

Lutheran Church in America

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Division for Mission in North America

AUG 21 1975

SYNOD

Initial Date August 8, 1975

Phase I (Site Use Plan) _____

Phase II (Preliminary) _____

Phase III (Bid) _____

Church Building Proposal

Second Unit

Hope Lutheran Church

Enumclaw, Washington 98022
(Address) (City-State-Zip)

Pastor Ronald F. Moen

Phone No. Church 825-2420 Parsonage 824-1498

The congregation was (~~will be~~) organized: _____, ~~XXXX~~ ¹⁸⁹⁶, and at present meets in First Unit
_____ at a rental of \$ _____ per annum.

The present pastor began work in the field July, 1973, and at that time the active confirmed membership was 100. The active confirmed membership at organization was reported as _____.

Building Consultant Milton E. Hallett

Address 2678 South Macon Court

City, State, Zip Denver, Colorado 80232

Telephone Number 303/751-3673

(PROJECTED ACTIVE CONFIRMED) MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TABLE

Period of time	Active Confirmed Membership				Family Income Equivalents (f.i.e.)			
	Init.	I	II	III	Init.	I	II	III
AUGUST 1975 At Present	115				42			
MARCH 1976 First Year	125				46			
MARCH 1977 Second Year	137				51			
MARCH 1978 Third Year	149				57			
MARCH 1979 Fourth Year	160				62			
MARCH 1980 Fifth Year	172				67			
Ultimate	300				117			

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Total Average Attendance at Worship Services	<u>80</u>	_____	_____	_____
Number of Services each Sunday	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____

This proposal contemplates the construction of a unit which _____

Total Worship Seating 100 (Nave _____, Choir _____, Other _____) assuming two services.

Total Social Seating at Tables _____.

Special Needs, Requirements Based Upon Ministry Profile _____

CHURCH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Department	Present Attendance			Projected Attendance - 5th Year
	First Session	Second Session	Weekday Session	
Crib				
Nursery				12
Kindergarten 4)	12			7
Kindergarten 5)				7
Grade 1)	10			6
Grade 2)				6
Grade 3)				7
Grade 4)	12			7
Grade 5)				6
Grade 6)	7			6
Grade 7)) 8
Grade 8)	6)
Grade 9))
Grade 10)
Grade 11) 12
Grade 12)
Adult I				12
Adult II				
Other				
TOTALS	47			96

Square foot requirements/Program Space Needs - Church & Community (*)

(Music, Special Education Requirements, Administration, Community Service, Youth/Adult and Other)

Multi-use room for congregation and community.

Storage

Pre-school space

(*) Well planned space will permit multiple use.

NOTE: Costs must be segregated and presented for review as indicated below - even though combined on construction bid(s).

Site _____ acres
Cost \$ _____

DMNA	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
USE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ONLY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

	Initial CBP	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
A Outstanding Loan Balances.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Commercial \$ _____				
L.C.A. \$ _____				
Other \$ _____				
B Cut and Fill.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
C Building Construction	\$ <u>60,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
D <u>2,000</u> sq. ft. @ \$ <u>30.00</u> /sq. ft.	<u>2,000</u> sq.ft.	_____ sq. ft.	_____ sq.ft.	_____ sq.ft.
E Additional Construction - Add Alternate.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
F _____ sq. ft. @ \$ _____/sq. ft.	_____ sq.ft.	_____ sq. ft.	_____ sq.ft.	_____ sq.ft.
G Septic/Sanitary Sewer System.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
H Water/Well System.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
I Special Assessments (Storm-Curbs-Street)....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
J Air Conditioning.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
K Parking and Drives.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
L Sidewalks - Service Walks.....	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
M Landscaping.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
N Sign.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
O Furnishings.....	\$ <u>2,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Ch. Sch \$ <u>2,000</u> _____ \$ _____				
_____ \$ _____ \$ _____				
P Musical Instrument.....	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Q Kitchen Equipment.....	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
R Fund Raising Services (inc. Expenses).....	\$ <u>3,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
S Site Survey.....	\$ <u>300</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
T Renovations.....	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
U Soil Borings.....	\$ <u>300</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
V Arch. and Engrg. Services (<u>8.0%</u>).....	\$ <u>5,600</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
W Fees.....Legal \$ <u>200</u> Loan \$ _____	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Title \$ _____ Other \$ _____				
X Builder's Risk Insurance.....	\$ <u>300</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Y Performance Bond.....	\$ <u>600</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Z Contingency.....	\$ <u>1,700</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS.....	\$ <u>86,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3 Escrow Deposits from Congregation.....	(\$ <u>15,000</u>)	(\$ _____)	(\$ _____)	(\$ _____)
A Commercial/Other Funds - not escrowed.....	(\$ _____)	(\$ _____)	(\$ _____)	(\$ _____)
NET LOAN(S) APPLIED.....	\$ <u>71,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

NOTE: Please update at each phase by striking and inserting current information.

BENEVOLENCE AND CURRENT EXPENSE

Total current and benevolence offerings (not including program support) received last year were \$18,501, an average of \$160+ per active confirmed member.

Last year the congregation contributed to the synod for apportioned benevolence a total of \$ _____, an average of \$15.65 per active confirmed member, representing 100 % of the benevolence goal/apportionment.

Benevolence goal/apportionment for this year is \$ 2,300, against which \$ 1,150 has been contributed.

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Current Fund - Balance	\$ <u>23</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unpaid Current Bills	\$ <u>- 0 -</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Any other Unpaid Bills	\$ <u>- 0 -</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Program Support.	\$ <u>- 0 -</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

BUILDING FUND

(1) Cash on hand as of July, 19 75 (Initial Phase) \$ 2,680

(2) Cash on hand as of _____, 19 ____ (Phase I) \$ _____

(3) Cash on hand as of _____, 19 ____ (Phase II). \$ _____

(4) Cash on hand as of _____, 19 ____ (Phase III) \$ _____

(5) _____ \$ _____

(6) Cash value of collectible pledges unpaid to date and due by _____, 19 ____.

- total amount pledged \$ _____ per annum. \$ _____
_____ (f.i.e.) at avg. \$ _____ per annum.

(6a) Income from other sources (explain) _____ \$ _____

* (7) New cash to be raised in one year from March, 19 76 (\$12,000 90 % = . . . \$ 10,800
46 (f.i.e.) at avg. \$ _____ per annum.

(7a) Income from other sources (explain) _____ \$ _____

* (8) New cash to be raised in one year from March, 19 77 (\$12,000 90 % = . . . \$ 10,800
51 (f.i.e.) at avg. \$ _____ per annum.

(8a) Income from other sources (explain) _____ \$ _____

* (9) New cash to be raised in one year from March, 19 78 (\$12,000 85 % = . . . \$ 10,200
57 (f.i.e.) at avg. \$ _____ per annum.

(9a) Income from other sources (explain) _____ \$ _____

(10) New cash to be raised in one year from _____, 19 ____ (\$ _____ % = . . .
_____ (f.i.e.) at avg. \$ _____ per annum.

(10a) Income from other sources (explain) _____ \$ _____

* LLM conducted appeal to receive pledges for three years commencing \$ _____
March 1976. \$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

SCHEDULE OF FINANCING

- Total Program Cost (Page 3) \$ 86,000
- A. Cash by Congregation .(By Spring.1977. start). \$ 15,000
- B. Commercial Loan to be placed following completion of construction.
 - Term: _____ years
 - Interest Rate _____ %
 - Interest and Principal annually \$ _____
- C. Construction/Guarantee Loan. \$ 71,000
 - Interest: Prime rate plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%
 - Principal per annum: \$ See below
- D. Lutheran Church in America Loan. \$ _____
 - Term: _____ years
 - Interest and Principal _____

Interest per annum - LCA loan (payable monthly)	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year
_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____ %	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Principal per annum - (payable monthly)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

SUMMARY OF FINANCING

* Approximate annual debt service - Commercial.	\$ _____	\$ <u>7,020</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>
Approximate interest per annum - Guarantee Loan	\$ <u>4,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Approximate principal per annum - Guarantee Loan.	\$ <u>6,800</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Approximate annual debt service - L.C.A.	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Approximate annual debt service - Parsonage (*)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
APPROXIMATE TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ <u>10,800</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>	\$ <u>7,020</u>

(*) Parsonage - Purchase Price \$ 25,500 Current Valuation \$ 29,500
 Loans: Commercial \$ 19,798 Principal and Interest per annum: \$ 1,860
 other ~~XXXX~~ \$ 3,500 Date loan placed 6/18/73 Term: 25 yr.
 Principal and Interest per annum: \$ 1,200 +
 Parsonage will need to be refinanced by _____

*Congregation to place commercial long term loan at completion of construction to pay in full the Guarantee (construction) Loan - \$65,000, @ 9.0%, 20 years = \$7,020 principal & Interest per year.

THE FINANCING SCHEDULE WILL BE REVIEWED NOT LATER THAN _____, WITH NEW TERMS ESTABLISHED AT THAT TIME BASED ON AN ANALYSIS BY THE DIVISION FOR MISSION IN NORTH AMERICA IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGREGATION AND THE SYNOD.

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THE CONGREGATION AGREES:

1. To include in the construction specifications and contract the Fair Employment Practices Agreement.
2. That if costs are less than estimates and/or if unused funds remain in escrow at completion of construction, these funds shall be applied to indebtedness as directed by the Division for Mission in North America.
3. To submit all change orders during construction to the Building Consultant for review and approval.
4. That all capital income above that amount necessary to meet the scheduled debt service of the congregation will be remitted monthly to the Division for Mission in North America as prepayment on the loans from the Lutheran Church In America.
5. That in the event of additional building construction, all loans from the Lutheran Church in America will become due and payable before commencing new construction.
6. That the proceeds from the sale of property shall be applied as prepayment on the Lutheran Church in America loan and/or Guarantee Loan.
7. To consult with the Division for Mission in North America staff in regard to the disposition of funds received from leased and/or rentals of its property.

This proposal has been developed through the cooperative efforts of the congregation, the Synod, and the Division for Mission in North America. Changes in the proposal shall be made only with the written concurrence of all three parties. Upon adoption of the initial phase of this document by all three parties, the architect may proceed with drawings.

LL
cc: Congregation (2)
Architect (via congregation)
Synod ✓
Executive Office
LLM
Dr. Senft
Mrs. Losch
Mr. Hallett

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTH PACIFIC DISTRICT



2007 Third Avenue

Seattle, Washington 98121

(206) 624-0093

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORICAL RECORD

NAME OF CONGREGATION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH of CHINOOK
 STREET ADDRESS P.O. BOX 160 (Across street from Post office)
CHINOOK, WA 98614
 PHONE (206) 777-8416

LOCATION (DIRECTIONS BY WHICH TO COME TO THE CHURCH):

South side of U.S. 101 in Chinook, across the street from the Post office and Fire Department.

DATE OF ORGANIZATION 1900 / CHURCH BODY IN WHICH ORGANIZED NORWEGIAN LUTH. CH.

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CONGREGATION (NAMES AND YEARS):

(No records have been kept, the following is from memory of members)

Pastor Holden - 1899-1905 (supply from Astoria)	Pastor Bruland - 1919-20 " Neste - 1920-21 (from Astoria)	Pastor Bloom - 1959 (first resident pastor)
Pastor Ostrum	Pastor Bergerson - 1921-22 (NLCA pastor)	Pastor Hickman - 1960-63
Pastor Dahle	Pastor Hjermstad - 1923-24	" Bruland - 1963-71
Pastor Ridquist	" Stubchaer - 1925-26	" Yokers - 1972-74
Pastor Brevick - 1905	" Eggen - 1927-28	" Braaten - 1974-78
Pastor Alexander - 1906	Pastor Sneve - 1929-31	Pastor Larsen - 1976-77
Pastor Truedson - 1909-10	" Fossel - 1932-36	" Bodin - 1978-
" Ottason - 1911-12	" Gulhagen - 1937-48 (from Astoria)	
" Neste - 1913-15	Pastor Asper - 1948-49	
Pastor Edlund - 1916-17	" Storrasli - 1949-59 (from Astoria)	
" Thompson - 1917-18		

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION:

(Limit size to the space below. If your congregation has a historical booklet it would be helpful if you would also include a copy for the district archives.)

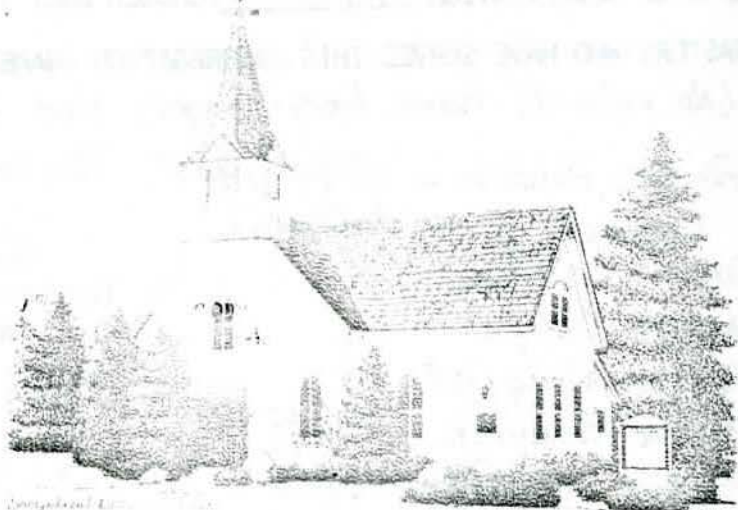
The first written record of a Scandinavian society for religious and social meetings in Chinook was November 1899 when a group of women, calling themselves the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Ladies of Chinook, began meeting in members' homes twice a month. Soon men joined the group and the name was changed to the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Society of Chinook. Charter members were m/m Herman Johnson, m/m Knute Torvick, m/m Julius Jensen, m/m Emil Carlson, Mrs. Sam Olsen, m/m Otto Nelson, m/m Nic Hansen, m/m J.E. Borkman, Mrs. Carrie Thompson and m/m Charles Anderson. One of the main objectives of the society was to build a church.

In 1900 construction of the church began on land in the center of town which was purchased from Judge J.E. Dalton. Theodore Johnson of Astoria was the architect and Harry Christensen of Chinook was the head carpenter. Money was contributed by all the citizens of Chinook and much voluntary labor was donated. Construction was finished just in time for the Christmas Day program in 1901. The parsonage was soon built on property next to the church which had been purchased from m/m Henry S. Sile on Oct. 3, 1901. In 1903 the church bell was installed to be rung for the first time on New Years Day. Additional property was purchased on March 14, 1905 from E. C. Bundy & Mrs. Bundy.

On Oct. 31, 1918 the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Society of Chinook, which was incorporated March 29, 1902, deeded all properties over to the Chinook Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As time went on the interior of the church was improved with new furnishings and a social room was added in 1921. In 1924 four rooms were added to the parsonage, part to be used as the pastor's study, at a cost of \$860.00. During the 1930's a new kitchen and restrooms were added to the church structure. Later a furnace was installed, the social room modernized and the upstairs over the social room finished for classrooms. In the late 1950's a pastor's study and three classrooms were added in a building behind the church and the church property was landscaped. The parsonage was torn down and a new one built in 1967.

On March 2, 1967 the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Society of Chinook was dissolved after a period of inactivity dating back to 1918.



Evangelical Lutheran Church
Chinook, Oregon

Please attach a photo or ink drawing of the church building approximately 3" x 4" in size.

This material submitted by

Paul J. Bodin, Pastor

ALC - NPD CONGREGATIONAL HISTORICAL RECORD

Conference Lower Columbia

Conference Number 55-22

City Chinook State WA Zip 98614

Congregation Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chinook

Street Address P.O. Box 160

Mailing Address, if different _____

Phone, Church: 206 / 777-8416

Phone, Parsonage: /

Organized 1900 - _____ in Norwegian Lutheran Church Synod
Year Mo./Day

Pastors who have served:

	<u>From</u> - <u>To</u>
(No records have been kept, the following are from the memories of members)	- -
Pastor Holden	1899 - 1905
Pastor Ostrum	-
Pastor Dahle	-
Pastor Ridquist	-
Pastor Brevick	1905 -
Pastor Alexander	1906 -
Pastor Truedson	1909 - 1910
Pastor Ottason	1911 - 1912
Pastor Neste	1913 - 1915
Pastor Edlund	1916 - 1917
Pastor Thompson	1917 - 1918
Pastor Bruland	1919-1920
Pastor Neste	1920 1921

* Continuation on Back

Any mergers that occurred:

With _____ Date _____

Congregation's former name(s), if any _____ Dates _____ to _____

Former church locations, if any:

_____ Dates _____ to _____

* Continuation of Pastors

Pastor Bergerson (NCLA pastor)	1921-1922
Pastor Hjermstad	1923-1924
Pastor Stubchaer	1925-1926
Pastor Eggen	1927-1928
Pastor Sneve	1929-1931
Pastor Fossel	1932-1936
Pastor Gulhagen	1937-1948
Pastor Asper	1948-1949
Pastor Storrasli	1949-1959
Pastor Bloom (first resident pastor)	1959
Pastor Hickman	1960-1963
Pastor Bruland	1963-1972
Pastor Yokers	1972-1974
Pastor Braaten	1974-1978
Pastor Larsen	1976-1978
Pastor Bodin	1978-

Chinook

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTH PACIFIC DISTRICT

December 19, 1978


Office of the Secretary
The American Lutheran Church
422 South Fifth St.
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Gentlemen:

This will inform you that the former two point parish of Naselle Lutheran Church, Naselle, WA and Chinook Lutheran Church, Chinook, WA are now single point parishes. That would have been effective as of June 30, 1978, as Pastor James Braaten closed his ministry in Chinook/Naselle.

Notices you have already received have told you that Pastor Paul Bodin now serves Chinook Lutheran Church and Pastor Douglas Thore serves Naselle Lutheran.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Moylan

RLM:cl

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Naselle Lutheran Church
Naselle, Washington 98639
June 2, 1969

The Rev. Dr. A. G. Fjellman
5519 Phinney Avenue, North
Seattle, Washington 98103

Dear Dr. Fjellman,

The two Councils of Chinook Lutheran and Naselle Lutheran Churches met jointly on Wednesday, May 28, 1969 to discuss some of our mutual concerns.

Of course, our main order of business was to discuss the proper procedure for calling Pastor Bruland as the minister of both church bodies. Pastor Bruland has officially resigned from both churches and both Councils have agreed that we should call Pastor Bruland jointly as one parish.

Since each of our churches is affiliated with different Church Bodies, Naselle with LCA, and Chinook with ALC, it was the opinion, of the majority, of the two Councils that Naselle Lutheran, which was the church that asked Chinook to share their pastor, apply for transfer from LCA to ALC Church Body. We felt that this would alleviate some of the pressures that are on Pastor Bruland as he now must attend Synodical conventions and meetings of both Church Bodies and send his ministerial reports to each body separately.

Naselle Lutheran Church hereby submits our request to make this transfer from the LCA to ALC.

Respectfully,

Lester Peterson

Lester Peterson, Chairman

Ardelle Ringhouse, Sec.

Ardelle Ringhouse, Sec.

February 18, 1972

Miss Ardelle J. Ringhouse, Secretary
Naselle Lutheran Church
Naselle, Washington 98638

Dear Miss Ringhouse

Thank you very much for your letter of February 15 reminding me of the request that your congregation has made to be allowed to transfer from the Lutheran Church in America to the American Lutheran Church.

In the next few days I will be meeting with the president of the American Lutheran Church in this area, and we will be discussing this request as one of our items of interest and concern. Following that meeting, I will be in touch with you again.

I certainly was disappointed that Pastor Bruland found it desirable to resign. I, personally, had been very happy with the arrangement between the two churches and with his services.

Give my greetings to our friends in Naselle.

The Lord be with you.

A. G. Fjellman

AGF:fg

cc: Pastor Bruland

January 17, 1972

The Rev. Chris Bruland
P.O. Box 160
Chinook, Washington 98614

Dear Chris

I was surprised to receive the copy of your letter as well as your own personal note regarding your resignation from Chinook and Naselle Lutheran Churches.

Have you another call that you are accepting? In your letter of resignation, you spoke about a committee you met with. Was this a committee from both congregations or just from the Chinook congregation? I certainly have heard nothing about your being unsatisfactory with our people at Naselle. I will be very anxious to talk with you about your plans for the future.

The Lord be with you.

A. G. Fjellman

AGF:rl

February 29, 1972

Miss Ardelle J. Ringhouse, Secretary
Naselle Lutheran Church
Naselle, Washington 98638

Dear Miss Ringhouse

A week or so ago I indicated to you that I would be meeting soon with the president of the American Lutheran Church in this area. I have done that, and he has indicated to me that he will be going to Naselle and Chinook very soon and will plan to discuss the matter of pastoral service for both congregations.

If I can be of further help, don't hesitate to write.

The Lord be with you.

A. G. Fjellman

AGF:fg

cc: Dr. Clarence Solberg
Rev. Chris J. Bruland

Chinook Observer

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Firemen faced bad situation in Chinook church blaze

By Mike Johnston
News Editor

Chinook, Ilwaco and Seaview volunteer firemen faced the worst factors in fire-fighting early Monday morning as they battled flames that eventually gutted the sanctuary of Chinook Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"That east wind just kept it going fast," said Chinook Volunteer Fire Department Chief Brad Wilson. "We couldn't keep up with it. Sparks were flying all the way over the trees to the beach. I believe if we didn't have those winds we would have caught it in time."

Ice on vehicles and the roadway delayed some firemen in reaching the blaze. High winds had previously knocked down the fire department's siren and volunteers had to be called by radio pagers. Power was out in the Chinook community and firemen could hardly maneuver let alone keep on their feet while fighting the fire with wind gusts of 60 mph pushing them around on slippery ice.

Despite the nightmare conditions, firemen were able to bring the fire under control and make sure it didn't spread to a nearby parsonage and a Sunday school building about 10 feet west of the main church building. The

church's walls are standing, but the roof has caved in and the steeple is all but gone. Much of the structure's west end was saved along with facilities there. Hardest hit was the church's east end, roof, loft and interiors.

Chief Wilson said volunteer firemen Daryl Hughes and David Luethe were working to remove the crown siren pole from the Highway 101 roadway at about 11:30 p.m. when they noticed the power line near the front of the church arcing and sparking. They called PUD crews to take care of the matter.

A PUD crew arrived and between 11:45 p.m. and midnight the line

separated and fell upon the church's iron railing at the front door. Electrical charges apparently started the fire at that point and high winds fanned the flames inside the east wall and up into the steeple. It continued onto the roof and attic area.

"It all started up in a matter of minutes," Wilson said. The Chinook fire station was across the highway from the church, yet ice coated

roadways kept walking or driving almost impossible. "We had water on it right away, but the wind pushed our stream around and kept the fire moving."

Chinook had its truck and 15 men on the fire and they were later joined by an Ilwaco Volunteer Fire Department pumper truck with six men and a Seaview Volunteer Fire Department truck with about five personnel.

Wilson said major flames were knocked down and brought under control in about 45 minutes. He noted that the Ilwaco truck's larger monitor spray nozzle helped direct water to the right spots. The PUD crew's bucket truck was used to hoist firemen and hoses above the roofline to fight the extremely hot fire.

Much equipment from the west end

Please turn to page 2

Fire destroys more than building

By Mark Kester
of the Observer staff

The Chinook Lutheran Church missed celebrating its 84th birthday by less than three weeks.

The church was constructed in December 1901. As the Chinook Observer dated Dec. 27, 1901 states: "At the new Scandinavian-Lutheran church, whose construction was hurried forward for the purpose of having a Christmas festival, the ladies put forth their best efforts to

make the occasion memorable in the history of the church and to the children."

Little is left of the church building now. A statue of Jesus Christ, the stand on which the Bible was placed, and the baptismal font are all that are left on the sanctuary in which the first Christmas program was held.

"That's what hurts the most," said Ella Gottberg, Sunday School superintendent at the church for 30 years. "There are so many people who have so many memories in that place. It's such a landmark, such a part of the community."

Mrs. Gottberg's home is located directly adjacent to the church of which only the Sunday School rooms and pastor's study remain.

Arville Nelson of Chinook, a member of the church since 1921, said he hopes the church building can be reconstructed in its old style. We've tried to keep the building up and keep it looking the way it did at the time of that Christmas program."

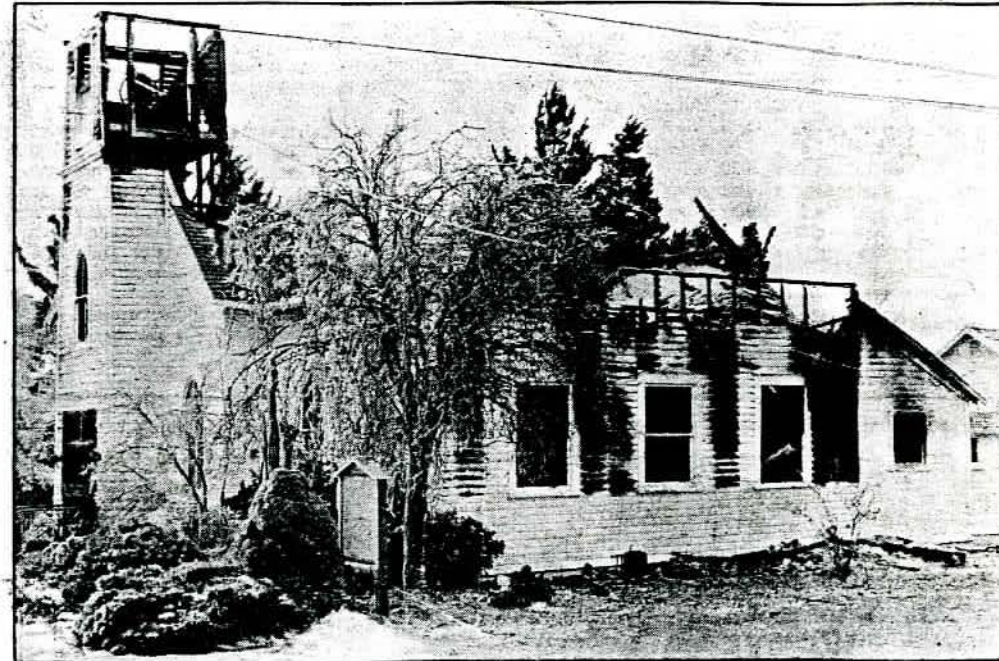
douse Sunday's midnight blaze.

"We're very indebted to the fire departments who did such a remarkable job," said Rev. William Leed, the Chinook Lutheran pastor. "We are grateful to them for saving what they did under the most adverse of conditions."

A committee was scheduled to meet Tuesday, Dec. 3, to determine the value of articles lost. An entire church council meeting has been called for Thursday, Dec. 5.

Rev. Leed said tentatively, the Lutheran congregation may make temporary quarters in the fire hall, located just across the street from the church.

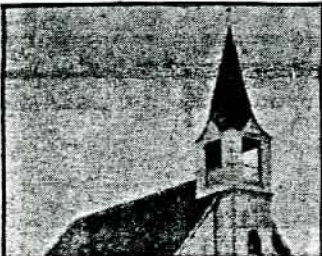
"We just plan to go on doing what we've been doing," said Rev. Leed, who also has charge of a congregation which meets in Ocean Park each Sunday. "We will probably have to change our scheduling drastically but we will make every effort to continue our same programs and service."



Landmark Chinook church destroyed

The 84-year-old building housing the Chinook Evangelical Lutheran Church was gutted by wind-whipped flames in the early morning hours of Monday, Dec. 2.

Mike Johnston photo





George has read -
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February 26, 1985

Bishop Clifford Lunde
The American Lutheran Church
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Dear Clif,

Well, we are finally getting this Covenant Agreement for 1985 into your hands. You are to sign all copies, and then they must go to the Methodist Superintendent.

John Hunsberger suggested the thing to do was that he send the copies to his Superintendent. However, if you know the address (I don't) we might expedite this -- move it along a little faster, by having your office send it directly to him.

You will note that the one addition to the agreement is that the Lutheran congregation pay \$50 for organ upkeep. This was taken care of by one lady who simply wrote an extra \$50 check and presented it for this purpose. The Methodists spend \$300 for repairs to the organ last year, and just a couple of weeks ago it was down again, and had to have some parts replaced. I guess it is almost 40 years old (electronic, with tubes).

Attendance at the 8:15 Ocean Park worship has been holding up well. It ranges now from 17 to 29 worshipers, which is pretty good for this time of year -- our lowest attendance has generally been in February..

Meanwhile, I am so busy that I must skip going to many outside events that I really wish to attend. The most outstanding thing that has happened here recently is that our Sunday School enrollment, which a year ago was only 25, is now 49! Most of these children are from families either not related to the church, or who have been inactive. With the right incentives, program, or whatever, Evangelical Lutheran could see a spurt of growth and activity.

I am praying for insight and wisdom and HELP!! Please pray for us, as I know you do.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Bill

William N. Leed

Chinook

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTH PACIFIC DISTRICT

December 19, 1978


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The American Lutheran Church
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Gentlemen:

This will inform you that the former two point parish of Naselle Lutheran Church, Naselle, WA and Chinook Lutheran Church, Chinook, WA are now single point parishes. That would have been effective as of June 30, 1978, as Pastor James Braaten closed his ministry in Chinook/Naselle.

Notices you have already received have told you that Pastor Paul Bodin now serves Chinook Lutheran Church and Pastor Douglas Thore serves Naselle Lutheran.

Sincerely,



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