THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH NIRTH PACIFIC DISTRICT

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORICAL RECORD

NAME OF C	ONGREGATION	Brevig Memorial Lutheran Churc	ch		
STREET AL	DRESS	General Delivery			
		Brevig Mission,	Alaska	99785	
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LOCATION	(DIRECTIONS	BY WHICH TO COME TO THE CHURCH)	:		
Summer: Winter:	by boat or sno machine	by bush plane , dog team, or bush plane			*

DATE OF ORGANIZATION August, 1894 CHURCH BODY IN WHICH ORGANIZED A. L. C.

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

Missionaries and Pastors:

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T. L. Brevig	1894-1908	Norval Hegland	1958-1960
D. W. Turnoe	1908-1910	N. C. Renslo 1963-198	21961-1962
H. M. Tjernagel	1910-1913	Miss Bertha Stedje	1962-1965
T. L. Brevig	1913-1916	Lee H. Luebke	1965-1967
Mr. Theo. Gulhaugen	1916-1917	Bruce Engebretson (Intern	n)1967-1968
Oluf Fosso	1917-1920	David Hedman (Intern)	1968-1969
Cornelius Malmin	1920-1921	Roger Koester (intern)	1969-1971
Elmer Dahle	1921-1924	Keith Forrester (intern)	1971-1972
Deaconess Anna M. Huseth	1924-1928	Larry Rorem (intern)	1972-1973
Miss Helen Frost	1928-1929	James Picnalook, Sr.	1973-1977
Miss Mabel Lien	1929-1930	(part-time Lay)	
Mr. Jesse B. Olson	1930-1934	Joan Jesperson (Intern)	1978-1979
O. E. Skavlan	1934-1938	Rich Noeldner	1979-1982
S. S. Klyve (died there)	1938-1944	Steve Frock	1982-1983
Miss Bertha Stedje	1945-1950	Susan Tjorneho	1983-
Otis Lee	1949-1952	David Wangaard	1983-
Norval Hegland	1952-1955		
Albert O. Tastad	1955-1956		
Miss Bertha Stedje	1956-1958		

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THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTH PACIFIC DISTRICT
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NAME OF CONGREGATION(S) Teller Intheran Church & Breving Memorial Intheran Church
STREET ADDRESS Box 528 General Delivery
Teller, AK 99778 Brevig Mission, AK
PHONE (907) 642-3500
LOCATION (DIRECTIONS BY WHICH TO COME TO THE CHURCH): Teller: in the summer, by road, 13 miles from Nome in the writer, bush plane from Nome Brevig: in summer, by boat or by bush plane in writer, sho machine, dog tam, or bush plane
DATE OF ORGANIZATION/CHURCH BODY IN WHICH ORGANIZED
PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CONGREGATION (NAMES AND YEARS):
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see pg. 22 for Teller luther on Church
Many of our people in Seller come from Soloo Mission, a description of that

appearson p. 51 I have included the book witherans in blaska. Please return ofter you

have copied the information you need. as No. Pac. archivist you should also have a copy of this book I would think. Hope this is helpful

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Conference	Alaska				Confere	nce Numb	er 55-0	01
CityBrevig Mission			State	Alask	a		Zip 997	85
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Street Address_	General Deliv	ery			11	1 1 2 4	0.5 - 7 <u>8</u> 5	
Mailing Address,	, if different						A State	
Phone,	Church: _	907/	642-3	500				
Phone,	Parsonage:	907/	642-3	500				
Organized 1894 - August	in	A. L.	С.			Synod		
Year Mo./Day								
Pastors who have served:				From	- То			
Pastors and Missionaries:								
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Pastors and Missionaries, continued:

Otis Lee	1949–1952
Norval Hegland	1952–1955
Albert O. Tastad	1955–1956
Miss Bertha Stedje	1956–1958
Norval Hegland	1958–1960
N. C. Renslo	1961-1962
Miss Bertha Stedje	1962-1965
Lee H. Luebke	1965–1967
Bruce Engebretson (Intern)	1967–1968
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James Picnalook, Sr. (part-time Lay)	1973-1977
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Steve Frock	1982–1983
Susan Tjorneho	1983–
David Wangaard	1983–

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION (Limit size to the space below.)

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Please attach a black-and-white glossy photo or ink drawing (approx. 3"x4") of the church building.

This material submitted by Meidi & Emerson PLU. achives



BREVIG'S MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Address: Brevig Mission, Alaska 99785 Church Group: The American Lutheran Church Membership Jan. 1, 1978: baptized 141, confirmed 89

Missionaries:

1894 - 1908	T. L. Brevig
1908 - 1910	D. W. Turnoe
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1956 - 1958	Miss Bertha Stedje
1958 - 1960	Norval Hegland

N. C. Renslo
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Of the time of his wife's passing, Rev. Brevig worte, "As there was no other Protestant minister available, I had to preach the funeral sermon and perform the committal. In spite of the bitter cold, virtually all the people from Teller attended. Thus the mission's kindly ministering spirit passed on. She rests in the land of the people whom she loved so much, for whom she had lobored so willingly, and for whom she died. There sleep my son, my daughter, and my wife, in the frozen Northland."

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Name of Congregation:	BREVIGS	MEMORIA	AL				1963 Va	acant (1	Miss Ber	rtha Ŝte	dje, Mission	hary) M	MEMBERS	HIP		-
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12. Baptism of adults	5										No. of marriages			,	1	
13. Baptism of non-members' children		XXX		xxx		xxx	121	xxx		xxx	No. member funerals	2	-	1	1	
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19. Death	2				1	1	/	/			Boy Scouts					
20. Transfer to Lutheran congregations			12	2							Girl Scouts					
21. Dismissal to other denominations											Adult choirs	10	15	15		-
22. Inactivity, other causes											Children's choirs	10				
No.			12	2	/	/					-	HIGH	HER EDU	CATION		
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AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH STATISTICAL RECORD

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NAME OF CHURCH BREVIO	GS MEMOR	RIAL		YEAR	C(ONG SN	MISSION	PR PLACE		4	PAS	STOR					
LOCATION Teller		•		1958	x x			Norval Hegland									
PROV. Alaska	1			1959							199	_					
	Pacific	2		1960	x		_	N. C. Renslo No report									
CONFERENCE Alaska CODE DAT NO. N-6272-1	TE			1961 1962	X					Under 50							
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