

Bergen Cemetery, Codington County, South Dakota

Location – SE ¼ of Section 29 of East Dexter Twp (T120N, Range 52W)

GPS Coordinates (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds) – N-045° 08' 40.1"; W-097° 11' 06.6"

Directions: From Watertown, drive N on Hwy 11 (Old Hwy 81, 455th Ave) to 154th St; go W 4 miles to 451st Ave; then S ½ mile, on W side of road

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The scope of this Codington County Cemetery Census Project is to provide an accurate and complete census of all of the rural cemeteries and individual burials in Codington County, South Dakota. It includes all known burials in the county with the exception of the two large Watertown cemeteries, Mount Hope and St. Mary's Catholic. Records have been researched at the cemeteries, cross-referenced with courthouse records, and the cemeteries walked.

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Key:

- Sec = Section ; Bk = Block; Lt=Lot; Gr=Grave

Under the Comments section:

- Relationships;
- AKA or Nickname = " ____ ";
- Age = Year, Month, Day;
- Epitaphs in " ____ ":
- COD = Cause of Death, as listed in the death record or word of mouth.
- NBC = No burial card listed at the County Court House.
- BC = Burial Card at the County Court House
- DR = Death Record present in County Court House with book/page/line number, etc.
- NDR = No death record present at County Court House
- M = Marker present in cemetery
- NM = No marker present in cemetery
- b. = birthplace
- d. = place of death
- p. = parents
- w. = wife
- h. = husband
- f. = father
- m. = mother
- Maiden name in (____)
- Military information found on burial card at the County Court House or on marker in cemetery

- MB = Marriage Book

Major Sources (but not limited to):

- Watertown Public Opinion
- Codington County Death Records – No death records are at the Codington County Courthouse before July 1905
- Codington County Burial Permits
- The First 100 Years – Codington County 1879-1979 (History of Codington County)
- Church Records
- Pictorial History of Codington County, South Dakota
- Word of mouth: Notes as such in comment section



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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Sec	Bk	Gr	Comments
AMDAHL										MARKER; "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me";
Amdahl	Alma	Dehlia	Limmer	02/07/1914	10/09/1997	10/13/1997	S 29	3 N	43 43	DR-# 19159; BP# 11536; age-83; d. Prairie Lakes Care Center, Watertown, SD; COD-unknown; registered nurse; b. Wentworth, SD; p. Louis & Antonia (Maas) Limmer; h. O. Raymond; "parents of Shirley, Jean & Roger"; informant-Raymond Amdahl of South Shore, SD; M
Amdahl	Baby			-	-	-	A	1	2	NDR; no name or dates on BC at Court House; ? Mabel Luella; NM
Amdahl	Ella			1897	12/05/1917		S A	1 1	1 1	DR-1/105/1456; age-20/8/0; d. Watertown, SD; COD-post-op thyroid intoxication; b. SD; p. unknown; single; M
Amdahl	Gurine	F.	Fossom	05/10/1865	12/01/1927		S	2	40	DR-2/2/3067; NBC; alternate spelling-"Gerena"; age-62/6/21; d. Watertown, SD; COD-ulcerative gangrene & myocardial embolism; b. Norway; p. Ole & Gurene (?Hoagensdotter or Stvagensdotter) Amdahl; h. Peter D. Amdahl; informant-Olaf Amdahl of Summit, SD; "Mother"; M
Amdahl	Harold	M.		04/22/1892	10/14/1950	10/20/1950	S 29	2 1	36 6	NDR; BP# 1699; age-58; "WWI-SD Pvt. General Hosp 26", 7/21/1918-10/13/1919, Medical Corps, USA #3953254; d. Hot Springs, SD; COD-cardiovascular accident; kin-Olaf B. Amdahl of Summit, SD; M
Amdahl	Josephine	Bergliatt	Opheim	02/14/1888	02/08/1981	02/12/1981	S	1	4	DR-# 15090; BP# 8005; age-92; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest, arteriosclerotic heart disease; b. SD; p. John & Beret (Kvaal) Opheim; .h. Olaf Bernt; widowed; informant-Raymond Amdahl of South Shore, SD; "Mother"; "Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me"; unplatted; M
Amdahl	Mabel	A.	Holtan	11/14/1909	03/09/1997	05/06/1997	S S	2 1	42 2	DR-# 19018; BP# 11378; age-87; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-senile dementia; registered nurse anesthetist; b. Florence,

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										SD; p. Lars & Anna (Stee) Holtan; h. Oscar N.; widowed; informant-Eleanor Jenson of Watertown, SD; M
Amdahl	Mabel	Luella		1919	1919		S	1	2	NDR; listed as "baby" on burial card; M
Amdahl	Marit	Hanskara	Olson	1824	05/04/1913		S A	3 8	41 2	DR-1/73/980; age-89; d.Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; COD-natural causes; b. Norway; h. Ole, "Hans Kone" translated "His Wife"; M
Amdahl	Martin			01/14/1865	03/28/1943	03/31/1943	S A	3 9	78 2	DR-3/9/6052; BP# 266; age-78/2/14; d. rural South Shore or Watertown, SD; COD-angina; farmer; b. Norway; p. Ole P. & Marit (Olson); w. Mette (Opheim) wed in Norway; widowed; informant-Mrs. James Allison of South Shore, SD; M
Amdahl	Mette		Opheim	02/06/1857	11/26/1936	11/29/1936	S A	3 9	79 1	DR-2/5/4819; age-79/9/20; d. South Shore, SD; COD-myocarditis & nephritis; b. Norway; p. Gunder Opheim "Open" as listed in DR" & Marit (?); h. Martin; wed in Norway; informant-Mrs. James Allison of South Shore, SD; M
Amdahl	O.	Raymond		1913	-					Living; w. Alma (Limmer); " parents of Shirley, Jean & Roger"; M
Amdahl	Olaf	Bernt		08/29/1886	09/14/1960	09/17/1960	S	1	5	DR-9918; BP # 3562; aka-"Ole"; age-74; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion; farmer; b. Dell Rapids, SD; p. Peter & Gurina (Fossum) Amdahl; w. Josephine (Opheim); informant-Mrs. Olaf Amdahl; "Father"; M
Amdahl	Ole	P.		1824	08/13/1912		S A	3 8	42 1	DR-1/76/1017; alternate death year-"1913"; age-89; d. Watertown, SD; COD-old age; b. Norway; f. Peder Olson; w. Marit (Olson); widowed; "and Marit his wife"; "Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me"; M
Amdahl	Oscar	N.		06/07/1905	10/14/1950	06/24/1986	S S	2 A	41 3	NDR; BP# 9041; death date-"10/13/1950" on marker; age-45; d. Bemidji, Beltrami Co., MN; w. Mabel A. (Holtan); M

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Amdahl	Paul	Gerhard		1900	10/11/1942	10/16/1942	S A	2 1	37 8	NDR; BP# 198; age-43/6/27; WWII, "SD Pvt. 379 Infantry", d. Camp Swift, TX; COD-toxic hepatitis; kin-Olaf Amdahl of Summit, SD; M
Amdahl	Peter	D.		1846	1934		S	2	39	NDR; NBC; p. Ole P. & Marit (Olson); w. Gurine (Fossom); "Father"; M
Arnold	Carol	M.	Engel	1923	-					living; h. Clinton D.; M
Arnold	Clinton	D.		03/15/1907	10/24/1985	10/26/1985	N	6	224	DR-# 16265; BP# 8922; age-78; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-ventricular fibrillation, metastatic carcinoma of rectum; farmer; b. SD; p. Charles Vernon & Lillian (Leonard) Arnold; w. Carol M.. (Engel); informant-Carol M. Arnold, Watertown, SD; M
Bang	Lawrence			09/19/1866	08/12/1929	08/15/1929	S	4	107	DR-2/16/3399; NBC; alternate spelling-"Lorentz"; aka-"Laurence"; age-62/10/23; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cancer of liver; carpenter; b. Norway; p. Gunder Opem (Opheim) & Mary (?); single; informant-Thomas J. Opheim of South Shore, SD; M
BERGAN										MARKER
Bergan	Anna		Lunde	1883	1971		N	2	50 2	NDR; NBC; h. Jens; "In Memory of Jens and Anna Bergan"; M
Bergan	Bertha		Nesse	05/14/1889	10/23/1957	10/26/1957	N N	3 32	97 2	DR-# 9282; BP# 3061; alternate spelling-"Ness"; age-68; d. rural South Shore, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes; b. Norway; p. Svend H. Nesse & Marie Marta (Aasland); h. Torstein N. Bergan, wed-12/17/1908 @ Bergen Church; first recorded marriage in Bergen Church; widowed; informant-Carl F. Bergan; M
Bergan	Clifton	Richard		12/08/1950	12/08/1950	12/09/1950	N 29	2 25	71 1	NDR; BP# 1739; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; twin stillbirth; b. Watertown, SD; p. Thomas Jarvis & Lillian (Bothen) Bergan; M
Bergan	Curtis	Roger		12/08/1950	12/08/1950	12/09/1950	N 29	2 25	71 1	NDR; BP# 1739; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; twin stillbirth; b. Watertown, SD; p. Thomas Jarvis & Lillian (Bothen) Bergan; M

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Bergan	Fern	J.	Stadheim	02/05/1911	03/23/1999	03/26/1999	N	5	157	DR-# 19648; BP# 11779; age-88; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-infarction, diabetes; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. John & Gina (Rislov) Stadheim; h. Hans Harry Bergan; parent of Richard, Carol, Dan, Cleo, and Jeff; informant-Dan Bergan of Watertown, SD; M
Bergan	Hans	Harry		03/05/1914	01/25/2000	01/29/2000	N	5	158	DR-# 19869; BP# 11935; aka "Harry"; age-85; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-sepsis of unknown cause, cardiovascular accident; farmer; b. Watertown, SD; p. Torsten & Bertha (Ness) Bergan; w. Fern J.(Stadheim); widowed; parent of Richard, Carol, Dan, Cleo, & Jeff; informant-Dan Bergan of Watertown, SD; M
Bergan	Howard	Dean		04/12/1925	12/18/2002	07/26/2003	N	3	97-98	NDR; NBC; age-77; WW II US Army; d. Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; dry cleaning; b. family farm home; cremated, urn buried between parents, Torsten aka-"Tom" & Bertha (Nesse) Bergan; w. Lois (Frazier); p. of Deborah, Cynthia, Lori & Lisa; NM
Bergan	Infant	Daughter			1915					NDR; NBC; p.?: M
Bergan	Jens			1877	1962		N	2	502	NDR; NBC; p. Nels & Karen (Stenstadvold) Bergan; w. Anna (Lunde); "In Memory of Jens and Anna Bergan"; M
Bergan	Joseph	Norman		10/02/1906	07/30/1968	08/04/1968	N	2	51	NDR; BP# 5343; age-61; d. El Cajon, San Diego Co., CA; COD-non-communicable; kin-Robert Bergan of Chula Vista, CA; M
Bergan	Lillian	B.	Bothen	06/09/1911	07/21/2001	07/25/2001	N	2	72	DR-# 20211; BP# 12266; age-90; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-senile dementia; teacher; b. Garretson, SD; p. Louis & Anna (Loftesness) Bothen; h. Thomas Jarvis Bergan; divorced; informant-Tom Bergan of Watertown, SD; M
Bergan	Richard	Harry		07/29/1936	11/25/1938	11/29/1938	N C	5 3	156 5	DR-2/23/5244; age-2/3/26; d. Watertown, SD; COD-hydrocephalus, diabetes; b. South Shore, SD; p. Harry & Fern (Stadheim) Bergan;

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										informant-Harry Bergan of South Shore, SD; M
Bergan	Ruby	Lillian		1910	02/04/1911		N	2	49	DR-1/56/766; NBC; age-0/4/5; d. Dexter Twp. Codington Co. SD; COD-pneumonia; b. SD; p. Jens & Anna (Lunde) Bergan; M
Bergan	T.	N.		1927	1927		N	2	70	NDR; ?NBC; "Baby"; p. Torsten Nelsen & Bertha (Ness); M
Bergan	Thomas	Jarvis		09/16/1917	-					Living; w. Lillian (Bothen); divorced; M
Bergan	Thomas	L.		11/06/1941	-					Living; M
Bergan	Torsten	Nelsen		12/30/1871	06/20/1952	06/23/1952	N 29	3 32	98 1	DR-# 7993; BP# 2023; aka-"Tom"; age-80; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary thrombosis, pneumonia; farmer; b. Norway; p. Nels & Karen (Stenstadvold) Bergan; w. Bertha (Ness), wed-12/17/1908 @ Bergen Church; first recorded marriage in Bergen Church; informant-Carl F. Bergan; M
CARLSEN										MARKER
Carlsen	Anna	Elizabeth	Kittelsen	04/19/1878	10/31/1962	11/02/1962	S	3	63	DR-# 10401; BP# 4094; alternate maiden name-"Fatland"; age-84; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-septicemia, dementia; nursing; b. Norway; p. Peter Fatland & Torbjorg (Roen); h. Anton I.; widowed; informant-Jack Carlsen; "Jesus Never Fails"; M
Carlsen	Anton	Ingvold		1870	05/27/1945	05/29/1945	S 29	3 12	61 2	NDR;BP# 701; alternate spelling-"Carlson"; age-74/7/15; d. Stockholm, Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; w. Anna (Kittelsen); kin-Mrs. Anton Carlsen of Stockholm, SD; M
Ellingson	Elling	O.		07/10/1856	12/05/1916	-	S A	3 10	72 2	DR-1/98/1359; age-59/4/25; age-"59/6/26" on marker; d. Watertown, SD; COD-acute bowel obstruction; b. Norway; p. unknown; w. Julia (Olfson); "A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled: A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled"; "Gone but not forgotten"; M

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Ellingson	Julia		Olfson	07/26/1856	01/15/1918		S A	3 10	73 1	DR-1/107/1477; age-62/5/19; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; b. IA; h. Elling; widowed; M
Erickson	Arthur	G.		1908	1936		N	3	86	NDR; NBC; p. Hans S. Erickson & Ida (Johnson); "Son"; M
Erickson	Baby	Girl		04/25/1967	04/25/1967	04/28/1967	N	4	141	DR-# 11528; stillbirth; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; b. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; p. Elton Eugene & Earline Elizabeth (Drake) Erickson; informant-Earline Erickson; "Infant Daughter"; M
Erickson	Edward	Hartvig		01/1906	04/28/1970	05/01/1970	N	4 28 M	144 2	DR-# 12325; age-64; d. Memorial Hospital, DOA; COD-cardiac arrest, coronary thrombosis; farmer; b. SD; p. Hans S. & Ida Charlotte (Johnson) Erickson; w. Nora (Johnson); informant-Mrs. Ed Erickson of Ortley, SD; "In Loving Memory"; unplatted; M
Erickson	Hans	S.		10/08/1868	02/04/1957	02/08/1957	N 28	3 M	87 2	DR- # 9058;BP# 2851; age-88; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-fractured (R) hip; farmer; b. Norway; p. Erik & Gurine (?) Engesett; w. Ida (Johnson); widowed; informant-Edward H. Erickson; "Father" M
Erickson	Nora	Viola	Johnson	08/19/1911	09/17/1994	09/21/1994	N C	4 1	142 142	NDR; BP# 10852; age-82; d. Sturgis Community Health Care Center, Sturgis, SD; b. family home near McLeod, ND; p. Amund & Syneva (Fladeboe) Johnson; h. Edward H.; wed-12/29/1937 @ Watertown, SD; he died 1970; p. of Dorothy, Marie, Steven, & Elton; M
Erickson	Norris	M.		10/31/1907	06/30/1999	07/06/1999	N	4	137	NDR; BP# 11818; age-91; d. Beverly Health Care Center, Lake Norden, Hamlin Co., SD; farming & worked @ rubber welders in Wtn, SD; b. Egeland Twp., Day co., SD; p. Hans S. & Ida (Johnson) Erickson; single; M
GRINOLS										MARKER
Grinols	Byron	H.		1870	10/26/1951	10/28/1951	S 29	4 17	115 4	NDR; BP# 1888; age-81; d. Yankton State Hospital, Utica Twp., Yankton, SD; COD-acute congestion of lungs; kin-Lee Grinols of South

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										Shore, SD; M
Grinols	Clifford	Merritt		03/19/1907	02/21/2001	Spring 2001	S	4	120	NDR; BP# 12183; age-93; aka-"Cliff"; d. St. Bernard's Providence Hospital, Milbank, Grant Co., SD; farming; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Leland & Emma (Anderson) Grinols; w. Renata (Radtke); wed-02/06/1946 @ Minneapolis, MN; p. of Janelle, Jay & Leland; M
Grinols	Edythe	Mae		09/24/1905	04/29/1913		S A	4 17	118 2	DR-1/73/988; alternate spelling-Edith"; age-7/7/19; d. Watertown, SD; COD-spinal meningitis; b. SD; p. Lee & Emma (Anderson) Grinols; M
Grinols	Leland	Edwin		1868	06/13/1953	06/16/1953	S	4 16	?80 1	NDR; BP# 2181; age-86; alternate spelling-"Leeland"; d. Houston, Harris Co., TX; COD-non-communicable; kin-Clifford Grinols of South Shore, SD; "Father"; M
Grinols	LeRoy	W.		12/15/1908	07/11/1909		S A	4 17	119 1	NDR; alternate birth year-"1906"; "Sleep on-sweet babe and take thy rest. God called thee home, He thought it best." M
Grinols	Renata	Clara	Radtke	12/31/1920	06/14/1998	06/18/1998	S S	4 29	121 -	DR-19338;BP# 11625; age-77; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-bilateral pneumonia, COPD; b. Ellendale, ND; p. Gustaf and Lena (Bucholz) Radtke; h. Cliff M.; wed-02/06/1946 @ Minneapolis, MN; informant-Clifford Grinols of rural Watertown, SD; p. of Janelle, Jay & Leland; M
Grinols	Violetta	M.	Merritt	03/16/1844	02/12/1935	02/14/1935	S A	4 17	116 3	DR-2/72/4443; age-90/11/26; birth year-"1846" on marker; d. Codington Co. SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; b. PA; p. Sheldon P. & Lois (Eastwood) Merritt; h. Nelson S. Grinols; widowed; informant-Lu Grinols of South Shore, SD; M
GUNDERSON										FAMILY MARKER; "Life' race well run, life's work well done, life's victory won, now cometh rest"
Gunderson	Agnetta		Twaten ?	05/12/1877	12/26/1929	12/30/1929	N	3	104	DR-2/70/3463; alternate spelling-"Agnette" & "Tvetten"; age-52/7/14; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-pulmonary tuberculosis;

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										b. Norway; p. ?Jonas & Mary (Hegna) ?Twtan; h. Carl G., Sr.; informant-C.G. Gunderson; "The Lord is our Shepherd" M
Gunderson	Baby			1915	1915		N B	2 19	63 3	NDR; no dates on burial card at Court House; "Infant Daughter"; A.L. Gunderson listed on BC; M
Gunderson	Carl	Amund, Jr.		04/08/1917	11/21/1969	11/24/1969	N	3	107	DR-12194; BP# 5608; age-52; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD, DOA; COD-strangulation from head caught in dumpbox hoist; farmer; b. SD; p. Carl G., Sr. & Agnetta (Tvetten) Gunderson; w. Rhoda (Neville); informant-Rhoda Gunderson of South Shore, SD; "Father"; unplatted; M
Gunderson	Carl	Genurus, Sr.		1870	02/27/1955	03/03/1955	N -	3 23	105 -	NDR; BP# 2494; alternate spelling-"Gunerus"; age-84; d. Yankton State Hospital, Yankton, SD; COD-chronic myocarditis; w. Agnetta (Twtan?); kin-Carl A. Gunderson of South Shore, SD; M
Gunderson	Edwin	C.		01/15/1915	05/02/1956		N	2	65	NDR; NBC; WWII, BSM-PH MN Pfc Co. A78 armored Med. Bn; M
Gunderson	George	Alexander	Sr.	05/07/1877	08/09/1957	08/11/1957	N -	3 19	102 2	DR-9170; BP# 2951; age-80; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-cancer of prostate, uremia; farmer; b. Decorah, IA; p. Gunder L. & Andrena (Arneson) Gunderson; w. Louise (Rue); wed-06/25/1903 in Ridgeway, IA; widowed; informant-George Gunderson, Jr.; M
Gunderson	Gerald	Lester		01/30/1911	02/23/1911		N	2	66	DR-1/57/773; NBC; alternate spelling-"Gundersen"; age-25 days; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-gastroenteritis; b. SD; p. George & Louisa (Rue) Gunderson; M
Gunderson	Gudrun	J.		02/13/1910	10/04/1910		N B	2 20	62 2	NDR; birth date-"02/10/1910" on marker; f. C.G.Gunderson; "Dau."; "Gone Home"; M
Gunderson	Infant			?	?		B	20	2	NDR; no dates on burial card at Court House; NM
Gunderson	Louise		Rue	10/04/1879	01/13/1949	01/17/1949	N -	3 -	103 -	DR-4/194/7277; BP# 1368; age-69; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion; b. IA; p. Ole & ? (Halverson) Rue; h. George A., Sr.; wed-06/25/1903 @ Ridgeway, IA;

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Gunderson	Mabel	Anna		1913	07/17/1916		N B	2 20	64 1	DR-1/93/1288; age-2/11/9; d. South Shore, SD; COD-imbecility & physical weakness; b. SD; p. Carl & Augusta (?Toeten) Gunderson; "“Daughter”" M
Gunderson	Rhoda	A.	Neville	06/20/1924	02/15/1994	04/22/1994	N B	3 20	106 106	DR-18270; BP# 10733; age-69; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center, Watertown, SD; COD-gastric carcinoma; cafe owner; b. South Shore, SD; p. John & Freida (Dunker) Neville; widowed; informant-Barbara Anderson of South Shore, SD; M
Hanson	Ola			09/26/1877	01/18/1959	01/29/1959	S	5	134	DR-# 9515; NBC; age-81; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-myocardial infarction; farmer; b. Sweden; p. Hans & Marie (?) Swenson; single male; informant-Joseph Messer; M
Harriott	Cora	S.	Ness	09/26/1906	04/13/2001	04/18/2001	N	2	34	NDR; BP# 12210; age-94; d. Beverly Health Care, Pierre, Hughes Co., SD; quilt maker; b. Day Co., SD; p. Asbjorn & Alvina (Anderson) Ness; h. John H.; wed-11/06/1926; he died 1985; p. of Jerome & Coretta; M
Harriott	John	Henry		07/11/1899	10/01/1985	10/05/1985	N N	2 13	35 35	DR-# 16257; BP# 8938; age-86; d. Memorial Medical Center, Watertown, SD; COD-acute respiratory failure, post cardiovascular accident, possible pulmonary emboli; farmer; b. SD; p. Seneca & Rosetta (Lyons) Harriott; w. Cora S. (Ness); wed-11/06/1926; informant-Cora Harriott of Watertown, SD; M
Harriott	Roger	Darrell		04/05/1939	11/26/1952	11/29/1952	N B	1 1	23 3	DR-# 8074; BP# 2087; age-13; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pneumonia, encephalitis, dementia; b. Watertown, SD; p. John & Cora (Ness) Harriott; informant-John Harriott; "“Son”"; "“Jesus Loves Me This I Know”"; M
Harriott	Sidney	Lorrell		05/04/1935	04/23/1944	04/26/1944	N 29	1 2	22 1	DR-3/234/6282; BP# 493; name-"“Sydney”" on marker; age-8/11/19; d. rural Florence, SD; COD-encephalitis, Schilder's Disease; b. Florence, SD; p. John & Cora (Ness) Harriott; informant-John

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										Harriott; M
Hermanson	Benhart	Cornelius		06/24/1895	01/04/1950	01/07/1950	S 29	1 2	8 4	DR-# 7464; BP# 1559; age-54; d. Wallace, SD; COD-cardiovascular disease, familial spastic paraplegia; invalid most of his life; b. Moody Co., SD; p. Ole & Gertie (Nelson) Hermanson; single; informant-Mrs. Louis Anenson; "Son"; M
Hermanson	Gertie	O.	Nelson	12/05/1866	02/09/1954	02/13/1954	S S	2 2	32 5	DR-# 8333; BP# 2304; age-76; d. Wallace, SD; COD- arteriosclerotic heart disease; b. Norway; p. Torbjorn & Bergit (?) Nelson; h. Ole; wed-1890; widowed; informant-Mrs. Louis Anenson; "Mother"; M
Hermanson	Herman	O.		10/12/1891	08/25/1935	08/28/1935	S A	2 2	35 10	DR-2/88/4563; age-43/10/13; d. Watertown, SD; COD-multiple neurites; farmer; b. Moody Co., SD; p. Ole & Gertie (Nelson) Hermanson; single; informant-Miss Emma Hermanson of South Shore, SD; "Son"; M
Hermanson	Melvin	Olaf		08/29/1903	07/12/1990	07/15/1990	S S	1 10	11 2	NDR; BP# 9899; age-86; d. Anoka Maple Manor, MN; carpenter; b. Watertown, SD; p. Ole & Gertie (Nelson) Hermanson; p. of Marilyn, Melva, & Murray; M
Hermanson	Norman	T.		04/25/1893	10/18/1946	10/21/1946	S	1	9	DR-3/255/6786; NBC; age-53/5/23; d. Wallace, SD; COD-cardiovascular-renal; farmer; b. Moody Co., SD; p. Ole & Gertie (Nelson) Hermanson; single; informant-Mrs. Louis Anenson of Wallace, SD; "Son"; M
Hermanson	Ole	H.		10/1856	02/15/1925		S C	2 2	31 7	NDR: b. Norway; w. Gertie (Nelson); wed-1890; "Father"; M
Hogstad	Arnold	C.		1905	1911		N B	2 10	48 2& 3	NDR; p. Hans Andrew & Caroline (Stenstadvold) Hogstad; M
Hogstad	Baby						B	10	3	NDR; Infant; no name or dates on burial card; NM
Hogstad	Bertha	Caroline	Stenstad - vold	12/19/1884	01/07/1948	01/10/1948	N	2	47	DR-4/86/7062; NBC; aka-"Caroline" on marker; age-63/0/18; d. Wallace, SD; COD-cancer of stomach; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co. SD; p. Christian & Baerte (Kaalstad) Stenstadvold; h.

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										Hans (68 yrs.); informant-Hans Hogstad of Wallace, SD; M
Hogstad	Hans	Andrew		12/15/1879	09/11/1970	09/15/1970	N	2	46	NDR; BP# 5829; age-90; d. Day County Hospital, Webster, Day Co., SD; COD-coronary thrombosis; p. Andrew Hogstad & Susana (Ustrud); w. Caroline (Stenstadvold); kin-Arnold Hogstad of Castlewood, SD; unplatted; M
HOLTAN										MARKER
Holtan	Anna	Mathilde	Stee	10/21/1884	09/04/1911		N B	2 9	52 4	DR-1/62/825; name-"Holton" on marker; age-27; aka-"Annie"; d. Florence, SD; COD-burns from gasoline stove; b. SD; p. Paul & Annie "Maren" Stee; h. Lars; wed-09/01/1903; "By By Mamma"; "Farvæl Hustro og moder"; translated-"Farewell Wife and Mother"; M
Holtan	Christina			10/06/1863	05/22/1950	05/24/1950	S 29	2 3	27 2	NDR; BP# 1611; alternate spelling-"Christine Holton" & birth year-1864"; age-86; d. Columbia Heights, MN; COD-non-communicable; b. Norway; h. Jorgen; M
Holtan	Jorgen			03/16/1868	12/10/1926		S A	2 3	26 6	NDR; alternate spelling-"Jordan"; b. Norway; w. Christine; "Rock of Ages", Life Truth"; M
Holtan	Lars			05/07/1867	05/16/1917		N B	2 8	53 1	NDR; b. Skien, Norway; w. Anna Mathilde (Stee); wed-09/01/1903; M
Holtan	Paul	L.		12/06/1907	12/10/1907		N B	1 7	2 4& 5	DR-1/22/291; age-4 days; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD- natural causes; b. SD; p. Lars & Annie (Stee) Holtan; M
Jacobson	Julius			1869	1925		N	2	43	NDR; NBC; M
JOHNSON										MARKER
Johnson	Alice	Juliet		09/10/1925	08/17/1927	08/19/1927	S	4	112	DR-2/104/3005; NBC; alternate spelling-"Juliette"; age-2/0/0; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-convulsions caused by toxemia; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. John C. & Mary (Amdahl) Johnson; informant-John C. Johnson of South Shore, SD; "Daughter"; M

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Johnson	Baby			1910	1910		S C	4 15	128 1	NDR; no name or dates on burial card; alternate death year-"1911"; BC says C-15-1; ? p. John C. & Mary (Amdahl) Johnson; M
Johnson	Baby			1919	1919		S	4	113	?NDR; NBC; no name on BC; ?p. John C. & Mary (Amdahl) Johnson; M
Johnson	Baby			1928	1928		S	4	111	?NDR; NBC; no name or dates on BC; ?p. John C. & Mary (Amdahl) Johnson; M
JOHNSON	CHILD-REN									MARKER
Johnson	Clifford	Orville		04/28/1913	04/25/1951	04/28/1951	S 29	5 22	131 1	DR-7747; BP# 1820; age-37; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, pernicious anemia; farmer; b. Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; p. John C. & Mary "Marit" (Amdahl) Johnson; w. Victoria A. (Fogelberg); informant-wife; M
Johnson	Earling	Arthur		04/02/1917	01/12/2000	01/17/2000	S	5	151	DR-19863;BP# 11933; age-82; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiovascular accident; farmer; b. residence Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. John C. and Marit "Mary" (Amdahl) Johnson; w. Phyllis Harriet (Hoxsey); wed-06/06/1943 at Bergen Lutheran Church; parent of Lynn, John, Gail, Susan, & Miriam; informant-wife; M
Johnson	George	Melvin		06/12/1915	07/18/1936	07/20/1936	S A	4 15	86 2	DR-2/107/4732; age-21/1/6; d. Watertown, SD; COD-uremia, hemorrhagic purpura; laborer; b. Codington Co., SD; p. John C. & Mary (Amdahl) Johnson; single; informant-father of South Shore, SD; "Son"; M
Johnson	John	Carl		05/17/1880	12/12/1937	12/15/1937	S C	4 15	89 5	DR-2/107/5052; no dates on BC; age-57/6/25; d. Watertown, SD; COD-uremia; farmer; b. Dodge Co. MN; p. John & Inger (Paulson) Johnson; w. Mary (Amdahl); wed-12/19/1904; informant-wife of South Shore, SD; "Father"; M
Johnson	John	Martin		03/12/1911	02/01/1930	02/04/1930	S	4	85	DR-2/104/3500; NBC; age-18/10/19; d. Watertown, SD; COD-Henoch's purpura; farmer; b. Codington Co., SD; p. John C. & Mary

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										(Amdahl) Johnson; single; informant-father of South Shore, SD; "Son"; M
Johnson	Marit		Amdahl	08/08/1885	11/08/1957	11/12/1957	S A	4 15	88 4	DR-9257; BP# 3015; age-72; aka-"Mary" on marker; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiovascular accident; b. Norway; p. Martin & Mette (Opheim) Amdahl; h. John C. Johnson; wed-12/19/1904; widowed; informant-Earling Johnson; "Mother"; M
Johnson	Phyllis	Harriet	Hoxsey	1921	-					Living; h. Earling A.; wed-06/06/1943 @ Bergen Lutheran Church; parent of Lynn, John, Gail, Susan, & Miriam; M
Johnson	Victoria	Anna	Fogelberg	1914	01/03/1952	01/08/1952	S 29	5 22	132 2	NDR; BP# 1932; aka-"Anna Victoria"; age-37/3/21; d. on road Twin Brooks, Grant Co., SD; COD-internal injuries, suffocation; h. Clifford; kin-David Fogelberg of Stockholm, SD; M
Kittelsen	Mother			1850	1925		S A	3 12	65 1	NDR; BC says Mrs. Kittleson; "Mother"; M
Larson	Axel	Bernherd		12/09/1886	09/08/1965	09/11/1965	S	5	137	DR-11108; BP# 4671; age-78; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion; farmer; b. Sweden; p. Lars Magnus Mard? & Stena Christena (Johnson); single; informant-Joe Messer; buried in Nelson section, grave 3; M
Lundberg	Margaret	Luella	Markve	05/27/1900	05/12/1988	05/16/1988	N N	5 W- 4	161 2	DR-16849; BP# 9512; age-87; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-severe GI bleed & cardiovascular shock; dental assistant; b. SD; p. Ole Markve & Tilda (Hanson); unknown marital status; informant-Ann Olson of Watertown, SD; M
MARKVE										MARKER says "Our Father who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"
Markve	Alma	Josephine	Osness	06/27/1904	02/28/1976	03/03/1976	N	4	120	DR-13853; BP# 6968; age-71; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-cardiopulmonary syndrome; b. SD; p. Bertin J. Osness & Hilda (Nelson); h. Carl; widowed; informant-Ann Markve of

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										Watertown, SD; "Mother"; unplatted; M
Markve	Andrew			11/15/1872	10/24/1958	10/27/1958	N C	5 5	167 1	DR-9460; BP# 3187; age-85; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute myocardial infarction; farmer; b. Telemark, Norway; p. Knud & Anna (Raustad) Markve; w. Annie (Bergan); widowed; informant-Forrest Markve; "Father"; M
Markve	Anne		Bergan	02/25/1881	10/21/1938	10/27/1938	N C	5 5	166 2	DR-2/157/5219; aka-"Annie"; name-"Ann" on marker; age-57/7/26; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cardio-renal; b. Telemark, Norway; p. Nels Thorstenson Bergan & Karen (Stenstadvold); h. Andrew; informant-husband of Ortley, SD; "Mother"; M
Markve	Archie	Clifton		11/20/1902	01/24/1977	01/27/1977	N	5	165 3	NDR; BP# 7155; aka-"Cliff"; age-74; d. St. Louis Park, Hennepin Co., MN Hospital; farmer/carpenter; b. Lura Twp., Grant Co., SD; p. M/M Andrew Markve; single; unplatted; M
Markve	Carl	N.		1901	05/02/1950	05/05/1950	N 29	4 5	119 2	NDR; BP# 1604; age-49; d. Waubay, Day Co., SD; COD-cancer of stomach; p. Andrew Markve & Anna (Bergan); w. Alma (Osness); kin-Mrs. Carl Markve, Waubay, SD; "Father"; M
Markve	Glenn	Arthur		08/31/1918	01/28/1979	02/01/1979	N	5	162	NDR; BP# 7639; alternate birth year-"1919"; age-60; d. Day County Hospital, Webster, Day Co., SD, DOA; farmer; b. Egeland Twp., Day Co., SD; p. M/M Ole Markve; single; unplatted; M
Markve	Harry	Irving		05/13/1913	03/11/1981	03/14/1981	N	5	169	NDR; BP# 8051; birth date-"05/19/1913" on marker; age-67; WWII, Pfc. US Army, European Theatre; farming; d. Veteran's Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; b. Lura Twp., Grant Co., SD; p. M/M Andrew Markve; M
Markve	Knute	Oscar		01/02/1907	04/30/1980	05/03/1980	N	6	237	NDR; BP# 7852; aka-"Oscar"; age-73; d. St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, Cass Co., ND; farmer; b. near Ortley, SD; p. M/M Ole Markve; w. Myrtle (Stee); wed-06/06/1928 @ Florence, SD; p. of Lindy, Ken & Bob; M
Markve	Myrtle	Margaret	Stee	03/29/1909	12/28/1999	01/03/2000	N	6	236	DR-19845; BP# 11925; age-90; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiovascular

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										accident; teacher; b. South Shore, SD; p. Albert Stee & Dora (Holtan); h. Knute Oscar; widowed; informant-Kenneth Markve of Anchorage, AK; p. of Lindy, Ken & Bob; M
Matson	Matthias			?	?					NDR; NBC; Buried in NW Corner; no dates; NM
Monahan	Gene	D.		10/25/1927	-					Living; w. Lois; wed-11/20/1955; p. of Kimberly, Ryan & Julie; M
Monahan	Lois	L.		01/27/1936	-					Living; h. Gene D.; wed-11/20/1955; p. of Kimberly, Ryan & Julie; M
Nelson	Albert	Ole		12/14/1948	07/06/2005	07/09/2005	S	2	24	BP# 11080; age-56; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cancer; musician/teacher; b. Watertown, SD; p. Albert & Doris (Johnson) Nelson; wed Nancy (Brooks) 08/1972 @ Minneapolis, MN; great-grandson of Grace Lutheran's first pastor, Anders Nilson; p. of Emily & Tiia; M
Nelson	Albert	Otto		12/19/1907	06/08/1987	06/12/1987	S 29	2 4	22 14	DR-16630; BP# 9303; age-79; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-bacterial endocarditis; farmer/carpenter; b. SD; p. Ole A. & Thora (Olson) Nelson; w. Doris L. (Johnson); wed-11/17/1939; children-Doris F. & A. Ole; informant-wife of Watertown, SD; "Gud Velsigne Dig"; translated "God Bless You"; M
Nelson	Alma	A.		09/17/1905	09/03/1930	09/07/1930	S	2	25	DR-2/175/3610; NBC; age-24/11/16; d. Watertown, SD; COD-malignant endocarditis; b. Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; p. Ole & Thora (Olson) Nelson; single; informant-father of South Shore; M
Nelson	Doris	L.	Johnson	1920	-					Living; music teacher; h. Albert Otto; wed-11/17/1939; children-Doris F. & A. Ole; "Gud Velsigne Dig"; translated "God Bless You"; M
Nelson	Edward	B.		12/02/1878	01/19/1950	01/22/1950	S A- 29	5 21	139 3	DR-7465; BP# 1561; birth year-"1877" on marker; age-71; d. rural Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-coronary occlusion, found dead and frozen at home; farmer; b. Sweden; p. Nels Person & Elna (?); single; informant-P. W. Nelson; M

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Nelson	Jens			05/18/1850	08/28/1930		S C	3 11	67 3	NDR; birth date-"05/13/1850" on marker; w. Karna; "Father"; Like Unto Men that Wait for their Lord"; "His Wife Karna"; M
Nelson	Karna			10/23/1843	02/10/1923		S C	3 11	69 1	NDR; h. Jens; "Mother"; M
Nelson	Ole	A.		10/17/1868	10/02/1942	10/05/1942	S A	2 4	22 8	DR-3/429/5966; age-73/11/15;d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary thrombosis; farmer; b. Norway; p. Rev. Andrew & Maghild (Haarstaad) Nelson; w. Thora; widowed; informant-Melvin H. Nelson of South Shore, SD; M
Nelson	Thora			05/23/1882	01/13/1942	01/16/1942	S A	2 4	23 2	DR-3/427/5843; age-59/7/20; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; b. Norway; p. unknown; h. Ole A.; informant-Melvin H. Nelson of South Shore, SD; M
Nerison	George			1907	1907					NDR; alternate birth year-"1905"; buried in NW corner; Out Lot # 1; first funeral & burial in Bergen Cemetery; NM
Ness	Asbjorn			09/29/1878	10/08/1941	10/12/1941	N B	2 12	39 2	DR-3/426/5792; Aka "Bennie"; alternate spelling-"Osbjorn" or "Asborn"; age-63/0/9; . residence in Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; farmer; b. Norway; p. Hans & (?) Ness; w. Alvina (Anderson); informant-Mrs. E. J. Nyquist of Bismarck, ND; M
Ness	Clara	Alvina	Ander- son	09/18/1878	09/18/1959	09/22/1959	N -	2 12	38 1	DR-9683; BP# 3364; aka-"Alvina" on marker; age-81; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiovascular hemorrhage, diabetes; b. Goodhue Co., MN; p. Andrew Anderson & (??); h. Asbjorn; widowed; informant-husband; M
Ness	Emmie				1907		N	1	28	NDR; NBC; h. Hans; M
Ness	Hans	H.			04/24/1914		N	1	27	DR-1/80/1076; NBC; death year-"1913" on marker; age-48/10/20; d. Dexter Twp., CodingtonCo., SD; COD-natural causes; b. Norway; f. Hans S. Ness; w. Emmie; widowed; M

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Ness	Howard	J.		1915	01/11/1919		N	1	21	DR-1/116/1591; NBC; age-3/0/0; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-influenza, pneumonia, meningitis; b. SD; f. Asbjorn Ness; M
Neu	Clarence	Edward		05/06/1912	05/10/1996	05/16/1996	N N	2 4	41 41	NDR; BP# 11317; age-84; d. Pataskala Oaks Nursing Home, Pataskala, Licking Co., Johnstown, OH; COD-bacterial pneumonia; Douglas Aircraft employee; b. Minneapolis, MN; p. Edward & Rose (Hoffman) Neu; w. Olga (Ness); wed-11/23/1932; M
Neu	Olga	A.	Ness	08/08/1909	03/17/1992	03/23/1992	N N	2 3	40 73	NDR; BP# 10287; age-82; d. Columbus Hospital, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH; North American Rockwell aviation plant employee; b. Day Co., SD; p. Asbjorn & Alvina (Anderson) Ness; h. Clarence E.; wed-11/23/1932; M
Nyquist	Agnes	Alvin	Ness	08/12/1911	08/04/1986	08/08/1986	N	2	37	DR-16458; BP# 9133; age- 74; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital East, Watertown, SD; COD-coma, hepatic encephalopathy; b. SD; p. Asbjorn (aka- "Bennie"); Ness & Alvina (Anderson); h. Eugene; widowed; informant-? Williams of Watertown, SD; M
Nyquist	Eugene	J.		02/13/1914	12/14/1944		-	-	-	NDR; NBC; marker says Nyquist, Agnes A., wife of Eugene, in memory of husband C.W. O. US Army, Eugene J. Nyquist 2/13/1914-12/14/1944, WWII, POW-Phillipines, Prisoner of the Japanese, died Subic Bay-buried in Manila; M
Opheim	Thomas			05/18/1876	01/29/1947	02/02/1947	S	4	106	DR-3/452/6841; NBC; aka-"Tom"; age-70/8/11; d. Watertown, SD; COD-coronary thrombosis; laborer; b. Norway; p. Gunder Opem (Opheim) & Marit (?); single; informant-Mrs. Mary Johnson of South Shore, SD; M
Popham	John			1910	1910		?	?	?	NDR; NBC; baby; f. John Popham; M
Rislov	Elizabeth	A.	Lovick	07/25/1906	10/27/1998	10/31/1998	N 17	3 26	93 2	DR-19429; BP# 11680; age-92; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-primary dementia, Alzheimer's type, inanition; b. Wallace, SD; p. John Lovick & Agatha (Mathre); h. John O.; widowed; informant-Philip Lovick of Burnsville,

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										MN; M
Rislov	Irvin	S.		01/17/1880	11/01/1957	11/06/1957	N C	5 7	178 4	DR-9256; BP# 3014; age-77; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion; farmer; b. Minnehaha Co., SD; p. Seivert "Sjur" J. Rislov & Ingeborg (Wemark); w. Lydia C. (Docken); wed-1909; informant-Wallace Rislov; M
Rislov	Ivan			06/25/1867	01/05/1935	01/10/1935	N B	3 26	95 3	DR-2/206/4412; alternate spellings-"Iver"; name-" Ivar" on marker; no dates on burial card; age-67/6/10; d. Watertown, SD; COD-heart disease; farmer; b. Norway; p. John & Ragnhild (?) Rislov; w. Kristine (Nummedal); informant-Mrs. Anna Bale of Watertown, SD; "Father"; M
Rislov	John	O.		10/06/1902	02/07/1997	05/03/1997	N N	3 17	94	DR-19000; BP# 11377; age-94; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiovascular accident; farmer; b. Ortley, SD; p. Ivar Rislov & Kristina (Nummadahl); w. Elizabeth (Lovick); informant-Clayton Bale of Aberdeen, SD; M
Rislov	Kimberly	Kay		10/09/1980	09/08/1982	09/11/1982	N	6	233	DR-15496; BP# 8335; age-23 mos.; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiopulmonary arrest, massive head trauma, apparently butted by a bull; b. SD; p. Douglas D. & Bonnie P. (Orthaus) Rislov; informant-father of Florence, SD; "Daughter of M/M Douglas Rislov"; "An angel came and took a Flower away"; M
Rislov	Leland	Irvin		01/16/1915	10/23/1936	10/28/1936	N	5	177	DR-2/207/4792; BP# 6922; alternate burial date-"10/11/1975"; age-21/9/7; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral embolus caused by accident on public highway in Codington Co.; farming; b. Sherman, SD; p. Irvin S. & Lydia (Docken) Rislov; single; informant-father of South Shore, SD; buried in North Highland Cemetery, Sherman, Minnehaha Co., SD on 10/28/1936; disinterred 10/11/1975 to Bergen Cemetery; family plot; M
Rislov	Lydia	Charlotte	Docken	04/19/1890	10/12/1983	10/15/1983	N 6	5 179	179 3	DR-15768; BP# 8530; age-93; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-uremia; b.

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										SD; p. Halvor Docken & Kristi (Kringen); h. Irvin; wed-1909; widowed; informant-Hilma S. Paulson of Watertown, SD; M
Sakariason	Gladys	Viola	Johnson	1908	04/02/1985	04/06/1985	S 4	5 27	144 144	NDR; BP# 8852; age-76; d. Grasston, Kanabeck Co., MN; p. John C. & Marit (Amdahl) Johnson; h. Selmer G.; M
Sakariason	Selmer	G.		09/19/1911	03/30/1990	04/03/1990	S 27	5 143	143 2	NDR; BP# 9872; age-78; d. Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., MN; farmer/metal salvage; b. Wallace, SD; p. Ole & Inga Sakariason; w. Gladys V. (Johnson); wed-01/15/1941 @ Waubay, SD; she died 1985; p. of Gloria; M
Schulz	Jay	Ernest		01/26/1979	01/26/1979	01/29/1979	S	4	91	NDR; NBC; BP# 7638; d. Memorial Medical Center, Watertown, SD; COD-antenatal fetal death; f. Jerald "Jerry" Jay Schulz, 45 years old of Waubay, SD; m. Gwen (Nisich); ; unplatted; M
Schwinger	Anna	Marie	Holtan	06/05/1904	01/17/2003	01/21/2003	N	6	225	DR# 20642; BP# 12626; age-98; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center, Watertown, SD; COD-unknown; history of arteriosclerotic heart disease; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Lars Holtan & Anna (Stee); h. Leland Walter; wed-06/30/1926; widowed; informant-Kenneth Schwinger of Florence, SD; M
Schwinger	Baby Boy			1953	11/17/1953	11/17/1953	N	?2	?2	NDR; BP# 2259; stillbirth; death year-"1954"; on marker; d. Watertown, SD; p. Kenneth & Shirley (Ohnstad) Schwinger; M
Schwinger	Baby Girl			04/18/1942	04/18/1942	04/30/1942	S A	5 23	124 2	NDR; BP# 135; stillborn; b. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD- prematurity at 6½ mos. gestation; buried with mother Nora; p. Russell & Nora (Johnson); M
Schwinger	Hazel	Alida	Ness	11/04/1907	02/11/1991	02/26/1991	S 24	5 121	123 4	DR-17471; BP# 10033; age-83; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrhythmia; b. Day Co., SD; p. Asbjorn Ness & Alvina (Anderson); h. M. Russell; widowed; informant-Bruce Williams of Sioux Falls, SD; M
Schwinger	Kenneth	Leland		07/28/1929	-					Living; w. Shirley A. (Ohnstad); wed 05/16/1953; M

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Schwinger	Kenneth	Leland, Jr.		08/06/1954	08/07/1954	08/09/1954	N -	1 7	4 3	DR-8465; BP# 2417; name-"Kennth" on marker; alternate death year-"1955"; age-1 hr. old; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-congenital atelectasis, 9 weeks premature; b. Watertown, SD; p. Kenneth Leland Schwinger & Shirley Ann (Ohnstad); informant-father; M
Schwinger	Leland	Walter		02/12/1902	05/09/1983	05/13/1983	N	6	228	DR-15669; BP# 8466; age-81; d. Memorial Medical Center, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac & renal failure, cancer of prostate; farmer; b. IA; p. John F. & Mary (Volke) Schwinger; w. Anna Marie (Holtan); wed-06/30/1926; informant-Kenneth Schwinger of Florence, SD; unplatted; M
Schwinger	Marion	Russell		08/28/1905	05/23/1970	05/27/1970	S	5	122	DR-12341; BP# 5725; aka-"Russell"; age 64; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-lobar pneumonia; b. IA; p. John & Mary (Volk) Schwinger; w. Nora Marie (Johnson), 1 st wife; Hazel A. (Ness), 2 nd wife; informant-wife of Florence, SD; unplatted; M
Schwinger	Nora	Marie	Johnson	12/02/1906	04/27/1942	04/30/1942	S A	5 23	124 2	DR-3/521/5890; BP# 134; age-35/3/25; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-peritonitis from ruptured appendix & premature labor at 6½ mos. gestation; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. John C. Johnson & Mary (Amdahl); h. Russell; informant-husband of Florence, SD; buried with Baby Girl Schwinger; "Mother"; M
Schwinger	Shirley	A.	Ohnstad	06/07/1932	-					Living; h. Kenneth L.; M
Sikkink	Karen	Marie	Bergan	1909	10/01/2002	10/06/2002	N	4	128	NDR; NBC; aka-"Marie"; age-93; volunteer worker in Hawaii & Micronesia; d. near Arizona City, AZ; h. Virgil; wed-11/24/1932 in Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; informant-Ardis Sweezo; p. of Gene, Gary & Florence; M
Sikkink	Virgil	Lubert		04/18/1909	6/23/1995	6/28/1995	N 31	4 129	129 1	NDR; BP# 11011; age-86; d. residence, Blue Dog Lake, Waubay, Day Co., SD; farmer/volunteer in Hawaii & Micronesia; b. near Waubay, Day Co., SD; p. Garret & Florence (Boersma) Sikkink; w. Karen Marie (Bergan); wed-11/24/1932 in Dexter

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										Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. of Gene, Gary & Florence; M
Silvan	Jacob	N.		1835	7/30/1909		N	1	6	DR-1/39/583; NBC; alternate spelling-"Siljan" on marker; age-74/4/10; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-heart failure & stroke; b. Norway; M
Stadheim	Gina		Rislov	12/06/1878	10/13/1956	10/17/1956	N C	5 6	170 1	DR-8986; BP# 2806; age-77; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary heart disease, diabetes; b. Minnehaha Co., SD; p. S.J. Rislov & Ingeborg (Wemark); h. John O.; wed-1906; informant-Glenn Stadheim; M
Stadheim	Glenn	S.			12/06/1989					Moved to Mt. Hope, Watertown, SD, on 07/02/1997; NM
Stadheim	John	Olson		05/05/1882	08/20/1957	08/24/1957	N C	5 6	171 2	DR-9184; BP# 2955; age-75; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary occlusion; farmer; b. Norway; p. unknown; w. Gina (Rislov); wed-1906; widowed; informant-Glenn Stadheim; M
Stee	Albert			1869	11/17/1909		N	3	112	DR-1/42/620; NBC; age-39; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-stomach cancer; b. Decorah, IA; p. Paul Stee & Mary (Rukstad); w. Dora (Holtan); wed-1898; M
Stee	Dora	Marie	Holtan	1879	04/05/1960	04/08/1960	N B	3 22	111 3	NDR; BP# 3464; age-80; d. Webster, Day Co., SD; COD-metastatic cancer; b. Norway; h. Albert; wed-1898; kin-Julius Stee of South Shore, SD; M
Stee	Julius	M.		07/29/1905	05/24/2000	5/30/2000	N	3	110	DR-19946; BP# 12044; age-94; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-inanition, cancer of prostate; farmer; b. South Shore, SD; p. Albert Stee & Dora (Holtan); w. Mabel I. (Johnson); widowed; p. of Don, Lillian (Stee) Jeffrey, & Marilyn (deceased); informant-Don Stee of St. Paul Park, MN; M
Stee	Lisa	Marie		10/12/1961	10/13/1961	10/16/1961	N	4	114	DR-10147; BP# 3790; age-17 hrs.; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-brain hemorrhage from birth injury; b. Watertown, SD; p. Donald Gene Stee & Donna (Antijunti); informant-father;

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Stee	Mabel	Irene	Johnson	09/18/1905	03/25/1985	3/29/1985	N 3	3 22	109 109	DR-16139; BP# 8851; age-79; d. Memorial Medical Center, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest, arteriosclerotic heart disease with recent myocardial infarction, left cardiovascular accident; b. SD; p. John C. Johnson & Marit (Amdahl); h. Julius M.; p. of Don, Lillian (Stee) Jeffrey & Marilyn (deceased); informant-husband of Watertown, SD; M
Stee	Manford	Bernard		02/18/1912	12/02/1983	12/07/1983	N 32	4 4	127 127	DR-15800; BP# 8575; age-71; d. Memorial Medical Center, Watertown, SD; COD-respiratory arrest, cancer with metastases to lungs; farmer; b. SD; p. Melvin Stee & Ingeborg (Stenstadvold); w. Mildred (Bergan); informant-wife of Waubay, SD; M
Stee	Marilyn	J.		11/05/1936	07/30/1938	08/02/1938	N	4	113	DR-2/232/5179; age-1/8/25; d. Watertown, SD; COD-laryngospasm; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Julius Stee & Mabel (Johnson); informant-father of South Shore, SD; Street between B & C; M
Sweezo	Ardis	S.	Bergan/ Zirbel	08/23/1923	-					Living; h. Harry A.; wed-05/31/1975 in New Helgen Lutheran Church, Florence, SD; M
Sweezo	Harry	Albert		10/13/1916	09/22/2005	09/26/2005	N	4	125	BP# 12546; P.O.; age-88; d. Watertown Care Center, Watertown, SD; b. farm in Anoka Co., MN; cabinet maker; p. Albert & Maude (Frazer) Sweezo; wed Ardis (Zirbel) 05/31/1975 in New Helgen Lutheran Church, Florence, SD; p. of Harry A., Jr. (deceased), Marj, and stepchildren-Steve & Fran; M
Thompson	Gust	T.		03/08/1877	07/27/1936	07/31/1936	S C	4 20	102 3	DR-2/258/4740; age-59/4/19; d. Watertown, SD; COD-septicemia; farmer/musician; b. near Baltic, Minnehaha Co., SD; p. Torger Mogen & Julia (Olson); w. Laura (Hanson); wed-1902; informant-wife of South Shore, SD; M
Thompson	Laura	B.	Hanson	08/12/1881	01/06/1967	01/08/1967	S C	4 20	103 2	DR-11460; BP# 4990; age-85; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-arteriosclerotic heart disease; seamstress; b. Minnehaha Co. SD; p. Tom

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										Hanson & Lena (?); h. Gust; wed-1902; widowed; informant-Theodore Thompson; M
Thompson	Olga	Myrtle Elvira	Rislov	05/18/1913	06/01/2004	06/04/2004	N	5	182	BP# 3176; age-91; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-urosepsis, diabetic neurogenic bladder, insulin dependent diabetes, Alzheimer's, severe organic brain syndrome; elementary school teacher; b.rural Sherman Twp., Minnehaha Co., SD; p. Irvin & Lydia (Dokken) Rislov; h. Theodore L.; wed-06/08/1945 in Bergen Lutheran Church; widowed; p. of Steve & Loren; informant-Steve Thompson (son) of Pierre, SD; M
Thompson	Theodore	Leonard		02/27/1907	01/09/1974	01/13/1974	N	5	181	DR-13281; BP# 6495; age-66; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-fish bone perforated small bowel with peritonitis & septicemia; farmer; b. near Dell Rapids, SD; p. Gust & Laura (Hanson) Thompson; w. Olga M. (Rislov); wed-06/08/1945; informant-wife of Bradley, SD; unplatted; p. of Steve & Loren; M
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Trumer	Peter	August		09/28/1884	08/14/1935	08/18/1935	N B	3 27	91 2& 3	DR-2/258/4559; age-50/10/16; d. Watertown, SD; COD-perforated gastric ulcer with peritonitis; farmer; b. Deuel Co., SD; p. Albert Trumer & Susanna (Thinnus); w. Lena (Redlin); informant-wife of Ortley, SD; M
Williams	Esther	Lenora	Ness	08/24/1913	09/21/1997	9/25/1997	N 29	2 77	36 1	NDR; BP# 11546; alternate spelling-"Ester"; age-84; d. Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; COD-lengthy illness; owner grocery store, credit manager paint store, office manager True Electric, assistant manager Augustana College Book Store; b. Day Co., SD; p. Asbjorn and Alvina Ness; wed-Marsden Williams 12/26/1935 in Bergen Lutheran Church; he died 1996; mother of Rev. Bruce & Barry; M
Zirbel	Eldomar	Ervin		12/18/1918	04/26/1973	04/29/1973	N	4	123	DR-13096; BP# 6383; age-54; WWII. Sgt US Army; d. rural South Shore, SD; COD-metastatic cancer of pancreas; farmer; b. SD; p. Andrew F. &

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										Margaret (Selchert) Zirbel; w. Ardis S. (Bergan); informant-wife of South Shore, SD; M
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History of Bergen Lutheran Congregation (1907-1982)

In 1892, The Sisseton Reservation was opened to homesteaders and among the large group that gathered in Watertown on April 15, to await the starting time of the land rush, were many Norwegian pioneers who staked their claims in the northern part of Codington County along the Sioux River.

The community continued to grow as friends and relatives from Norway joined the early settlers to make their homes on the Dakota Prairies until a claim shanty or a set of crude farm buildings could be found on almost every quarter of land. With this growth, came the need of the early settlers to express their deep faith in God with a place where they could worship in their own community without traveling several miles to attend services.

On March 16, 1907, a group of pioneers gathered at the Bergen Schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing a congregation and building a church. Prior to this time, many of the people living on the reservation had been attending the services at Helgen.

At this meeting, Elling Ellingson was elected chairman and Ole Nelson, Albert Stee, and Jens Bergan were appointed to a committee to decide on the location for the church. A site somewhat near the center of the community being desired, Jens Bergan and N.S. Grinols each generously offered to give one acre of adjoining land for a church site and cemetery, and the present location was chosen. Also at this organizational meeting, Martin Amdahl was elected as secretary and Tom Bergan was elected as treasurer. Both of these men holding



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office for many years and Tom Bergan, together with Andrew Markve, serving on a committee to raise funds for the building of the church.

A building committee consisting of E.O.Ellingson, Lars Holtan, and Ole Markve was elected, and they in turn hired Jonas Nordin (Nordeen) as head carpenter. The lumber was hauled twenty miles with horses and wagons by the congregation, and much of the work in building the church was done by volunteer labor. Mr. Nordin received \$500.00 for his work, and the total cost of materials and labor was \$2,347.63.

At the second meeting held on March 30, 1907, it was decided to name the church and congregation "Bergen." The name very likely chosen because many of the parishioners came from the area surrounding the city of Bergen in Norway. Also a committee, consisting of Jens Nelson, Ole Nelson, and John Larson, was elected to draw up a constitution.

On June 26, 1907, a special meeting was held and the following families officially joined the congregation: Jorgen Holtan, Ole A. Nelson, Torsten N. Bergan, John Johnson, Lars N. Strand, Peter Amdahl, Ole P. Amdahl, Martin Amdahl, Jens Nelson, Andrew Markve, Henry Hagen, Asbjorn Ness, Albert Stee, Jens Bergan, and E. O Ellingson. A short time later the families, Ole Markve, Lars Holtan, Iver Rislov, Gullik Lohner, George Gunderson, Hans Ness, and John Rislov also joined the congregation. The first trustees were Andrew Markve, Tom Bergan & O. E. Ellingson.

Rev. John Madsen, who also served as pastor for Helgen, Goodhue, and St. Pauli, agreed to serve as the first pastor and Bergen joined with the other three churches to form a Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Parish. Services were initially held in the Norwegian language, but were gradually changed to the English language on alternating services, and finally to all English in the latter 1930's. Because the pastor's means of transportation was largely by horse and buggy, services were usually held at Goodhue and St. Pauli on one Sunday, and at Helgen and Bergen on the alternate Sunday. A morning service held at one church and an afternoon service at the other.

Rev. Madsen served until 1911 when he resigned and Rev. L.J. Odland served as temporary pastor until June, 1912, when Pastor J.J. Haanstad was installed. Rev. Haanstad remained as pastor for 11 years, serving until his death in 1923. His term was the longest of any minister in the history of the Florence Parish and was marked with the very trying times of World War I and the flue epidemic of the winter of 1918 and 1919.

Rev. J.E.Jorgenson was the temporary pastor until Rev. John Vold accepted a call in 1924. Pastor Vold remained as the shepherd of the Florence Parish until 1930, and during his tenure, he married a local girl from the Helgen Congregation, Bernice Hogstad. Also during Rev. Vold's pastorate, the Luther League was formed and remained active until replaced by the Hi-League when the Evangelical Lutheran Church Synod merged with the American Lutheran Church Synod in the 1960's.

In 1930, Rev. C.K. Malmin came to the Florence Parish from Alaska where he had served as a missionary. It was during Pastor Malmin's tenure that the rural parsonage, located just south of the Goodhue Church, was sold and the Melvin Dahle home in Florence purchased for the new parsonage.

Rev. Malmin resigned on the first of January, 1937, to accept a call to Raymond, WA, and again Rev. L.J.Odland served as temporary pastor until A.H. Holm came to the Florence Parish in October, 1937 from a church in Calgary, Canada. Rev. Holm served the parish until 1941 when he accepted a call to Arlington, SD.

Rev. C.O. Hofstad was a temporary pastor until August, 1942, when Rev. Harold Engh was installed as the regular pastor. Pastor Engh remained until 1952 when he accepted a call to Fertile, MN. It was during Pastor Engh's service that a tornado struck the town of Florence on June 17, 1944, destroyed the parsonage, and fatally injured Mrs. Engh's mother, Mrs. Larson. Two days later the Florence Parish purchased the Max Heintz residence which remains as the parsonage to this day. It was during Pastor Engh's stay in the Florence Parish that a Lutheran Brotherhood was formed in the Goodhue and St. Pauli Congregations. Rev. Engh also held many services in the Florence Parsonage, thus sowing the seeds for future church work in the town of Florence.

Pastor Kenneth Stangeland came to the Florence Parish in July, 1953 and served until 1957 when he accepted a call to a church in the Chicago area. One major change was made during Rev. Stangeland's tenure as he combined services for Bergen and Helgen, and also for Goodhue and St. Pauli, so that each parish member would have an opportunity to attend church every Sunday.

For a long time a great need had been felt for additional room for Sunday School and Christian educational purposes in the Bergen Congregation. It was during Pastor Stangeland's stay that a special meeting was called in July, 1955 to decide on the issue of rebuilding the basement of the church or building a new annex to the present structure. The vote was in favor of building a new annex and on October 8, 1955, the ground was broken for a foundation. Work was started immediately with Tofield Zemlicka being hired as head carpenter, and any additional labor needed being donated by members of the congregation. The dedication was held on October 21, 1956.

Pastor Chris Christianson was called to the Florence Parish in 1957 and he stayed until 1960, when he moved to a parish in Ephrata, WA. Pastor Christianson's term in the Florence Parish saw the formation of a parish-wide Lutheran Brotherhood that proved highly successful. Each meeting attracted a large group of the parish men, with the highlight, a father-son banquet that featured Senator George McGovern as speaker. The banquet filled the Florence Gymnasium. The Brotherhood was later enlarged to include the Egeland and Wallace Congregations.

In 1960, a call was sent to Pastor Alvin Brucklacher of Ross, ND, and he was installed at St. Pauli in October of the same year. He remained until 1967 when he accepted a call to Philip, SD. Pastor Brucklacher's tenure saw several major changes as the Helgen Church was moved into Florence, remodeled, and the New Helgen Congregation established. The rural members of the former Helgen Congregation joining the New Helgen Congregation or the Bergen Church.

The St. Pauli Congregation joined with Calvary Lutheran of Wallace in 1964, which left a three point parish consisting of Bergen, Goodhue, and New Helgen. This made it necessary to conduct three services each Sunday. A practice that continued until the mid-1970's when Bergen and Goodhue agreed to a schedule that enabled the pastor to hold just two services a Sunday.

Pastor Dennis Orsen accepted a call to the Florence Parish and was installed in October of 1967. He remained until 1969 when he left to take a parish at New Underwood, IA. Pastor Orsen's stay was marked with uncertainty in regard to the future of the Goodhue and Bergen Congregations. An attempt was made to form a two point parish with the New Helgen Church of Florence and the Calvary Church of Wallace serving this area. This meant the closing of the Bergen and Goodhue Churches. However, by a vote of 22

to 7, the Bergen Congregation voted to continue and a negative vote in the Wallace Church stopped any further steps of merging the two parishes.

After the departure of Pastor Orsen, a call was sent to David Hyland who was graduating from the Seminary of St. Paul. He was installed as pastor in July, 1970 and remained until 1975 when he moved to Moorhead, MN. During Pastor Hyland's stay, the Bergen Congregation formed a Bergen Cemetery Association in order to assure the perpetual care of the Bergen Cemetery in the event the church should be closed. Also a change was made in the scheduling of Sunday services as Goodhue and Bergen shared one service while New Helgen held the other. Bergen holding services during the period of Sunday School training and Goodhue during the summer months. Prior to this change, Saturday night services were held in Bergen during the summer of 1972.

In August of 1975, Dennis Hansen of Salem, SD was installed as pastor of the Florence Parish at New Helgen. Pastor Hansen's tenure was marked by a trip to the National Youth Convention at New Orleans by the Hi-Leaguers after an intensive fund raising campaign. His term also saw some badly needed repairs being made in the parsonage to better provide comfortable living quarters for our pastors.

Pastor Hansen accepted a call to Hot Springs, SD in 1978 and during the same year our present pastor, Norman Olson, took charge of the Florence Parish. Pastor Olson has instituted a cassette ministry as a means of reaching members that are unable to attend church. During his ministry a soup supper and bazaar has also become an annual affair to help defray parsonage and other parish expenses.

Although the ministerial records of the Bergen Church were destroyed in the tornado that struck Florence in 1944, it can be recorded that the first baptisms were those of Alfrieda Hagen, Anna Rislov, and Albert Nelson. The first confirmation class consisted of Mathilda Amdahl, Anna Dahlen, Viola Stee, Paul Amdahl, Clifford Ness, and Elmer Person. The first wedding in Bergen was that of Bertha Ness and Tom Bergan on December 17, 1908. The first funeral was held for a Nerrison (George) baby in 1907.

This brings to a conclusion, the short history of the Bergen Congregation that covers just the highlights occurring during the past seventy-five years. Yet through it all shines the quiet and enduring faith that sustained and nourished its members through a period that saw many of their hopes and dreams vanish in the wake of tornados, hail, drought, and other natural disasters. Despite four wars, epidemics, and a very real depression, these past seventy-five years brought many blessings to those with the will and courage to first pioneer and then build and sustain this Bergen Church and Community. With God's blessing, may it continue for many years to come.

The present officers are: Chairman, John H. Johnson; Trustees, Ray Amdahl, Kenneth Schafer, Berneil Aslesen; Deacons, Randy Schulz, Kenneth Schulz, Jerauld Schulz; Secretary, Earl Drake; Treasurer, Orvil Stormo; Cemetery Board, Glenn Stadheim, Earling Johnson, Don Rislov, Elton Erickson, Bernard Fiones, Ray Amdahl, Treasurer.

Bergen Congregation is proud to have a native son as a pastor in the American Lutheran church. He is Robert Stadheim. He was baptized in Bergen as an infant in 1945 and was confirmed in 1960. After graduating from Florence High School, he attended South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD for two years. In the fall of 1965, he transferred to Luther Bible Institute, Minneapolis, MN (Now Golden Valley Lutheran college), where he attended for two years. After his training there, he decided to enter the ministry, so he obtained his degree by returning to South Dakota State

University. From there he entered Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He was ordained into the Ministry in Bergen in 1973. In 1967, he had married Myrna Sollin, Florence, SD of New Helgen Congregation. They are the parents of three sons. They served a parish in Amboy, MN and are now serving Concordia Congregation, 4901 Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ.

History of Bergen Ladies Aid

The Bergen Ladies Aid was organized on April 26, 1907 at the home of Mrs. Elling Ellingson, who served as the president. Mrs. Martin Amdahl served as the first secretary and treasurer. The charter members were Mrs. Pete Amdahl, Mrs. Martin Amdahl, Mrs. Elling Ellingson, Mrs. Iver Rislov, Mrs. Jorgen Holtan, Mrs. Albert Stee, Mrs. Henry Hagan, Mrs. Tobias Thompson, Mrs. John Rislov, Mrs. Lee Grinols, Mrs. Jens Bergan, Mrs. Ole Markve, Mrs. Andrew Markve, Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. Bennie Ness.

Mrs. Tom Bergan, Mrs. Carl Gunderson and Mrs. Ole Nelson joined early in 1909, following their marriages.

They organized for the main purpose of supporting Home and Foreign Missions but besides this, they helped buy many of the interior furnishings for their new church.

At first, the programs were all conducted in the Norwegian language. The change to all English was made gradually. Their mode of travel was with horses and it was not uncommon to see a lady walking and carrying her baby if the distance wasn't too great. Most of the mothers had large families and the children were always welcome at the aid meetings.

The trend toward meetings that included ladies from the other congregations in the Florence Lutheran parish was begun when Pastor Kenneth Stangeland was serving the parish. He helped the ladies form parish wide circles. Each circle had a different project such as Foreign Missions or Home Missions and members of these Circles were chosen from all four of the parish's congregations, Bergen, Helgen, Goodhue, and St. Pauli. These Circles helped promote friendship throughout the parish as the ladies crossed congregational boundaries to attend the meetings.

In 1960, when Pastor Alvin Brucklacher was our new pastor, the merger of the E.L.C., A.L.C., and U.E.L.C. churches into the present A.L.C. took place. Pastor Brucklacher encouraged the ladies to form a parish wide organization called American Lutheran Church Women. Each of the churches Ladies Aids became Circles at that time. The Circles meet once a month for Bible study and to conduct any business that concerns their home congregation. The A.L.C.W. meets four times a year on a parish wide basis.

In 1965, the Bergen ladies began setting aside some money in First Federal to be used for redecorating the Church. In 1966, the church proper was painted inside. Paneling was put on the chancel walls and on the wainscoting under the windows. Colored glass was also put at the window peaks.

At this writing the Charter members are all gone. We have one honorary member, Mrs. Lydia Rislov. The present officers are: Betty Rislov-Chairman; Berniece Drake-Vice Chairman; Earline Erickson-Secretary and Secretary of Education; Phyllis Johnson-Treasurer; Lois Monahan-Secretary of Stewardship.

History of Bergen Sunday School

As families grew, a need for Sunday School was recognized. Antone Carlson was chosen as the first Sunday School superintendent, and classes began in the early 1920's.

Enrolled pupils included pre-school through high school with adult Bible class, and the schedule ran every Sunday from Easter to Christmas.

In 1957, pupil enrollment in Sunday School numbered 42 in addition to 12 teachers and officers. In that same year the officers were Mrs. Larry Zimmel, superintendent, with Kenneth Schwinger as assistant and Mrs. Theodore Thompson, primary superintendent.

Also, in 1957, a Board of Education was formed to help with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. This board consisted of Orvil Stormo, Carl Gunderson, and Mrs. Ray Amdahl.

Vacation Bible School was held at Bergen from the early 1920's until the summer of 1976. Generally, VBS lasted half days for 2 weeks, with the schedule changing to 1 week, all day, in later years. Since 1976, VBS has been held as a Parish event at New Helgen in Florence. It is always planned for the month of June, and functions nicely as a Parish venture.

Members say Goodbye to an old Friend

The Bergen Lutheran Church may be closing its doors, but if there's one thing its congregation has learned over the years, it's the fact that walls, pews and an altar don't make a church---people do.

Christian bonding together is what gave birth to the church in 1907. And it's the lack thereof which is forcing Bergen to hold its final service Sunday, June 13, 1993, at 10:30 a.m.

The people who remained throughout the 86 years will always have fond memories of their church.

John Rislov, 90, and a life-long member at Bergen, remembers traveling by horse and buggy in the summer and by horse and sleigh in the winter to attend services in Bergen when the church was a youngster, itself.

He grew up with the country church as did others who are still members today. Earling and Phyllis Johnson were married in the Bergen Lutheran Church June 6, 1943, and will fittingly celebrate their golden wedding anniversary there today (Saturday). "Bergen has seen seven generations of my family," Johnson says proudly.

The church grew up and changed along with those generations. The men used to sit on one side and the women on the other. Pastors came and went. The services went from Norwegian to English and an annex for Sunday School and fellowship was built. "The one thing that never seems to change, is that people still tend to sit toward the back."