

extensive. Foreign missionaries have often visited the church and the congregation has supported foreign missionaries in many countries. Sons and daughters of the congregation have entered full time service in foreign and home missions. Pastors who have served are: Samuel Tunheim, Didrick Kilen 1918-1919, Thorvald Myhrer 1919-1946, Ernest Vick 1947-1955, Julius Hoseth 1955-1960, Clifford Anderson 1960-1966 Earl Eveland 1966-

Bethlehem Luther Church

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church was organized under the leadership of Pastor Ostgulen in 1905. The long history of the Bethlehem Church has been rich in events and activities. The 1956 anniversary booklet gives detailed information about charter members, Sunday School, Confirmations, youth work and the Ladies' Aid. A small school building was the congregation's first meeting house. Then for a few years the congregation rented the Augustana Lutheran Church for services and Ladies Aid meetings. Then a church basement was built on the present site and later the upper structure was built. More recently extensive remodeling and expansions have been made. Blessings from God have abounded in the lives of members of the congregation. Sons and daughters have entered Christian service and many are the individuals who have found peace with God under the preaching and teaching of the Bethlehem Church.

Pastors who have served are:

Martin Bjornson 1906-1912, Albert Gilseth 1912-1919
John Hjelmeland 1919-1927, G. P. Ronholm 1927-1945
E. J. Raaum 1945-1952, Gordon Berntson 1953-1958
E. Oscarson 1958-1963, Loren Neilsen 1964-1967
C. Kalmoe 1968- *Rev. Hans Floan*

Westaker Lutheran Church

The Westaker Lutheran Church was organized in 1887 and a log church was built which was later replaced by a large frame church two miles southwest of the village of Newfolden. In 1962 the congregation chose to affiliate with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and the frame building was moved into the village of Newfolden to its present site. In 1972-1973 the church was enlarged with an addition to the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. Dedication services for the remodeled church were held January 3, 1973. Those who have served as pastors since the affiliation are Robert Lee, Gene Sunby, Ed Mathison, and Rodney Stueland.

The churches have wielded much influence for good down through the seventy years of Newfolden's history. God has richly blessed the work of faithful pastors and devout Christians. The ultimate well being of any group of people depends on their relationship to God and their willingness to obey and abide in Him. Many Newfoldenites cherish the goodly heritage that our merciful God has lavished on us through our churches.

The Marshall County Temperance League has prepared a roster of men and women of Marshall County who have been active or are now serving in special ways in God's kingdom. From the Newfolden churches the following names appear:

Annie Haugen, Salvation Army Captain, Lee Bergsman missionary in Africa, ~~Norma Sollom~~, Missionary in Africa, Norma Sollom, Missionary in Venezuela, Amos Dyrud, pastor and missionary, Arnold Folden, pastor, Raynard Huglen, pastor and editor, Dennis Anderson, pastor and missionary, Albin Folden, pastor, Erling Huglen, pastor, Ed Folden, pastor, Clemmence Dyrud, pastor, Verne Hagenbeck, pastor, Arne Folden, pastor Jonathan Waterworth, Pastor

Three of Jacob Eldred's grand children are missionaries

Real Estate Office

In 1904 the Real Estate Transactions were made by land offices. One office was a small building to the east of the present Hank Hardware Store. That office was owned by the Pioneer Land Co. with Mr. Hines as agent. Later he sold to Morkassel, Lambertson, and Knapp of Warren. The first years must have been a boom for real estate, for another company under the name of C. E. Brown Land Company starte an office with O. Haavig as manager. He built a home In Newfolden and it is known that he was still in business as late as 1915. Duane Gustafson now occupies the home Haavig built.

Mrs. Delores Nelson ^{Gustafson} has written the following information about her father, Tonnes Nelson.

"Mr. Tonnes Nelson owned 230 acres of land directly, south of Newfolden. He also owned the land that is now residential where Cooks live and south to the river. He also owned the land south of the mile corner (120 acres) which he sold to Ole Kalbakdahlen.

Mr. Nelson purchased his first parcel of land at the age of 19 in 1891. The judge ruled that even though he was not the required age of 21, he could buy this land without a guardian as he had the cash to pay for it. He continued to buy land in and around Newfolden for a number of years. He owned the land north of the highway sold to the school. He also owned 56 acres east of the railroad tracks, that was sold to Ekman Brothers. He owned the parcel where Holmaas has his store. He owned the piece of property where Gunnar Lindquist lives.

Tonnes Nelson married at the age of 38. He bought cattle and sold machinery while Mrs. Nelson took care of the store. I think he did between one hundred fifty thousand dollars and two hundred thousand dollars business a year. He was the biggest Individual Cattleman in the state. He had commission men up from the cities

regularly soliciting his business. He operated on a very small margin of profit. His biggest returns came from the cattle he bought in the spring, cared for and fed through the summer and shipped in the fall. He built the complex about 1911.

We still have in our possession the documents signed by the president of the United States, which we are quite proud of. We feel this really makes us old timers."

Fuel Dealers

Wood was at first the only fuel available in the village of Newfolden. Farmers bartered cord wood for groceries and other supplies. Poplar was a common wood, but birch and tamarac were also sold. Steiner Blinsmon once took cordwood to Argyle Via horses and wagon and sold the wood for two dollars a cord. The distance was great and he had to stay in Arygle overnight.

Kerosene was used for lighting purposes and also for kitchen stoves and room heaters. The kerosene was hauled from Thief River Falls in barrels. During the winter this meant a sleigh drawn by draft horses, sometimes four horses. The kerosene sold for ten cents a gallon. In 1913 George Newberry hauled the kerosene, in steel tanks and filled it into tanks. In the same year the first drums for gasoline were established at Newfolden. Previous to this the gasoline came in by rail freight. In 1915 the Standard Oil Company built the first gasoline store house in Newfolden. The Standard Oil business in Newfolden has since that time been in the hands of the Alfred Johnson family. Alfred Johnson retired in 1948 and turned the business over to his son Wallace. Improvements came with the years and gasoline stoves, bottled gas stoves, and electric stoves came in quick succession. For many decades the elevators in Newfolden have had charge of the sale of coal. The hard coal was used for large round stoves resting on a solid metal

base. The ising glass in the doors or the belly part of the stove permitted the viewers to see the blue flame of the burning coal. Now modern furnaces have replaced the outmoded stoves. Fuel dealers in 1973 are Wallace Johnson, L. Sagstuen, Midland Coop,

Garages

With the coming of cars in 1905 there arose a need, not only for gasoline but for service and repair of cars. So garages came into being. Alfred Johnson purchased the Blomquist garage and body shop and employed Mr. Duffke as mechanic. In 1906 Alfred Johnson built a large garage on what is now the site of the village hall. The ownership of this garage has changed many times with the following men as owners: Henry Boe, Hjalmer Stokke, B. I. Johnson and Cliff Hedeem, Iver and Orris Haarstad and possibly others.

Many men have been employed by the owners of this garage and have learned the trade. Some of these are: Carl Johnson, Julius Johnson, Gilbert Bakke, Kore Myhrer. A deaf-mute by the name of Albert Johnson was a skilled mechanic and worked in the village for a period of time.

In a newspaper ad in 1937 the Newfolden Auto Co. sold Master De Luxe Chevrolet Coach for \$580.

Other garages in the village include Oscar Hanson Garage, Alfred Hagenback Repair Shop, Bjorgaard Body Shop, Dave's Service Center.

Service Stations

Newfolden has had many service stations and these can be enumerated but not with ownership except in the case of the Cities Service Station owned and operated by Gilbert Bakke and his son Floyd who operated the station for 30 yrs. This is now the Gulf Station. The Creamery company had a service station near the old creamery which has now become

the Midland Oil Company located near highway 59. The Pure Oil Station east of the railroad tracks has been discontinued and is now Lee's Repair Shop. The Standard Oil Station was for many years operated by Alfred Johnson and his son Wallace.

A Lumber Yard was established in 1904 and did much for the upbuilding of the village. The H. C. Selden Lumber Company under the Management of Mr. Gates continued for seven years. The Selden Company sold out to Bertram Wright Lumber Co. Their managers were L. P. Slattum, John Olson, Jesse Hanson. The latter served from 1919-to-1950. The lumber yard burned down in 1928 but was rebuilt. The Robertson Lumber Co. purchased the business in 1950 and their managers included Virgil Hjelle, Evonne Olson, and Eckardt. No date is available when the lumber yard discontinued the business.

Funeral Directors did not establish business in Newfolden until the thirties. Prior to that time friends and neighbors prepared the bodies for burials and the caskets were taken to the cemetery by wagon and horses. In 1933 the business men organized a Casket Association with Sam Lee as director. Undertaker services were made available. In the forties Olger Green became the undertaker and continued until he left for Thief River Falls in 1952.

Wool and Fur dealers have functioned throughout the history of Newfolden. At first the general merchandise stores made a practice of buying wool and selling it, sometimes by the pooling method. Hans Hanson took over the wool buying business and has continued it for many years.

Ludvig Rudrud bought furs and miscellaneous articles and was sometimes designated as a junk dealer. Furs included mink, beaver, skunk, and rabbits.