

First Lutheran Church, Poulsbo, Washington, Records, 1886-2012

Overview of the Collection

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| Creator | First Lutheran Church (Poulsbo, Wash.) |
| Title | First Lutheran Church, Poulsbo, Washington, Records |
| Dates | 1886-2012 (inclusive) 1886 2012 |
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Historical Note

On February 21, 1886 the Fordefjord Norwegian Evangelical Congregation of Poulsbo was organized with 21 charter members. The next year marked the arrival of the first permanent pastor and the building of the first church on the present site, land donated by Jorgen Eliason. In 1898 a synodical controversy developed which caused some members to withdraw from the Fordefjord congregation and organize the Lutheran Free Church of Paulsbo, later known as Grace Lutheran. This congregation has since merged with Vinland Lutheran of Poulsbo. In 1917 Fordefjord became affiliated with the United Lutheran Church, later called the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. Two other name changes took place in the 1940s, beginning with the change from Fordefjord to First Lutheran in 1943, followed three years later by a synodical change to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Affiliation with the American Lutheran Church occurred in 1960 at the time of the merger.

Content Description

(folder #1) This folder contains a congregational historical record, a pamphlet encouraging giving towards a new church building, two bulletins from their 75th anniversary, two booklets from their 50th anniversary, a booklet from their 75th anniversary year, a booklet from their dedication in 1960, a pamphlet with plans for the new building, various letters, an annual report from 1966, a booklet from their 80th anniversary, a booklet from their 90th anniversary, a congregational statistical record, newspaper articles (and copies) about their church.

(folder #2) This folder contains a letter from Milton Nesvig, two books from their 100th anniversary celebration, a supplement to the 100th anniversary book.

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Bibliography

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

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Church anniversaries

Lutherans--Washington (State)--History

Personal Names :

Brono, John H., 1918-1921
Eide, Frithjof, 1955-1967
Mueller, Harry, 1972-1975
Sandvig, Erik J., 1903-1909
Slettedahl, Erick B., 1898-1899
Syrdal, Peter R., 1899-1902
Tengesdal, Peter N., 1967-?
Floren, Lars J., 1929-1951
Karlstad, Alfred, 1951-1955
Langeland, Henrick, 1892-1893
Lunde, Alexander M., 1923-1929
Nilsen, Nils G., 1886
Norby, Johan T., 1909-1918
Shane, Alison M.W.
Shane, Kent R.
Tollefson, Ingebrigt, 1887-1891
Tollefson, Otto C., 1977-1985
Wogter, Hans B., 1921-1923

Corporate Names :

Lutheran Free Church
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America
American Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church--History
Evangelical Lutheran Church--Southwestern Washington Synod
United Lutheran Church in America

Geographical Names :

Poulsbo (Wash.)

Occupations :

Clergy

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