

Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana, Washington, Records, 1884-2012

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Peace Lutheran Church (Silvana, Wash.)
Title	Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana, Washington, Records
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Summary	Collection contains the records of Peace Lutheran Church in Silvana, Washington.
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Historical Note

Peace Lutheran is the result of a merger of two old neighboring congregations: Zion, founded in 1884; and Salem, founded in 1894. Zion was organized on February 25-26, 1884 with 19 Norwegian men present. Rev. Christian Jorgenson served as pastor and organizer. The first parochial school was held in the home of Rasmus Knutson. The picturesque setting on the hill above Silvana on which the church and cemetery are located was given by S. A. Erickson in 1884. Services were held in homes and schools until the church was completed in 1890. Known as the Little Church on the Hill, the building is still used by the congregation in the summer months and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Salem congregation was organized on April 30, 1894 when a minority group left Zion over a dispute with church practices. In 1897, members voted to federate with a newly organized Lutheran Church of America. The church was erected in 1898. Property for the church and cemetery was contributed by the members. Several propositions for a merger with Zion came up in later years, and on September 30, 1962, a majority voted to merge. In 1973, Peace, the merged congregation, purchased property for the site of the new church which was completed September 10, 1978.

Content Description

This folder contains a congregational historical record, a copy of the sermon from the 100th anniversary service, two bulletins from their 100th anniversary, a booklet from their 100th anniversary, a history of the church, various letters, a congregational statistical record, a newspaper clipping about the church, a federated parish agreement, a copy of a newspaper article about the church, letters of call, parochial reports, notes from the joint congregation meeting, a copy of notes from the committee of the constitution, a newspaper from the church, an informational booklet about the congregational mergers, a bulletin from 1998, a self-study from 1970, "The Making of a Chancel" booklet, personal information document of Bryan Christenson, a statistical report from 1961, various letters.

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Related Materials

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Bibliography

Nesvig, Swanson, Nordquist, Emerson *New Partners. Old Roots.*Tacoma (Wash.)ALC, LCA, and ELC1986

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Lutherans--Washington (State)--History

Personal Names :

Borg-Breen, R., 1944-1946

Dahle, S. O., 1904-1906

Foss, L. C., 1894-1904

Isberg, 1890-1894

Larson, Georg, 1903-1908; 1930-1939

Myrwang, J. H., 1950-1960

Nyborg, James, 1969-?

Olson, Ole K., 1939-1945

Ross, D. B., 1928-1942

Tjernagle, H. H., 1903-1904

Baalson, H. B., 1907-1924

Blessum, George, 1924-1930

Christenson, Bryan, 1960-1962

Christiason, Bryan, 1960-1962

Clauson, B. O., 1913-1914

Driscoll, Jeffrey M.

Dyrud, Clemmence E., 1946-1952

Ellingson, Olaf, 1910-1913

Haukeness, O. J., 1952-1960

Jorgenson, C., 1882-1884

Kolden, A. O., 1914-1916

Mickelson, K. S., 1942-1944

Millage, Claude, 1962-1968

Millage, Claude, 1962-1968

Moen, T. J., 1894-1903; 1916-1924

Sheldahl, M. J., 1946-1949

Stadem, Christian, 1908-1910

Wogter, H. B., 1924-1927

Corporate Names :

Salem Lutheran Church (Silvana, Wash.)

Evangelical Lutheran Church--History

Evangelical Lutheran Church--Northwest Washington Synod

National Register of Historic Places

Zion Lutheran Church (Silvana, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

Silvana (Wash.)

Occupations :

Clergy

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