

St Louis County, MN  
 Miscellaneous Church Data  
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Catholic Churches of St. Louis County, MN

Where records are located for closed churches.

Information courtesy of the Catholic Dioceses of Duluth.

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Name	Opened	Closed	Date	Date	Notes on City	Parish
				records location		
Aurora	Holy Rosary		1908			
Babbitt	St. Pius X	1957				
Biwabik	St. John's	1893				
Buhl	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart		1904			
Buyck	St. Joseph's		1908	1978	Chapel Status-Cook takes care of	
Chisholm	St. Joseph's				still active, cemetery	
	113 SW 4th ST					
	Chisholm, MN 55719					
Cook	St. Mary's		1904			
Duluth	Cathedral of Our Lady		1919			
	(Holy Rosary) (East End area)					
	2801 E. 4th				(218) 728-3646	
Duluth	Good Shepherd		1916	1997	Records at St. James	
	109 South 59th Ave. W.					
Duluth	Holy Cross		1922	1984	Records at St. James	
	410 N. 78th Ave. West					
Duluth	Holy Family (West End area)		1984			
	2430 W. 3rd St				(218) 722-4445	
Duluth	Our Lady of Mercy	1922				

	2002 Minnesota Ave. (Park Point)				(218) 722-3078
Duluth	Sacred Heart 2nd Ave. W & 4th St.	1860		1985	Records:St. Mary's Star of the Sea
Duluth	St. Anthony (German) 1028 E. 8th	1891		1984	Records: St. Benedict
Duluth	St. Benedict (Kenwood area) 1419 St. Benedict St.	1950			(218) 724-8926
Duluth	St. Clement 21st West & 3rd St.	1887		1975	Records: Holy Family
Duluth	St. Elizabeth 622 99th Ave. W.	1905			(218) 626-2283
Duluth	St. James 721 N. 57th Ave. West	1890			(218) 624-0125
Duluth	St. Jean Baptist (French) 2430 W. 3rd St.	1885		1975	Records:HolyFamily
Duluth	St. John (Woodland area) 2430 St. John Ave.	1915			(218) 724-6332
Duluth	St. Joseph (Duluth Heights) 151 W. Linden St.	1921			(218) 722-1021
Duluth	St. Lawrence (Piedmont Hts) 2410 Morris Thomas Rd	1959			(218) 722-2259
Duluth	St. Margaret Mary 1467 88th Ave. West	1915			(218) 626-2379
Duluth	St. Mary Star of the Sea 325 E. 3rd St	1883 (Polish)			(218) 722-3078
Duluth	St. Michael's 4901 East Superior St.	1914			
Duluth	St. Peter's (Italian) 810 W. 3rd St.	1905			(218) 722-3078
Duluth	St. Clement & Jean	1975		1985	Records: Holy Family

Duluth	24th West & 3rd St. Sts. Peter & Paul (Polish)	1902	1985	Records: Holy Family
Duluth	25th Ave. West & 5th St. St. Raphael (Hermantown area)	1959		(218) 729-5546
Ely	St. Anthony's	1888		
Eveleth	Holy Family	1897	1968	Records: Resurrection, Eveleth
Eveleth	Immaculate Conception	1915	1968	Resurrection, Eveleth
Eveleth	Resurrection	1968		
Eveleth	St. Patrick's	1903	1968	Resurrection, Eveleth
Floodwood	St. Louis Catholic Church	1903		
Gilbert	St. Joseph's	1910		
Gnesen	St. Joseph Howard Gnesen Rd, Duluth	1927	open	Records: St. John, Duluth (218) 724-6332 St. John's
Hibbing	Blessed Sacrament	1894		
Hibbing	Immaculate Conception	1905		
Hibbing	St. Leo's	1959		
Hoyt Lakes	Queen of Peace	1955		
Kelly Lake	St. Annes	1911		
Kinmount	Our Lady of Fatima	1961	1978	Records: St. Mary's, Cook
Lakewood	St. Joseph's	1928	1978	Records: St. Michaels, Duluth
Meadowlands	St. Mary's	1914		
Mountain Iron	Sacred Heart	1908		
Orr	Holy Cross	1958		
Tower	St. Martin's	1884		
Virginia	Holy Spirit	1969		
Virginia	Our Lady of Lourdes	1890	1973	Records: Holy Spirit, Virginia
Virginia	Sacred Heart	1924		
Virginia	St. John's	1905	1974	Records: Holy Spirit, Virginia

Attendees at Sacred Heart Convent,

Duluth, MN

Extracted from 1900 census

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Name	DOB	Age	Place of Birth	Parents POB
Methelski Helen attendant	7-1886	13	MI	Unknown
Methelski Martha M	10-1891	8	MN	Unknown
Le Severe, Mary L	1-1887	13	MN	Unknown
Wagner Catherine	9-1874	25	MN	Unknown
Blais, Marie	1-1878	22	MN	Unknown
Roche Phillip	2-1882	18	Ireland	Unknown
Vandrin, Modesta	5-1883	17	Ireland	Unknown
LaBelle, Clara	2-1883	17	MN	Unknown
Maloe Elenora	4-880	20	Canada	Unknown
Schmidt Ruth S	11-1883	16	MN	Unknown
Hosig, Josephine	4-1885	15	MN	Unknown
Burger, Justina	12-1886	14	MI	Unknown
Marshall, Othelia	5-1881	19	MN	Unknown
Harvey Lucinda	3-1882	18	WI	Unknown
McNabb, Grace M	7-1886	14	IA	Unknown
Murphy, Mary B	4-1881	29	Ire	Unknown
OConnell Maggie	11-1890	9	MN	Unknown
Ferris, Clara	2-1876	24	IL	Unknown
Ethen, Katherine	3-1883	17	MN	Unknown

Bradley Lucy J	10-1884	15	KS	Unknown
Pratchineer, Mary	9-1886	14	SD	Unknown
Romaine Sadie A	4-1883	17	WI	Unknown
Betzold, Mary M	3-1883	17	WI	Unknown
Stafford Mary A	6-1883	16	MI	Unknown
Brennen,Margaret C	3-1880	20	MI	Unknown
Digle, Irene M	10-1882	17	NB	Unknown
Raez, Susan A	7-1881	18	MN	Unknown
Wright, Gertrude	8-1881	18	MN	Unknown
Reeves, Olive M	7-1878	21	Ohio	Unknown
Vandrin,Albine E	4-1885	15	MN	Unknown
Heinen,Katherine H	10-1881	18	MN	Unknown
Brotherton,Eunice	4-1889	22	Minnesota	Unknown
Ohara Minnie	7-1883	16	MI	Unknown
Lefebore Marie C	4-1886	14	MN	Unknown
Schwab, Bertha	10-1888		ND	Unknown
Melelski, Michael	8-1883	16	MI	Unknown

## Church Historical Data

## History Of Lester Park United Methodist Church, Duluth MN

Present address:  
Lester Park United Methodist Church  
5401 E. Superior Street  
Duluth MN 55804

"FIRE!" Three times this alarm has spread panic in our congregation, during the 110 years we have worshipped on this corner. And after all three fires, our people have rolled up their sleeves and started afresh. This is the history of our church---members showing a willingness to work together to weather the crises that have periodically beset us.

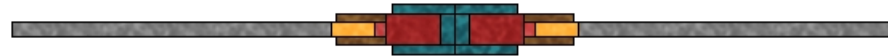
In 1889, two brothers, Arthur E. and Henry N. Brown, members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Duluth, purchased lots in the newly-platted Lester Park, and began building their homes. Seeing the need for a church in a rapidly-growing community they consulted their pastor, Dr. C.H.S.Dunn, about the advisability of organizing a new Methodist church. On Dec. 6, 1889, they met with few friends, while Dr. Dunn acted as presiding Elder. The following 8 persons became charter members: Henry and Minerva Brown, Mary R. Vokes, Arthur and Celia Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. LeTourneau, and Belle Traphagen. Just one year later, on Dec. 7, 1890, the growing society dedicated our first church on the northeast corner of 54th Ave. East and Superior St. It was a magnificent frame structure with a tall tower; Rev. S.S. Farley was its first pastor. Tragically, five years later, this building was completely destroyed by fire. A new frame church was begun immediately, and dedication services were once again held on the anniversary date, Dec. 8, 1895. But history repeated itself: on Washington's Birthday, 1924, this second church burned to the ground. Our present brick structure was then built, and dedicated Sept. 21, 1924. And in 1949, for the third time fire broke out---spontaneously in the fellowship hall. Fortunately stained glass windows and the organ were spared, but flames destroyed the sanctuary floor. The brick outer walls were not harmed. Once again Sunday services were held in the Lester Park School, and once again the congregation rallied and made a fresh start. All necessary cleaning and construction was finished in time for the church's 60th Anniversary celebration Dec. 4, 1949.

An Education wing was added in 1960; in 1969 a new parsonage was purchased, and the following year the old parsonage was razed, making room for a parking lot next to the church.

During the 110 years, our church has survived 33 pastors, as well as three interim pastors. As we approach a new century and a new millenium, we give thanks for the faith and hard work of all those who have gone before us, and pray with our own renewed faith we may continue to spread God's Kingdom in our community.

Records are sketchy in the early years, but are up-to-date and accessible now.

Submitted by Margaret Thomas



## History Of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Duluth MN

Present address:  
Lester Park United Methodist Church  
219 N. 6th Ave. E.  
Duluth MN 55805

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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church was organized on November 6, 1870 as the First Swedish Lutheran Evangelical Church. The first meeting place was in the basement of an Episcopalian church with P. A. Cedarstrom as pastor. On April 26, 1874, the congregation moved in their new building on the neoth east corner of 2nd Ave. W. and 2nd St.

By 1903 it had become obvious that the old building had become to small so land was purchased at 6th Ave E and 3rd St. On August 19, 1906 the new building was dedicated and still stands in that place today.

The final name change to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church came about in 1933. About the same time the church dedicated the Lakeside Chapel at 48th Ave. E. & Cooke St.

The above information was taken from the booklet entitled: 125 Years of Faith.... Love... Caring... 1870 -- 1995 (A history of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.) The book has some history of Duluth in it but there is no mention of early membership. The people in the photos are not identified. There are remembrances by some of the older members. You may contact the church for further information.

#### PASTORS

P. A. Cedarstrom..... 1870

E. Jorlander..... 1873-1874

N. J. Brink..... 1874-1875

C. J. Collin (first full time pastor)..... 1882-1894

J. A. Krantz ..... 1894-1902

Carl Solomonson..... 1903-1911

Carl O. Swan..... 1912-1935

Wilton Bergstrand..... 1935-1937

Paul H. A. Noren..... 1938-1944

Arthur O. Arnold..... 1944-1946

Carl L. Manfred..... 1946-1951

Floyd Laurensen..... 1953-1961



Wilburt Johnson..... 1961-1973

Joseph S. Dahlquist..... 1974-1982

John Engstrom..... 1983-1993

Joh Sippola..... 1994-



## History Of Chester Park Church, Duluth MN

Present address:  
Chester Park United Methodist Church  
819 N 18th Ave E.  
Duluth MN 55812

Chester Park Church was founded in 1893 as the only Evangelical Church in Duluth. The original building was at Sixth Avenue East and Fifth Street and was called Hope Evangelical Church.

On November 25, 1928 Chester Park Evangelical Church, located at 18th Avenue East and 9th Street was dedicated. In 1946 the merger of the Evangelical and the United Brethren in Christ took place and it became Chester Park Evangelical United Brethren Church.

In June of 1954 construction began on the education unit. In 1967 work started on a 20 foot extension of the original building. Remodeling of the Sanctuary and Parish Hall was completed in 1968.

In April of 1968 the church merged with the Methodist church to become the Chester Park United Methodist Church.

In 1989 another remodeling project was completed. This included removal of the parsonage, more off street parking and access to the Parish Hall.

#### History

First Evangelical Church of Duluth .....1893 - 1896  
Hope Evangelical Church 6th Ave E & 5th St.....1896- 1928  
Chester Park Evangelical Church 819 N 18th Ave E.....1928 - 1946  
Chester Park Evangelical United Brethren.....1946 - 1968  
Chester Park United Methodist Church.....1968 - present

#### Pastors at Chester Park Evangelical

E.J. Utzinger.....1928-1932  
Ralph Esterly.....1932-1937  
K.I. Clawson.....1937-1946  
Harley E. Hiller.....1946-1950

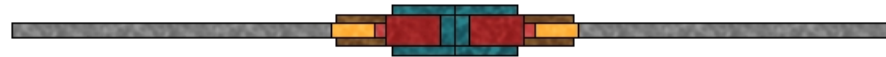
#### Pastors at Chester Park Evangelical United Brethren

A.B. Utzman.....1950-1952  
Donald E. Roesti.....1952-1960  
Donald S. Howard.....1960-1964

#### Pastors at Chester Park United Methodist

Willert Zahl.....1964-1973  
Robert Rollins.....1973-1976  
George Johnson.....1976-1980

Dean Nosek.....1980-1985  
James Clausen.....1985-1989  
Reginald Penner.....1989-1994  
Peter Ramstad.....1994-1995  
Steven W. Manskar.....1995-



## History Of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Proctor, MN

Present address:  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
701 Third Avenue  
Proctor MN 55810

75th Anniversary  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church ALC  
Proctor Minnesota  
July 23-24, 1983  
"Built on the Rock"  
1908-1983

"Built on the Rock"

Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,

Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling;  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

#### History of the Church

On Christmas Day, 1908, several families gathered at the home of Peter Foss and proceeded to organize the first Lutheran congregation in Proctor, Minnesota

Under the guiding hand of the Rev. J.A. Bjerke, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the West Duluth, these seven families brought into existence the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Proctor, so named because of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day in the little town of Bethlehem in Judea.

Our founding families, in addition to that of Peter Foss, include those of Andrew Johnson, Michael Johnson, Peter Olson, Olaf Swanson, Ole Wang, Thore Bjornaas and Martin Hanson.

During the years 1908-1911, services for the infant congregation were conducted first in the Village Hall and then in the Methodist Church building. In 1911, a frame structure was completed at the corner of 3rd Avenue and 7th Street. It was not until 1938, twenty-seven years later, that a parsonage was built on the opposite corner.

For seventeen years, from 1908-1925, Bethlehem shared pastors with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Duluth. Other pastors, in addition to J.A. Bjerke who served from 1908-1911, were J.C. Reinertson, 1912-1914; B.L. Opdahl, 1914-1919; and Daniel Halvorson, 1920-1925. In 1925, F.B. Anderson became the first resident pastor. He served until 1928.

During the earliest years, all services and meetings were conducted in the Norwegian language, but by 1919, English was being employed almost totally.

Several organizations had come into being throughout this time, including the Dorcas Ladies' Aid, the Sunday School, a Young People's Society, a Boys' and Girls' Club and a choir. Some of these organizations were superseded in succeeding years by the Ladies' Guild, the Philathea Society, the Brotherhood, the Cradle Roll, and the Senior and Junior Leagues.

In the Spring of 1925, it was learned that the District Mission Board had decided to make a parish of Floodwood, Culver, Canyon and Proctor. This arrangement continued until 1929 when Floodwood was dropped from the parish, and by 1942 only Canyon and Proctor maintained a parish posture.

In October 1948, during Pastor B.J. Blikstad's ministry, the congregation's 40th anniversary was observed with a morning worship service, an afternoon, program of music and an address by Pastor I.J. Tanner, and an evening session, with Pastor E.G. Larson bringing the message.

In the early 50's, it became more and more apparent that the need for a larger building was becoming imperative. Three alternatives were presented: 1) to build a balcony on the existing church; 2) to expand the church building; 3) to construct a new building. The latter option was adopted.

Following a fund-raising drive in 1954, the ground breaking ceremonies took place in September. Construction was done with donated labor and hired supervision. A year later the cornerstone was laid and the first worship service was held in the new building on Christmas Day, 1955. The dedication was held on April 22, 1956.

Also in 1954, a joyous and blessed day came when Dwight Ellefson, the only son of the congregation to go into the full-time ministry, was ordained in the old church.

In 1957 the old church building was sold to a member of the congregation for the price of \$2500.

Between 1957 and 1959 new hymnals with new liturgical forms were introduced, and the decision was made to join other Northern Minnesota churches in the purchase of a Bible camp on Lake Vermillion.

Bethlehem's first official church secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, was hired in 1959. That same year, the custom of using greeters at Sunday morning worship services was introduced, and the YES program for youth was adopted. Also, publication of a monthly periodical, The Parish Profile, was launched, with Mrs. Marie Holmstrand as editor.

In 1960, the St. Peter's Church at Canyon withdrew from the parish arrangement with Bethlehem.