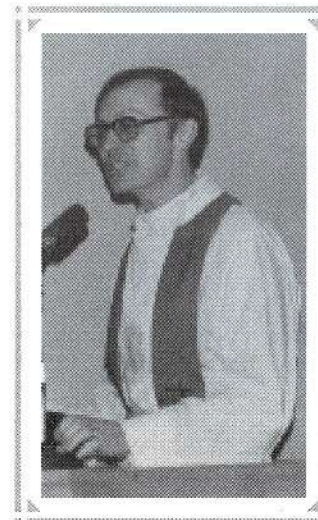


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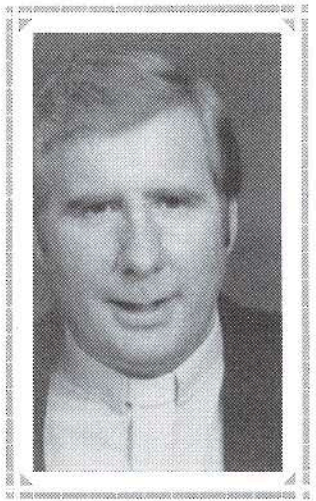
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1971—1977



Rev. K. Koslowsky
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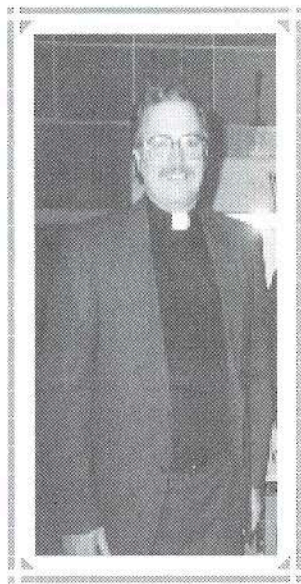


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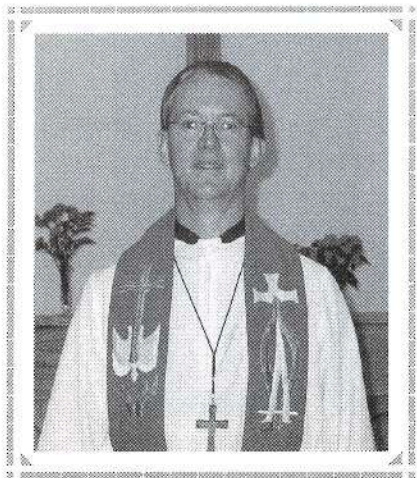


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1988 - 1990

Rev. W.G. Lunderby
1990 - 1997



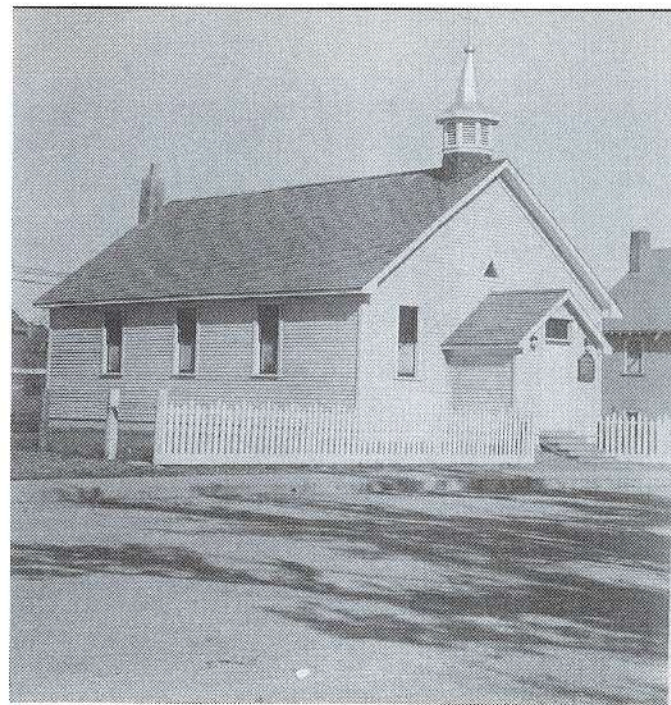
Rev. J. R. Kreutzwieser
1998 to date



Locations of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

From 1934 to 1955

The first building that the church purchased after they organized June 8, 1934 was the Gospel Hall at 228 Fairford Street W. (this is currently the home of Nadine's Style House). The hall was purchased November 12, 1934 for \$500.00

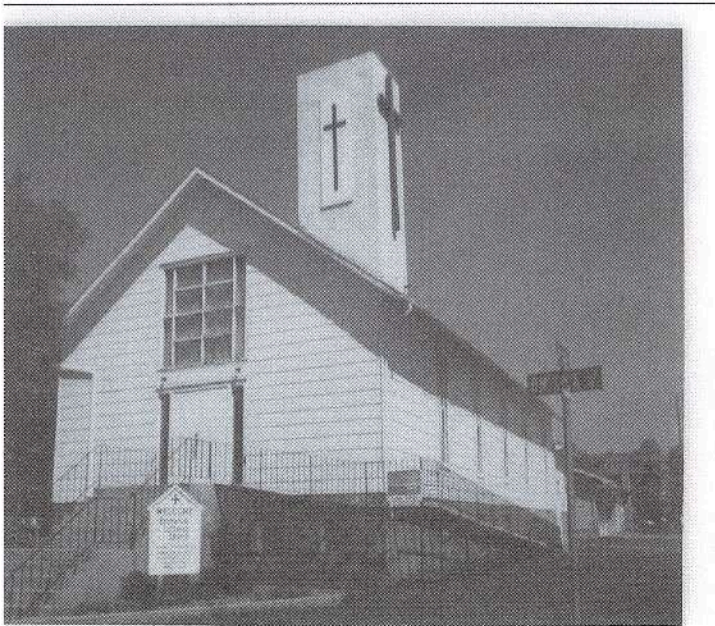


Our Home for 41 Years

From 1955 to 1996

By 1955 the congregation had outgrown its home at 228 Fairford Street W. A lot was purchased at Ominica St. and 4th Avenue N.W. and the cornerstone for the new church was laid April 24, 1955.

Dedication of the church was November 27, 1955. The cost of the church and manse was \$44,140.



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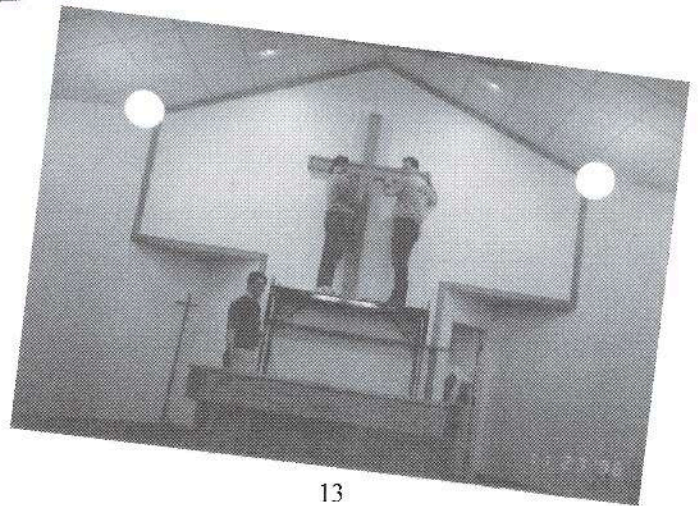
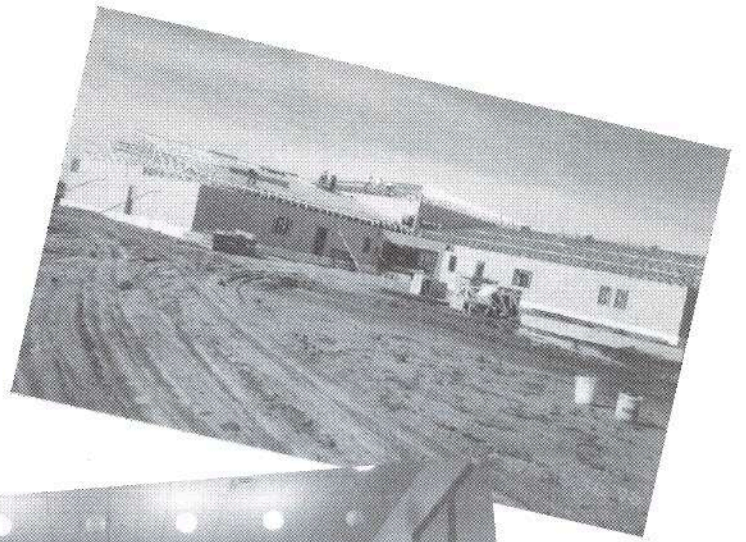
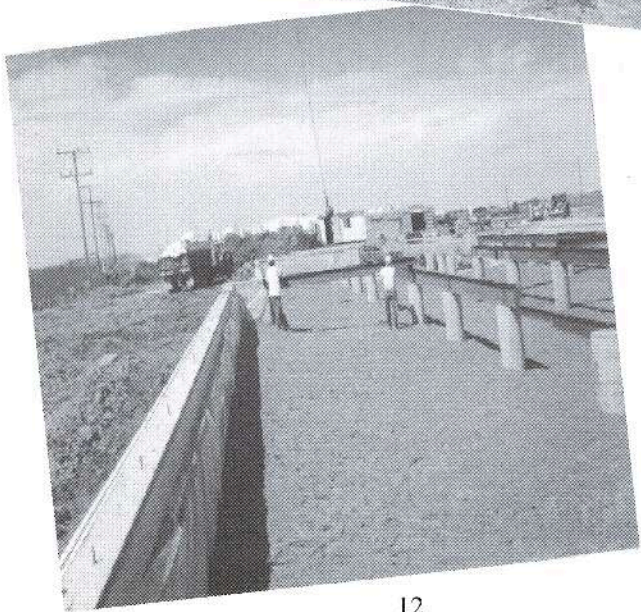
The Current Site of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

In May of 1995 the lot at Paul and Thatcher Dr. was purchased. Construction began June 11, 1996. The dedication service in the new building was January 5, 1997. The cost of the building was 1.2 million dollars.



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Hard to believe that this is how it all began.....



A Brief History

Our congregation was organized in 1934. The story, however, begins well before that. In 1912 Rev. C. Wetzstein, a travelling missionary from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, was stationed in Moose Jaw until 1916. He came with his wife who gave birth to a son in 1914. Their son, Waldemar, went on to become a pastor. In those early days services were held in a small bunkhouse on Riverside, which was on South Hill. In 1915 the place of worship moved to 360 Ominica St. E. Rev. W. Baepfer served the congregation from 1917 to 1918. Times were hard and life was very challenging. Because of these hardships, growth within the church was slow and the building was sold in 1919, Rev. A. Eissfeldt was pastor during that year. Services were then conducted at 356 Ominica St E.. This was the home of C. Zeddies who was the host to many of the visiting pastors. There was a period of about seven years when no services were held at all. Services resumed again in 1927, when Rev. D. Ludwig came from Corinne and held them in the YMCA building. From 1930 to 1931 Rev. L. S. Winter was the travelling pastor from Corinne. Services continued to be held at the YMCA until 1935.

The congregation was organized June 8, 1934 as Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church under the leadership of Rev. M. V. Meyer.

During those early days pastors were required to serve many congregations. Pastors would serve Spring Valley, Aylesbury, Tugaske, Bethune and Findlater. Their dedication and desire to share the faith is evident when one considers how difficult travel would have been at that time. In those days a horse and buggy would have been considered a luxury.

There were no four wheel drive trucks to get them out of deep snow or muddy trouble and no cell phones to call for help.

The decision was made at the November 12, 1934 meeting, under the leadership of Rev. W. Eissfeldt to purchase the building at 228 Fairford St. W. for \$500. (This is currently the site of Nadine's Style House.) Money was tight so most of the work that needed to be done at the church was done by members of the congregation. The rows of chairs in the church were replaced by pews in 1949. The first set was made incorrectly and people actually slid forward in the pews. It must have been very difficult to concentrate on the sermon when you needed to concentrate on staying in your pew! Needless to say the builder replaced these pews with proper ones.

Our congregation was served by Spring Valley's Rev. N. Spomer from 1951 to 1953.

By 1954 the congregation had outgrown the building at 228 Fairford St. W. Under the leadership of Rev. V. Hergesheimer a lot was purchased at the corner of 4th Avenue and Ominica St. W. The cornerstone for the new church was laid April 24, 1955. The basement was contracted out and the prefabricated building was put together by the dedicated members of the congregation.

The congregation became self-sustaining and the constitution was rewritten on March 11, 1960, under the leadership of Rev. P. Hein.

In 1963 a 2-acre site was reserved on the west side of Main and Thatcher (the current site of Boston

Pizza). The option to purchase was eventually released. The anticipated growth of the church did not occur because the city experienced industry closure and, as a result, many families had to move.

In order to make the church more accessible to everyone, a wheelchair ramp was constructed in 1978.

Under the leadership of Rev. C. M. Haberstock, in the year 1983, we began the practice of having two teachers for each Sunday school class.

In February of 1986 the congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran Church sought membership in Lutheran Church - Canada.

In March of 1988 the entire church became a non-smoking environment. We were ahead of our time as the Moose Jaw ban did not come into effect until February 2004 and the Saskatchewan ban on January 1, 2005. The council members were such visionaries.

We began the use of the individual cups as well as the common cup for communion under the leadership of Rev. A.D. Dick in September of 1988.

Ormiston congregation held its last service October 31, 1994. The members joined Emmanuel Lutheran Church after disbanding.

Initial plans for a new church building began during the time of Rev. W. G. Lunderby. A goal was set on February 21, 1989 to raise \$100,000 per year for five years. This goal was reached and a celebration supper was held February 9, 1995. Construction on the new building began June 11, 1996. The dedication ser-

vice in the new building was held January 5, 1997.

In September of 1997 a Christian preschool, King's Kids Preschool, began operating in the education wing of the church.

Pastor J. Kreutzwieser was officially welcomed on February 1, 1998. Several changes took place under the leadership of Pastor J. Kreutzwieser. In March of 1998 we began to have year round 10:00 a.m. services including communion every Sunday. These services included Sunday school classes for the children while their parents remained in the sanctuary for the balance of the service. Prior to this time communion was held only twice a month and the Sunday school classes were held at a different time from the service.

Pastor J. Kreutzwieser developed a church website on the internet during the year 1998. The stained glass window was installed in March of 1998. There was a mortgage burning ceremony held April 22, 2001. November of 2003 marked the beginning of projecting directly on the wall behind the altar. The cross was moved to the left of the altar to accommodate this. The neon cross church sign was erected in the parking lot February 2005 and electricity hooked up to the sign October 2005. People driving by the church could now easily identify who we were day or night.

We have come so far from our humble beginnings. It is by the grace of God and the hard work of the men and women of our congregation that we are here today. We thank God for his guidance over these 75 years.

Then

And

Now

During the reading of the 75 years of church minutes it became clear that as the years go by we are constantly faced with the same challenges. The saying "the more things change, the more they stay the same" came to mind.

The early years were fraught with financial problems. The church was, more often than not, operating in a deficit position. Many years there were difficulties in getting enough Sunday school teachers, choir directors and youth leaders. There were always concerns in regards to declining attendance. The church forged forward and faith was strengthened through these adversities.

The following are some excerpts of interesting information from the minutes of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

February 5, 1939 -The name of the congregation was changed from Zoar to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

January 5, 1945 -During this meeting the motion was passed to begin sponsoring the Lutheran Hour Broadcast.

1946 -The congregation began to hold Sunday evening services once a month. This continued for many years. Currently a 7:00 p.m. Praise Service is held on the first Sunday of the month.

1947 -During this year the minutes make reference that the Ladies Aid group was sending relief clothing to Winnipeg. Today the L.W.M.L. sends clothing and layettes to La Ronge.

January 11, 1954 - On this date the L.W.M.L. was organized. This group was formerly known as Ladies Aid. Meetings were held on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

During the years many different days and times were tried for the meetings. The original group must have picked the perfect day to hold their meetings because the ladies currently hold their meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

July 1959 -A public address system was purchased to aid in the Sunday services.

January 17, 1960 -Emmanuel Lutheran Church became self-supporting.

December 8, 1961 -At this meeting it was decided that church calendars be given to all the members of the congregation so that they would be informed of the church activities. This is still done today.

January 10, 1964 -The church began to subscribe to Canadian Lutheran magazine.

1964-1965 -Sometime during this period Rev. K. Koslowsky announced to the congregation that it would be acceptable for women to wear slacks to church.

January 8, 1971 -The church was beginning to move forward in regard to the inclusion of women in the church decisions. The constitution was amended as follows:

-delete; male in "voting membership" and others

- add; women shall be eligible to hold all offices in this congregation exclusive of:

1.Clergy 2.president 3.vice president 4.elder

March 13, 1973 -CHAB began broadcasting our church services in rotation with 5 other congregations.

December 13, 1977 -After disbanding, the Mortlach congregation became members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

January 1979 -It was during this month that the practice began of celebrating communion twice a month. Prior to this it was only once a month.

October 9, 1979 -On this date it was decided that our congregation would sponsor a refugee family, the Loi's. Financial and moral support continued until February 1981 when the family moved to Edmonton.

April 8, 1980 -Council made the decision at this meeting to purchase a new organ at a cost of \$11,544.

May 11, 1982 -The name of the church had been registered in error as Ominica Street Lutheran Emmanuel Church for all these years. It was moved that the name be corrected to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

1983 -Leon Waller, a full-time church worker, served at Emmanuel Lutheran Church until March of 1984. He worked mainly with the youth.



September 13, 1983 -At this meeting it was decided that the Sunday school classes should have two teachers for each class. We have continued to do that.

May 21, 1985 -Council decided that the church should support the Food Bank once a month by having a Food Bank Sunday with a box for food donations in the Narthex. The support continues today in the same way.

February 18, 1986 -At this meeting the congregation voted in favour of seeking membership in Lutheran Church - Canada.

April 21, 1987 -Council decided that there would be a no smoking policy in the church with the exception of the AA meetings on Monday nights.

May 17, 1988 -A little more than a year later smoking was prohibited in the entire church. The Moose Jaw ban came into effect in February 2004. The province of Saskatchewan 'No Smoking' ban came into effect January 1, 2005.

September 4, 1988 -It was decided at this meeting that we would begin to use individual cups as well as the common cup during communion.

September 19, 1989 -We obtained copyright permission to project some hymns on the overhead.

January 1991 -During this month the use of the 'Rite of Friendship' sheets began. The response was excellent. The congregation is currently asked to fill these out during the offering.

February 19, 1991 -During this meeting discussion was held as to whether or not a computer would be useful to the church. Today we could not imagine being without one.

November 17, 1991 -Spring Valley held its official closing service. After disbanding, their members became members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

January 2, 1992 -The 'Nifty-Fifty-Five Plus' group was organized. Today they go by the name '55 Plus'. (Does that mean you no longer have to be nifty to belong?)

November 17, 1992 -The group 'New Beginnings' was organized. This group was put together for those who have lost a spouse. The group still meets once a month.

The minutes of this date are the last time that there is reference to having a float in the Santa Claus parade. Floats had been entered in the parade for many years before this but 1992 appears to be the last time.

May 18, 1993 -At this meeting the decision was made to purchase an electronic piano for \$5344.

May 18, 1993 -the minutes make mention that there would be no booth at the fair this year. It can be assumed that this was the last year for the booth. The minutes do not say when this began but the booth had been at the fair for many years.

October 1993 -Sometime during this month the church TV, VCR and front lawn sign were stolen. A person can only wonder what one would do with a church sign.

May 1994 -During this month a computer was purchased for \$4,094 which included \$200 for lessons and \$200 for software. Amazingly inexpensive when you consider that in March of 1985 a new typewriter was purchased for \$1,500. The last upgrade to the church office computers in 2008 cost less than \$1,000.

October 30, 1994 -The last service was held at the Ormiston Lutheran Church. After disbanding, their members joined Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

May 1995 -The lot for our current site was purchased.

June 11, 1996 -On this date construction began on the building at our current location.

November 24, 1996 -The last service was held in the 4th Avenue church building on this date.



September 8, 1997 -King's Kids Pre-school began operating with 34 students.

March 1998 -The stained glass window was installed at a cost of \$8930.

March 17, 1998 -At this time we began to have year round 10 a.m. services including communion every Sunday. These services included Sunday school classes for the children while the parents remained in the sanctuary for the balance of the service. Prior to this time communion was held only twice a month.

June 16, 1998 -Council gave approval to the proposal that the church fellowship hall be used as the drop off centre for 'Operation Christmas Child'. In 2008 there were 2,194 boxes dropped off at the church.

2000 -Christine Runnalls served Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a full-time church worker from 2000 until 2004. She was instrumental in starting up the Monday morning craft group.



March 14, 2000 -We began to use a projector for church services. The projector was placed on a cart and the liturgy and hymns were projected onto a pull down screen.

November 16, 2003 -Council agreed to have the cross moved to the left of the alter in order to eliminate the pull down screen and project onto the wall behind the alter.

February 2005 -the neon cross church sign was erected in the parking lot and the electricity was hooked up to the sign October 2005.

May 2006 -King's Kids Preschool had its final graduations. The school officially closed that year.

March 13, 2007 -A digital recorder was purchased for recording sermons so that they would be available on the church website.

June 12, 2007 -Approval was made by council to purchase a digital piano for \$7,075.

June 3, 2008 -An irrigation system was installed to help maintain the church lawns.



Pastor John and Patti Kreutzwieser

Daniel 4:3
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is an eternal
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God's Eternal Kingdom

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church Lyrics and music by
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

Rosemary Schick

C C Dm Dm G

Piano

God's king-dom is e ter nal It lasts through
 How migh-ty are his won-ders The scrip-tures

G C C C Dm

ev-ery gen-er a - tion. God shows his might and power.
 tell the ma-ny stor - ies God's king - dom is for e - ver.

Dm G G C C Dm

In this and ev-ery sm - gle na - tion. E ter-ni - ty
 Praise God with ho-nor and with glo - ry.

G C A Dm G C

— for us is won by God's greatest saeri-fice — his on-ly Son.