

St. John's Cemetery, Rauville Township Codington County, South Dakota

Location: SW ¼ of Section 9 of Rauville Twp.

GPS Coordinates (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds) N. 45° 02' 31.9" W. -097° 05' 08.9"

Directions: From Watertown, Go N on Hwy 11 (a.k.a. Old Hwy 81) to 162 St; turn E 1 mile then north ½ mile on 456th Ave

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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.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Merva Carlson for her tireless efforts toward compiling this information. The project has been largely hers. Merva has devoted hundreds of hours to make this census the most complete and accurate cemetery census ever done in Codington County. This project would never have been completed without her dogged determination and attention to detail. We wish to also thank Delores Hartley, Marge Bunde, and Erland Carlson for their assistance.

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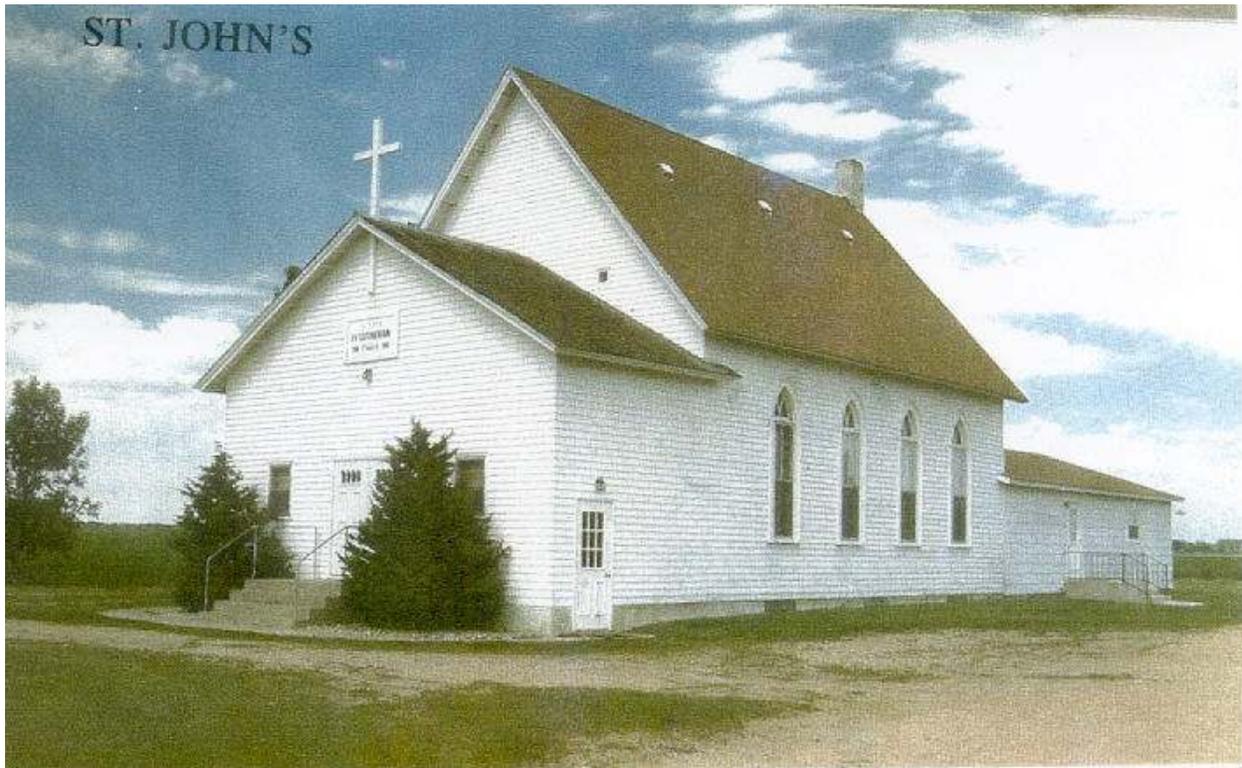
- Sec = Section ; Bk = Block; Lt=Lot; Gr=Grave

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
- WPO = Watertown Public Opinion - Newspaper

Major Sources (but not limited to):

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



Erland Carlson Photo



Marge Bunde Photo

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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
?	Mom									NM
Borns	James	Allen		09/24/1947	10/15/1947	10/17/1947	9	12 72	C-2	DR# 4/61/7014; BP# 1106; NBC; age-14 days; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-bilateral bronchial pneumonia, fulminating type; b. Watertown, SD; p. Clifford Borns & Dorothy (Krueger); informant-Clifford Borns of Watertown, SD; M
Buchholz	Anna	F.	Redemske	1878	11/24/1953	11/25/1953		58	A-4	NDR; BP# 2269; birth year-"1879" on marker; age-73; d. Yankton State Hospital, Utica Twp. Yankton, SD; COD-cancer breast; h. John; "Buchholz"; M
Buchholz	Carl	Rudolf		03/20/1839	05/27/1900	05/28/1900		64	A 1-2	NDR; age-61/2/7; b. Prenglau, Brandenburg Province, Germany; w. Sophia (Leisner); wed in Burnette, WI; "Leb wohl du theures vaterherz dein scheiden macht uns groszen schmerz; du ruhest nun am stillen ort; stets has du auf gott vertraut durch arbeituns ein heim gebaut. Nimm unsern dank in's stille grab, auf weider sehen am jungsten tag" translated-"You lived well Dear Father, your separation causes us great pain. You fervently trusted in God as you worked to build a home. Take our thanks with you to the peaceful grave. We will see you again on Judgment Day."; M
Buchholz	Charlotte	May		04/22/1909	04/22/1909	-		58	D	DR# 1/37/564; age-0/1/20; alternate spelling-"Carolotta"; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-capillary bronchitis; b. SD; p. Gno "John" W. Bucholz & Annie F. (Redemske); "Buchholz"; M
Buchholz	Henry	John Carl		1902	10/05/1905			58	C	DR# 1/2/19; age-3/4/11; d. Rauville, Codington Co., SD; COD-ilio-colitis; b. SD; p. John William Buchholz & Annie F. (Redemske); "Buchholz"; M
Buchholz	Infant				-	-		58	1	NDR; NM

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Buchholz	Infant				-	-		58	2	NDR; NM
Buchholz	John	William		06/20/1875	07/03/1936	07/05/1936		58	B-3	DR# 2/21/4736; birth year-"1876" on marker & spelling "Buchholz"; age-61/0/13; d. Watertown, SD; COD-chronic myocarditis, arteriosclerosis; farming; b. Burnett, Dodge Co., WI; p. Carl Buchholz & Sophie (Liesner); w. Anna (Redemske); informant-Raymond Lohr; "Buchholz"; M
Buchholz	Sophia		Leisten	11/17/1839	10/13/1903			64	B 3-4	NDR; alternate death date-"10/03/1903" & maiden name-"Listen" or (Leisner); age-63/10/26; b. Mecklenburg Province, Germany; h. Carl R.; wed in Burnette, WI; COD-stomach cancer; p. of Herman, John, Charles, Frank, Anna, Ida, & Lena; "his wife"; "Gesegn euch gott der herre Ihr vielgeliebten mein. Traure nicht allzuschre uber den abscheid. Mein bestandig bleibt im glauben. Wir werden in kuzer zeit ein and euer weider schauen dart in der ewigkeit"; translated-"May God the Lord Bless you. My beloved, do not grieve too much over my departure. My strength (steadfastness) is grounded in the Faith. We shall see each other again in a short time there in Eternity"; M
Buelow	Albert	Carl		09/11/1875	09/17/1900	-		65	A-1	NDR; p. Ferdinand & Wilhelmine (Radtke) Buelow; "Here Rest in the Name of God"; M
Buelow	Arnold	August		12/23/1909	12/17/2003	12/20/2003		69	4	DR# 20842; BP# 12746; age-93; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute cardiovascular accident, aspiration pneumonia, congestive heart failure; mechanic/farmer, Watertown Legion Band; b. Watertown, SD; p. August Otto & Ida (Buchholz); w. Olga (Holmrast); wed-10/07/1938 @ Sisseton, SD; p. of Marlene & Alan; informant-Olga Buelow of Watertown, SD; M
Buelow	August	Otto		11/17/1877	05/22/1952	05/25/1952	9	25	6-	DR# 7972; BP# 1998; age-74; d. Bartron

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									7B	Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, hypertension, cerebral arteriosclerosis; farming; b. Sauk Co., WI; p. Ferdinand Buelow & Wilhelmine (Radtke); w. Ida (Buchholz); informant-Ida Buelow; "Buelow"; "Father"; M
Buelow	Baby Girl			1942	03/05/1942	03/08/1942		69	D-1	BP# 103; d. Watertown, SD; stillborn; p. M/M Arnold A. Buelow; M
Buelow	Clarence	Carl		07/24/1921	08/28/1950	09/01/1950	9	25	A-7	BP# 1668; age-27; d. Aberdeen, Brown Co., SD; COD-acute bulbar poliomyelitis; farmer; p. August O. & Ida (Buchholz) Buelow; "Buelow"; "Son"; M
Buelow	Ferdinand	C.			11/28/1913			65	B-2	DR# 1/77/1041; age-81/4/23; d. Rauville, Codington Co., SD; COD-senility; b. Germany; p. Martin Buelow & (?); married; w. Wilhelmina (Radtke); "Buelow"; M
Buelow	Herman	F.		02/22/1884	10/16/1953	10/19/1953		42	A-3 B	DR# 8254; BP# 2240; age-69; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac decompensation, cardiovascular renal disease; b. SD; p. Ferdinand C. Buelow & Wilhelmine (Radtke); w. Sophie (Holzkamp); wed-1905; informant-Alfred Buelow; "Buelow"; "But thine to still a blessed sleep from which none ever wake to weep"; M
Buelow	Ida	Catherine Friederike	Buchholz	10/17/1880	10/18/1971	10/20/1971		25	C-3	DR# 12706; BP# 6041; alternate spelling-"Katherine"; age-91; d. Memorial Nursing Home, Watertown, SD; COD-arteriosclerotic cerebral vascular disease thrombosis, arteriosclerotic cardiac disease; b. WI; p. Carl Buchholz & Sophia (Leisten); h. August Otto; widowed; informant-Arnold Buelow; "Buelow"; "Mother"; M
Buelow	Leverne	Edwin		07/03/1943	07/12/1943	07/15/1943	8	69	C-2	DR# 3/45/6101; BP# 314; alternate spelling-"LaVerne"; age-9 days; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-bronchopneumonia; b. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; p. Arnold A. Buelow & Olga (Halmrast); informant-Arnold A. Buelow; M

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Buelow	Olga		Holmrast					69	3	Living; h. Arnold; wed-10/07/1938 @ Sisseton, SD; p. of Marlene & Alan;
Buelow	Sophie		Holzcamp	07/01/1879	01/24/1908			42	C-4 a	NDR; Alternate birth date-"07/18/1879"; h. Herman; wed-1905; "Buelow"; "wife of H.F. Buelow"; "But Thine to still a Blessed Sleep from which none ever wake to weep"; M
Buelow	Wilhelmina		Radtke	02/24/1846	12/03/1916	12/05/1916		65	A3- 4	DR# 1/98/1349; alternate death year-"1917"; aka-"Friederika W. H. Bülow" & age-"70/9/23" on marker; alternate age-70/10/6; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-cardiac dropsy with chronic nephritis; b. Germany; p. unknown; h. Ferdinand C.; widowed; "Buelow"; M
Bunde	Baby				01/11/1910			30	?B- 4	DR# 1/44/638; ?Otto; age-stillborn; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; p. Otto Bunde & Lizzie (Grewing); M
Bunde	Bertha		Bahr	08/03/1868	05/19/1939	05/22/1939		52	C-3	DR# 2/24/5363; alternate spelling-"Barr"; age-70/9/16; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cardio-renal hypertension, partial stroke, diabetes mellitus, general senility; b. Berlin, Germany; p. August Bahr & (?); h. William Bunde; widowed; informant-Otto Bunde of South Shore, SD; M
Bunde	Earl	Herbert		1920	-					Living; stone moved to Mt. Hope Cemetery, Watertown, SD in 2004;
Bunde	Edwin	Henierich Ernst		12/31/1887	06/24/1904	06/26/1904		52	B-2	NDR; p. William & Bertha (Barr) Bunde; M
Bunde	Emil	August Franz		06/30/1893	04/28/1904	-		52	A-1	NDR; age-10/9/28 p. William & Bertha (Barr) Bunde; M
Bunde	Gustaf	Herman		10/14/1843	02/05/1932	02/09/1932		37	A-2 B	DR# 2/18/3852; alternate spelling-"Gustav"; age-88/3/21; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-senile debility, LaGrippe; farmer; b. Pomerii, Germany; p. Carl Bunde & Wilminia (Smith); w. Johanna (Burbott) or (Bubit); widowed; informant-August F. Bunde of Florence, SD; "Bunde"; see Johanna Bunde epitaph; M

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Bunde	Helen	Marian	Strege	1917	-					Living; stone moved to Mt. Hope Cemetery, Watertown, SD in 2004;
Bunde	Henry	E.		06/25/1941	06/25/1941	06/27/1941		27	A-4	DR# 3/31/5729; alternate name-?"Harry Otto"; age-8 hrs., 10 min; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-hemorrhagic neonatorum; b. Watertown, SD; p. Henry E. Bunde & Hazel (Moyer); informant- Henry E. Bunde ; "Baby"; M
Bunde	Herman			10/30/1889	08/29/1932	09/01/1932		77	A-1	DR# 2/18/3945; alternate birth year-"1883" or "1888"; age-42/9/29; d. Watertown, SD; COD-lymphatic sarcoma; farmer; b. Germantown Twp., Codington Co. SD; p. William Bunde & Bertha (Bahr); w. Eliza (Kumm); informant-Mrs. Bunde of South Shore, SD; M
Bunde	Johanna		Burbolt	09/16/1833	02/10/1907	-		37	C-4 a	DR# 1/13/169; age-73/5/4; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-carcinoma ventriculi; b. Ruschitz, Germany; p. H. Burbolt & Johanna (Schmidt); h. Gustav H.; "Bunde"; "For me to live in Jesus to die is gain for me & with joy I do depart. From hymn: "For me to live is Jesus"; M
Bunde	Louise	Anna Florentine	Grewing	11/03/1887	01/12/1910	-		30	B-3 A	DR# 1/44/639; age-22/2/9; aka-"Lizzie"; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-puerperal eclampsia; b. Watertown, Codington Co.,SD; p. Louise Grewing; 1 st wife, wed-Otto 03/04/1909; "Wife of Otto Bunde"; M
Bunde	Louise	Elizabeth	Kumm	04/04/1891	06/18/1974	06/21/1974		77	B	DR# 13408; BP# 6631; aka-"Eliza" on marker; "Lizzie"; age-83; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-metastatic carcinomatosis; b. MN; p. Herman Kumm & Ludia (Fisher); h.Herman; informant Ray Bunde; M
Bunde	Mary	Ann V.		05/22/1948	06/14/1948	06/16/1948	9	16	6-B a	DR# 4/132/7153; BP# 1254; age-22 days; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-congenital hydrocephalus; b. Watertown, SD; p. Earl Herbert Bunde & Helen Marian (Strege); informant-Earl Bunde of South

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										Shore, SD; M
Bunde	Roger	Earl		06/12/1945	06/12/1945	06/15/1945		16	5-C b	DR# 3/57/6516; BP# 683; age-few hours; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-hydrocephalus head, 5 weeks premature; b. Watertown, SD; p. Earl H. & Helen M. (Strege) Bunde; informant-Earl H. Bunde of South Shore, SD; M
Bunde	Virgil	Clifford		01/26/1916	02/05/1916			77	C	NDR; NBC: baby; p. Herman & Eliza (Kumm) Bunde; M
Bunde	William	E.		10/27/1855	11/24/1933	11/27/1933		52	D-4	DR# 2/19/4171; age-78/0/18; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD ; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, arteriosclerosis, senility; farmer; b. Pommerii, Germany; p. Carl Bunde & Wilhelmine (Schmidt); w. Bertha (Bahr) or (Barr); informant-Bertha Bunde of Watertown, SD; M
Bunde	Willmar	L.		02/28/1931	01/23/1935	01/28/1935		30	C-2	DR# 2/20/4425; alternate spelling-"Wilmer"; age-3/10/25; infant; d. Watertown, SD; COD-erysipelas involving face, scalp & body; b. Watertown, SD; p. Otto A. Bunde & Ida (Fromke); informant-Otto Bunde; M
Chapman	Gene	Ray		07/13/1946	07/13/1946	07/15/1946	sec 9	86	1-A	NDR; BP# 871; NBC; stillbirth; twin son; d. Rauville Twp. Codington Co., SD; COD-malformation of head; ?p. Roy & Gertrude (Buelow); M
Gerald	R.	Chapman		July 13, 1946	March 2, 2005					Cremains "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." M
Christians	Elsie	Olga		12/06/1901	12/15/1901			60	A-1	NDR; NBC; infant; age-8 days; f. August; "Ruhe in Frieden", translated-"Rest in Peace"; M
Christians	Ida	Anna Friederica	Blek	07/13/1881	05/17/1905			60	C 2-3	NDR; alternate death month-"March"; "wife of August Christians"; M
Christians	Infant				1901			60	A or B-1	NDR; f. August; writing in church record says children of August; written on the bottom of the stone of Elsie Olga is 10/29/1900; M
Czech	Ronald	Dean		08/02/1939	09/22/1939	09/24/1939		73	C-8	DR# 2/42/5420; age-0/1/20; d. Rauville, SD; COD-respiratory abnormality, mother found

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										him dead, absence of palate; infant; b. Watertown, SD; p. Roy H. & Alta V. (Small); informant-Roy Czech of Watertown, SD; "Son of Roy & Alta"; M
Erdman	Fritz	Frederich		08/20/1879	07/04/1922	07/06/1922	9	45	B	DR# 2/54/2126; alternate spelling-"Fritz E. Erdmann"; age-42/10/15; d. Watertown, SD; COD-appendicitis, subphrenic abscess, pneumonia; farmer; b. Germany; p. Frederich Erdmann & ?(?); married; w. Johanna (Kluck); informant-Mrs. Fritz Erdmann; "Erdman"; M
Erdman	Johanna	Augusta	Kluck	06/22/1878	08/18/1950	08/22/1950	9	45	3-A	DR# 7587; BP# 1667; age-72; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-recurrent cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes, cerebral arteriosclerosis; b. Stolp, Pommern, Germany; p. Albert Kluck & Karolina (Wagahuste); h. Fritz; widowed; informant-Erwin Erdman; "Erdman"; M
Fisher	Johann	Gottfried		11/08/1808	01/22/1892	01/25/1892		49	1	NDR; alternate spelling "Fischer"; church records; w. Johanna; M
Fisher	Johanna	Friederika		01/01/1809	12/28/1891	01/01/1892		49	2	NDR: alternate spelling "Fischer"; church records; h. Johann; M
Fromke	Albert	August		02/28/1857	02/26/1932	03/01/1932		70	A 7-8	DR# 2/61/3870; age-74/11/28; d. Grover, Codington Co., SD; COD-flu, general debility; ; farmer; b. Barntuchen, Pommerania, Germany; p. Carl Fromke & Carolina (Rade); w. Augusta (Lentz); informant-Oscar J. Fromke; "Fromke"; M
Fromke	Augusta		Lentz	01/30/1859	12/18/1942	12/20/1942		70	6-B	DR# 3/157/6003; BP# 233; alternate age-"83/10/18"; age-82; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-carcinoma of pancreas & generalized carcinomatosis; b. Grabenzien, Germany; p. Ludwig Lentz & Marie (Schanofski); h. Albert Fromke; widowed; informant-H.A. Fromke; "Fromke"; M
Gaul	Emil	Theodor		05/01/1888	10/14/1946	10/17/1946	9	48	3-E	DR# 3/198/6759; BP# 909; NBC; age-58/5/13; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion, severe coronary

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										sclerosis; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Otto Gaul & Johanna (Lentz); single; informant-Herman Gaul; ?"Son"; M
Gaul	Father?				?			48	1-2 7-8	No name or dates; NM
Gaul	Herman	Franz Reinhold		04/09/1892	05/05/1990	05/09/1990		48	4	DR# 17299; BP# 9891; age-98; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-renal failure, congestive heart failure; farmer; b. Rauville Twp. Codington Co., SD; p.Otto Gaul & Hannah (Lentz); single; informant-Gladys Stein of Watertown, SD; M
Gaul	Johanna	Charlotte	Lentz	07/11/1850	01/26/1929	01/31/1929		48	B 2-3 6-7	DR# 2/70/3294; aka-?"Hannah"; age-74/11/28; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-diabetes mellitus, diabetic coma; b. Pommerii, Germany; p. ?? & Marie (Lentz); h.#1-Henry Thrun; h.#2-Otto Gaul; informant-William Thrun of Rauville, SD; "Gaul"; M
Gaul	Mary			1835	1891	-		48	C	NDR; alternate birth year-"1825; b. Germany; d. Rauville Twp., Codington Co., SD;"Gaul"; "Grandma"; M
Gaul	Max			08/01/1895	04/22/1943	04/25/1943		48	D 1& 8	BP# 275;age-44; d. Yankton State Hospital, Utica Twp., Yankton, SD; COD-pulmonary tuberculosis; kin-Herman Gaul of Watertown, SD; "Gaul"; "Son"; M
Gaul	Otto	Herman		11/29/1854	10/20/1946	10/23/1946	9	48	5-A	DR# 3/199/6764; BP# 915; alternate age-"92"; age-91/9/21; d. residence, Rauville, Codington Co., SD; COD-lobar pneumonia, myocarditis, senility; farmer; b. Gramenz, Germany; p. unknown; w. Johanna (Lentz) Gaul; widowed; informant-Herman Gaul; "Gaul"; M
Grewing	Infant	Daughter		06/08/1957	06/08/1957	06/12/1957		26	B	DR# 9143; BP# 2928; COD-stillbirth; b. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; p. M. Leonard George Grewing (31 yrs. old) & Rozella Adeline (Morud) (28 yrs. old); informant-Mrs. Rozella Grewing; NM
Grewing	William	F.		01/25/1870	10/18/1946	10/19/1946	9	6	4-A	DR# 3/198/6762; BP# 914; NBC; age-76/8/23; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD;

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										COD-lobar pneumonia, senility; farmer; b. Dodge Co., WI; p. Louis Grewing & Pauline (Neundorf); single; informant-Herman Grewing; M
Holzcamp	Henry	H., Jr.						46	B	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; "Holzkamp"; w. Margarethe; NM
Holzcamp	Margarethe			12/26/1843	04/01/1904			46	A	NDR; age-60/3/5; "wife of H. Holzkamp"; "Holzkamp"; M
Kaaz	August	Henry		1841	12/17/1906			44	B-2	DR# 1/11/155; age -65/11/15; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-sarcoma; b. Germany; p. Fred Kaaz & (?); w. Henriette (Wellnitz); M
Kaaz	Carl	August		08/04/1871	11/02/1960	11/05/1960		23	C	DR# 9950; BP# 3587; age- 89; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-fracture R. hip, generalized arteriosclerosis; farmer; b. Krummenflies, West Prussia, Germany; p. August Kaaz & Henrietta (Wellnitz); w. Ida (Lentz); wed-06/01/1898; informant-Ida (Lentz) Kaaz of Watertown, SD; "Father"; "Kaaz"; M
Kaaz	Henrietta		Wellnitz	09/16/1838	01/22/1926	02/08/1926		44	A-3	DR# 2/113/2771; birth year-"1840" on marker & spelling-"Henritte 'Wellnitz'"; age-87; last seen alive on 01/22/1926; d. residence, Codington Co., SD; COD-senile debility, heart & kidneys; b. Germany; p. ?Nike Welwetz and Rose (Fisher); h. August Henry Kaaz; widowed; informant-C.A. Kaaz of Watertown, SD; M
Kaaz	Ida	Bertha Ernestina	Lentz	01/09/1877	10/08/1961	10/11/1961		23	B	DR# 10151; BP# 3768; age-84; d. rural Florence, Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral apoplexy, arteriosclerosis; b. Dodge Co., WI; p. Albert Lentz & Wilhemina (Lange); h. Carl A. Kaaz; wed-06/01/1898; widowed; informant-Mrs. Ernest Bunde; kin-Mrs. Albert Buelow of Florence, SD; "Mother"; "Kaaz"; M
Kaaz	Rudolph	Adam Hermann		07/25/1902	10/18/1926	10/20/1926		23	A-4	DR# 2/113/2878; age-24/2/22; d. Watertown, SD; COD-chronic cystitis, thrown from horse

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										causing crushing injury to spinal cord and paralysis; farmer; b. Codington Co., SD; p. C.A. Kaaz & Ida (Lentz); single; informant-C.A. Kaaz of Watertown, SD; marker says 10/17/1926; M
Kaaz	William	Albert Carl		11/18/1904	06/08/1907	-		44	C-1	DR# 1/17/217; infant; name-"Wilhelm" on marker; aka-"Willie"; alternate name-"Wilhelm A.C. Kaatz"; age-2/6/0; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-drowning; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Charles A. Kaatz & Ida (Lentz); M
Kettelhut	Andrew	E.			1936	-		72	1	Infant; NM
Kettelhut	Audrey	Ellen		07/07/1936	07/09/1936	07/11/1936		72	a	DR# 2/117/4723; age-2 days; d. Watertown, SD; COD-convulsions due to cerebral hemorrhage; b. Watertown, SD; p. Elmer F. Kettelhut & Olga Anna (Boeder); informant-Elmer Kettelhut of South Shore, SD; NM
Kluck	Karoline		Wowaski	05/24/1838	10/09/1915	10/12/1915		40	A	NDR; age-77/4/15; d. Rauville, SD; f. Christian Wowaski, b. Germany; came to the U.S. in 1913 from Germany; "Mother"; "Rest in Peace"; M
Korth	Ernest	Rudolf Otto		12/28/1899	01/07/1900	01/09/1900		61	C-3	NDR; Infant; M
Korth	Franz			06/29/1855	11/01/1927	11/04/1927		62	4	DR# 2/114/3048; age-72/4/2; d. Watertown, SD; COD-mitral stenosis, decompensation, arteriosclerosis; farmer; b. Germany; p. Carl Korth & (?); w.#1-Augusta (Polzine) Korth; divorced; w.#2- Mathilda (Ludtke); informant-W.J. Korth of Watertown, SD; M
Korth	Karoline		Blake	09/26/1855	06/20/1894	-		61	A-1	NDR; alternate death year-"1891"; M
Korth	Mathilda		Ludtke	1871	05/15/1918	-		62	3	DR# 1/109/1512; age-46/5/20; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral thrombosis; b. Germany; p. Ferdinand Ludtke & (?); married; h. Franz; M
Korth	Mathilda	F. A.		08/22/1905	02/26/1907			61	B-2	DR# 1/14/176; alternate death date-"02/12/1907"; infant; age-1/6/0; d.

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										Watertown, SD; COD-capillary bronchitis of 6 days duration; b. Watertown, SD; p. Franz Korth & Mathilda (Lutha); M
Korth	Olga	P. E.		11/25/1891	06/19/1913			61	D-4	DR# 1/74/1000; age-21/6/24; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-unknown; b. SD; p. Franz Korth & Carolina (Blake); single; "Daughter of Fz & K. Korth"; M
Krause	William			02/12/1889	12/30/1938	01/03/1939		83 or 73a		DR# 2/118/5271; NBC; age-49/10/18; d. Watertown, SD; COD-diabetic gangrene R. leg with infection; farmer; b. Grant Co., SD; p. Herman Krause & Augusta (Korth); single; informant-Albert Krause of Summit, SD; M
Lange	Adeline	Emelia	Strege	11/01/1882	11/19/1961	11/22/1961		17	B 3-4	DR# 10172; BP# 3788; alternate spelling-"Amelia Lang"; aka-"Lena"; age-79; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-metastatic carcinoma lungs & L. breast; b. Codington Co., SD; p. August Strege & Mathilda (Neuendorf); h. John M. Lange; widowed; informant-Ralph Lange; "Mother"; "Rest in Peace"; M
Lange	John	Martin		01/29/1877	12/22/1945	12/26/1945	9	17	4-A	DR# 3/360/6621; BP# 798; NBC; alternate spelling-"Lang"; age-68/10/24; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, arteriosclerosis; farmer; b. Dodge Co., WI or Germany; p. Martin Lange & ?Albertine (Schultz); w. Adeline, aka-"Lena" (Strege) (63); informant-Mrs. J.M. Lange of Watertown, SD; "Father"; "Rest in Peace"; M
Lausen	Baby	Girl		11/12/1934	11/12/1934	11/12/1934				DR# 2/134/4380; NBC; stillborn; d. residence rural Watertown, SD; COD-umbilical cord four times around neck; b. RFD #1, Watertown, SD; p. Edward Lausen & Bertha (Dozler); informant-Ed Lausen; NM
Lentz	Eli	August		04/06/1881	12/23/1978	12/28/1978		28	B	BP# 7585; age-97; d. Clark Nursing Home, Clark, Clark Co., SD; b. Dodge Co., WI; p. Ferdinand F. & Caroline (Noeldner) Lentz; wed-Emma (Zantow) 03/13/1915 @ Aberdeen, Brown Co., SD; She died

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										07/18/1932; wed-Mathilda (Schiernbeck); p. of Daisy, Lillian, Lauretta & Delores, Clifford, Bernard, LeRoy & Leonard; "Father"; M
Lentz	Emma	Louise	Zantow	1894	07/18/1932	07/20/1932		28	A	DR# 2/132/3931; NBC; age-38/4/4; d. Watertown, SD; COD-hung herself in barn, paralysis from cervical region down; b. Posen, Germany; p. Julius Zantow & Augusta (Zuchs); h. Eli August Lentz; wed-03/13/1915 @ Aberdeen, Brown Co., SD; informant-Eli Lentz; "Mother"; M
Lentz	Frank	Carl Emil		02/14/1905	09/17/1983	09/21/1983		73	8	NDR; BP# 8526; alternate middle name-"Charles"; age-78; d. Estelline Nursing Care Center, Estelline, Hamlin Co., SD; farmer; b. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. M/M Ruben Lentz; single; M
Lentz	Ida		Meseberg	02/04/1890	10/25/1944	10/28/1944	9	74	3-C	DR# 3/348/6380; BP# 556; age-54/8/21; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-carcinoma R. breast; b. Iron Ridge, Dodge Co., WI; p. William Meseberg & Minnie (Frankenstein); h. Ruben Lentz; widowed; informant-Frank C. Lentz; M
Lentz	John	Julius		05/30/1906	08/21/1969	08/23/1969		74	D	DR# 12142; BP# 5566; age-63; d. DOA, Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-gunshot wound, self-inflicted, upper abdomen at residence, Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; farmer; b. SD; p. Ruben R. Lentz & Ida (Meseberg); single; informant-Frank C. Lentz; unplatted; M
Lentz	Pauline		Gaul	06/05/1850	12/08/1920			63	F-6	DR# 1/135/1904; age-70/6/3; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-carcinoma of pylorus; b. Germany; p. Johan Gaul & Wilhelmine (Fox); h.#1-Carl ??; h.#2-William T. Lentz; widowed; "Lentz"; "Mother"; M
Lentz	Reuben			11/14/1882	11/24/1920			74	A	NDR; NBC; alternate spelling-"Ruben" on marker; & birth & death year-"1887" & "1921"; w. Ida (Meseberg); M

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Lentz	William	T.		11/09/1860	07/10/1914	07/13/1914		63	E 7-8	NDR; age-53/8/1; d. Watertown, SD; farmer; b. Germany; p. John & Marie (?Schwerke); w. Pauline (Gaul); "Lentz"; "Father"; M
Lenz	Violet	Eva Hattie		1912	09/04/1925	09/07/1925		74	B	DR# 2/129/2679; NBC; spelling-"Lentz" on marker; age-13/5/26; d. South Shore, SD; COD-mitral stenosis, inflammatory rheumatism; b. South Shore, SD; p. Ruben Lenz & Ida (Meseberg); informant-Wm. Meseberg; M
Linderer	Verlaine	Caroline/ June		06/25/1923	07/02/1923	07/03/1923		75	C	DR# 2/128/2319; NBC; aka-"Caroline June"; age-7 days; child; d. Watertown, SD; COD-inanition, convulsions; b. SD; p. William Linderer & Henrietta (Everling); informant-William Linderer of Watertown, SD; M
Ludtke	-							62	D	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Lütke	Friederick			08/16/1840	10/19/1916	10/21/1916		62	C	DR# 1/96/1321; NBC; no name or dates on BC; age-74/2/4 on death record & name-"Ludke"; alternate age-76/2/3; d. Watertown, SD; COD-asthma, dropsy, old age; b. Germany; no parents or wife listed but widowed; informant-H.W.C. Meyer; NM
Meseberg	-							88	B	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Meseberg	-							88	C	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Meseberg	-							88	D	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Meseberg	Anna	L.	Schmeling	01/31/1884	04/13/1945	04/18/1945	9	15	1-2 A	DR# 3/401/6481; BP# 655; age-61/2/13; d. Rauville Twp., rural Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary occlusion, diabetes, obesity; b. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Julius Schmeling & Emma (Borns); h. William Carl (67); wed-03/11/1902 in Watertown, SD; informant-William C. Meseberg of Watertown, SD; "Meseberg"; M
Meseberg	Bessie			08/05/1911 circa	08/10/1911			88	B	DR# 1/61/824; NBC; age-5 days; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-

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										hemorrhage; b. Watertown, SD; p. William C. Meseberg & Anna L. (Schmeling); no cemetery listed @ Court House; M
Meseberg	Evelin	Anna Emilie		09/24/1904	07/22/1976	07/25/1976		15	3-C	DR# 13951; BP# 7035; name-"Evelyn A." on marker; & age-"72/7/25"; age-71; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiomyopathy, amyloid heart disease; b. SD; p. William C. Meseberg & Anna L. (Schmeling); single; informant-Arlo Meseberg; unplatted; M
Meseberg	Revere	Emil		01/30/1921	02/02/1921	02/04/1921		88	A	NDR. NBC; alternate spelling-"Reviro"; age-3 days; church records say 'Children of William Meseberg'; m. Anna (Schmeling); M
Meseberg	William	Carl		05/05/1877	06/05/1952	06/09/1952		15	2& 3-B	DR# 7982; BP# 2001; age-75; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion, ruptured appendix; farming; b. Iron Ridge, WI; p. William Meseberg & Minnie (Frankenstein); w. Anna L. (Schmeling); wed-03/11/1902 in Watertown, SD; widowed; informant-Mrs. Emil Schmeling; kin-John Meseberg; "Meseberg"; M
Messersmith	D.							88		NDR; no dates; unmarked grave per church records; NM
Meyer	Adeline	Marie	Ludtke	09/29/1873	04/05/1956	04/09/1956		71	B	DR# 8870; BP# 2703; age-82; d. Rauville Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral accident; ; b. West Prussia, Germany; p. Frederick Ludtke & (?); h. Henry Meyer; wed-circa 1900; widowed; informant-Mrs. Floyd A. Thacker; unplatted; "Meyer"; M
Meyer	Ernest	William		06/15/1901	03/01/1976	03/04/1976		71	D	DR# 13858; BP# 6946; age-74; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiopulmonary arrest, syncope etiology undetermined; farmer; b. SD; p. Henry Meyer & Adeline (Ludtke); single; informant-Holterick Meyer; "Son"; M
Meyer	Henry	William Conrad		08/22/1865	12/10/1926	12/15/1926		71	A-1	DR# 2/150/2895;listed as "Father"; age-61/0/22; d. Germantown Twp., Codington

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										Co., SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; farmer; b. Germany; p. ?Wm. Meyers & ? (Lofer); w. Adeline (Luedtke); wed-circa 1900; informant-wife & children; "Meyer"; "Father"; M
Meyer	Holterich	Hugo Herman		07/13/1909	03/02/1997	04/28/1997		84	1	DR# 19013; BP# 11366; age-87; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center, Watertown, SD; COD-fall down stairs; farmer; b. Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; p. Henry & Adeline (Luedtke) Meyer; w. Louise (Bolstad); informant-Louise Meyer; "Meyer"; M
Meyer	Louise	E.	Bolstad	1928	-					Living; aka-"Gwen"; h. Holterick Hugo Herman; "Meyer"; M
Michaels	Baby			1904	1904			38	A-4	NDR; baby; f. John; M
Michaels	John	R.		11/27/1873	04/15/1965	04/17/1965				DR# 11011; age-91; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion, generalized arteriosclerosis, senility; farming; b. Dodge Co., WI; p. John H. Michaels & Lena (Dahl); w. Louise A. "Lizzie" (Redemske) 07/02/1895 @ farm home of M/M Henry Redemske of Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; informant-Mrs. Dick H. Pulscher; NM
Neuendorf	Lyle	Arthur		03/22/1912	04/20/1912	04/22/1912		29	A	DR# 1/66/891; NBC; age-30 days; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-whooping cough complicated by convulsions; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Fred Neuendorf & Ella (Draves); M
Noeldner	Fred							29	B	NDR; NBC; NM
Pieper	Albert			09/15/1869	02/06/1953	02/11/1953		59	4-C	DR# 8119; BP# 2106; age-83; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-lobar pneumonia, acute coronary insufficiency, hemiplegia, senility; farming; b. Rosenau, Germany; p. Gottlieb Pieper & Gerta or "Gretchen" (?); w. Alvina (Breitzman); informant-Raymond Pieper; "Pieper"; M
Pieper	Alvina	Mathilde	Breitzman	06/28/1876	06/23/1958	06/27/1958		59	B	DR# 9375; BP# 3118; age-81; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-uremia,

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										generalized arteriosclerosis, arterionephrosclerosis; b. Shields, Dodge Co., WI; p. Carl Breitzman & Augusta (Knopp) or Gusta (Noblaug); h. Albert Pieper; widowed; informant-Mrs. Frank Redlin;"Pieper"; M
Pieper	Emil	Carl Ferdinand		02/03/1896	08/14/1904			59	C-1	NDR; aka-"Amel" on marker; age-8/6/11; b. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; " p. Albert & Alvina (Breitzman) Pieper"; "Hope"; M
Pieper	Harold	John		06/04/1909	08/06/1978	08/08/1978		59	4-A D	DR# 14489; BP# 7488; age-69; d. Memorial Medical Center, Watertown, SD; COD-septicemia, lung & kidney abscess; farmer; b. SD; p. Albert Pieper & Alvina (Britzman); single; informant-Raymond Pieper; M
Radtke	-			?				63	1	NDR; no name or dates; NM
Radtke	Henry	Carl Johann		04/08/1905	04/28/1905			51	A	NDR; NBC; age-20 days; f. Ferdinand Radtke; M
Radtke	Myrtle			04/20/1904	04/24/1904			63	A-2 C	NDR; infant; "daughter of G.C. & L.A. Radtke"; M
Redemske	-				?			51	2-3	NDR; no name or dates; NM
Redemske	Doris	Emilia	Neuendorf	07/27/1907	01/03/1999	01/07/1999		14	3 & 4	DR# 19576; BP# 11719; age-91; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-congestive heart failure; b. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. August Neuendorf & Lillian (Schmeling); h. Otto August; informant-Willard Redemske; "Redemske"; M
Redemske	Emilie	Ida	Draves	03/20/1852	07/14/1934	07/16/1934		51	B-5	DR# 2/205/4321; age-82/3/24; aka-"Ida Emilie" or "Amelia"; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-diabetic coma, senility, arteriosclerosis; b. ?Sodkow, Germany; p. ? Draves & (?); h. Henry Redemski; wed-1876; widowed; informant-Mrs. J.B. Michaels of South Shore, SD; "Mother"; "Redemske"; "his wife"; "Ruhe Dis Dich"; translated "Rest with You"; "Jesus Ruft"; "Mother"; M

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Redemske	Grandma				?			51	1	NDR; no dates; ? same as Ida Emilie; M
Redemske	Henry	C.		10/03/1831	07/12/1918	07/15/1918		51	A-8	NDR; b. Zimean, Prussia; w.#1-Wilhelminia (Gromel); she died 1876; w.#2- Ida Emilie (Draves); "Redemske"; "Father"; M
Redemske	Otto	August		09/24/1898	09/12/1990	09/15/1990		14	4	DR# 17372; BP# 9924; age-91; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-respiratory arrest, dementia, congestive heart failure; farming; b. rural Watertown, SD; p. William Redemske & Augusta (Bunde); w. Doris (Neuendorf); informant-Doris Redemske; "Redemske"; M
REDLIN										MARKER
Redlin	-							50	A	NDR; no name or dates; NM
Redlin	-							50	B	NDR; no name or dates; NM
Redlin	-							50	C	NDR; no name or dates; NM
Redlin	Andrew	E.		03/11/1901	03/16/1992	03/20/1992		31	2	DR# 17762; BP# 10274; age-91; d. Prairie Lakes Nursing Home, Watertown, SD; COD-organ failure; farmer; b. Mazeppa Twp., Grant Co., SD; p. Robert A. Redlin & Theresa (Zirbel); ?married; informant-Luella D. Leonard; "Redlin"; "Rest in Peace"; "Son"; M
Redlin	Augusta			1820	1892			50	2	NDR; no dates on BC; h. Daniel; "Redlin"; M
Redlin	Daniel			1814	08/20/1892	08/22/1892		50	1	NDR; no dates on BC; aka-"Dan"; w. Augusta; "Redlin"; M
Redlin	Eleanor				08/12/1920			50	D	NDR: NBC; child; age-6 days; child of Robert Redlin; M
Redlin	F.	M.			?			50	3	NDR; no dates on BC; Infant; NM
Redlin	Hazel	L. E.			?			50	4	NDR; no name or dates on BC; infant; child of August Redlin, grandchild of Daniel Redlin; NM
Redlin	LeRoy	Roland		09/20/1947	09/20/1947	09/22/1947	9	19	4-A	DR# 4/50/6991; BP# 1089; NBC; age-several

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									5	hours, infant; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-prematurity, placenta previa hemorrhage, Caesarean section; b. Watertown, SD; p. Roland R. Redlin & LaVerna A. (Borns); informant-Roland Redlin of Watertown, SD; M
Redlin	Robert	A.		12/10/1880	11/23/1938	11/26/1938		31	A-4	DR# 2/208/5251; age-57/11/13; d. near Henry, Codington Co., SD; COD-crushing injury to chest & contusion to head; farmer; b. Iron Ridge, WI; p. Julius Redlin & Amelia Redlin; w. Theresa (Zirbel); wed-11/22/1900 @ St. John's Lutheran Church @ Rauville, SD; informant-Mrs. Theresa Redlin of South Shore, SD; "Father"; M
Redlin	Theresa	E.	Zirbel	07/08/1879	07/31/1974	08/03/1974		31	B-3	BP# 6623; alternate spelling-"Thersa"; age-95; d. Lake Norden Nursing Home, Lake Norden, Hamlin Co., SD; COD-unknown; b. Marshfield, WI; p. Fredrick & Fredericka (Justman) Zirbel; wed- Robert A. Redlin 11/22/1900 @ St. John's Lutheran Church at Rauville, SD; p. of Andrew, Robert, Edward, Alvin, Clarence, Earl, Wallace, Mrs. Herbert Neitzel, Mrs. Albert Talbott, Mrs. Clyde Resetzke, Mrs. Russell Meyer & Mrs. Lee Leonard; "Mother"; M
SCHMELING										MARKER
Schmeling	Bernice	B.	Pieper	1901	-			60	2	Living; h. Edwin A.; "Schmeling"; M
Schmeling	Carol	M.		03/21/1938	03/21/1938	03/23/1938		36	A-4	DR# 2/231/5099; infant; age- less than 7 hours; d. Watertown, SD; COD-premature; b. Watertown, SD; p. Emil Schmeling & Minnie (Giese); informant-Emil H. Schmeling of Watertown, SD; "Daughter"; M
Schmeling	Children									3 children; NM
Schmeling	Delbert	Harlan		01/24/1933	12/10/2000	12/15/2000		60	3	DR# 20064; BP# 12139; age-67; d. residence, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac dysrhythmia, coronary artery disease, hypertension;

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										carpenter; b. Rauville, SD; p. Edwin Schmeling & Bernice (Pieper); single; informant-Eugene Kannas of Watertown, SD; M
Schmeling	Edwin	Albert		04/22/1899	07/28/1958	08/02/1958		60	A-1 E	DR# 9403; BP# 3142; alternate birth year- "1898"; age-59; d. Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-coronary thrombosis; b. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-arteriosclerotic heart disease; p. Julius A. Schmeling & Emma (Lentz); w. Bernice B. (Pieper); kin-Mrs. Bernice Schmeling; "Schmeling"; M
Schmeling	Elma				09/28/1891	-		47	E-8	NDR; baby; name-"Schmaling" on marker; "Schmeling"; children of W. C. Schmeling; M
Schmeling	Emil	Henry		11/06/1897	10/12/1973	10/15/1973	9	36	C 0r G	DR# 13213; BP# 6445; age-75; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary occlusion; farmer; b. SD; p. Gustav Schmeling & Emma (Strege); 2 nd w. Hattie (Meseberg) in 1941 & 1 st w. Minnie (Giese); informant-Hattie Schmeling; "Schmeling"; "Father"; M
Schmeling	Frank	Sr.		03/02/1846	03/09/1921			67	B	NDR; no name or dates on his BC; aka-"Franz"; b. Prussia, Germany; w. Henrietta (Seefeldt); M
Schmeling	Hattie	Louise	Meseberg	01/30/1903	04/30/1982	05/03/1982		36	1	DR# 15397; BP# 8260; age-79; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest, hypertension, heart disease, polycythemia; b. SD; p. William Meseberg & Anna (Schmeling); h.Emil Henry: 2 nd wife; wed-1941; widowed; informant-Mrs. LeRoy Beynon of St. Paul, MN; "Schmeling"; "Mother"; M
Schmeling	Henrietta		Seefeldt	08/10/1852	08/09/1919			67		DR# 1/122/1683; aka-"Harriette"; age-66/11/29; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-stroke paralysis from cerebral hemorrhage; b. Prussia, Germany; p. ? Seefeldt & (?); married; h. Frank (Franz)

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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
										Schmeling, Sr.; NM
Schmeling	Minnie	F.	Giese	05/17/1900	03/24/1938	03/27/1938		36	B-3	DR# 2/231/5101; age-37/10/7; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-hypostatic pneumonia, multiple sclerosis, affecting arm, legs & neck; b. Lura Twp., Day Co., SD; p. Fred Giese & Minnie (Redlin); h. Emil Schmeling; 1 st wife; informant-Emil Schmeling of Watertown, SD; "Mother"; M
Schmeling	Richard	Lewis		08/20/1945	08/20/1945	08/22/1945	9	68	1-A	NDR; BP# 723; NBC; "Infant" on marker; d. Watertown, SD; stillbirth; COD-umbilical cord hemorrhage; f. Elmer O.; kin-Elmer O. Schmeling of Watertown, SD; NM
Schmeling	Ruth	Ann		05/11/1953	05/11/1953	05/13/1953		68	B	NDR; BP# 2161; alternate birth & death dates-"05/13/1953-05/15/1953"; age-19 hours; d. Springfield, IL; COD-premature, atelectasis; f. Arlon (Arlin); unplatted; M
Schmeling	Willy				06/28/1892			47	F-7	NDR; baby; alternate spelling-"Schmaling"; "Schmeling"; children of W. C. Schmeling; M
Schultz	Charles	O.		01/19/1931	01/20/1931	01/23/1931		41	A-6	DR# 2/223/3671; infant; age-1 day; d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, long severe labor; b. Watertown, SD; p. George Schultz & Minnie (Waege); informant-George Schultz of South Shore, SD; M
Schultz	Eugene	Walter		11/01/1928	02/01/1931	02/03/1931		41	B-5	DR# 2/223/3701; infant; age-2/3/0; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-flu, tonsillitis; b. Codington Co., SD; p. George Schultz & Minnie (Waege); informant-George Schultz of South Shore, SD; M
Stein	-							66	A	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Stein	-							66	B	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Stein	-							66	C	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Stein	-							66	D	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM

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Stein	-							53	A	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Stein	-							53	D	NDR; NBC; no name or dates; NM
Stein	Anna		Michaels	03/23/1869	02/05/1948	02/08/1948	E½	14	1	DR# 4/89/7069; NBC; age-78/10/12; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-carcinoma uterus, skin, face; b. Burnett Junction, WI; p. John Michaels & Lena (Dahl); h. Henry B. Stein; wed-11/22/1888; informant-Harry F. Stein of Watertown, SD; NM
Stein	Emma	Clara		11/23/1872	06/20/1902	06/22/1902		?	?	NDR; d. Yankton, SD; b. Beaver Dam, WI; from church records; NM
Stein	Eunice	Vivian		03/10/1920	04/20/1922	04/23/1922		53	B	DR# 2/215/2103; NBC; infant; age-2/1/10; d. Rauville Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-septicemia, pneumonia; b. SD; p. Herbert Stein & Dora (Kumm); informant-Herbert Stein of Watertown, SD; "Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Stein"; M
Stein	Infant				?			53	1	NDR; no dates; NM
Stein	Infant				?			53	2B	NDR; child of John Stein; NM
Stein	Norma	Dora		10/18/1921	06/04/1922	06/06/1922		53	C-3	DR# 2/215/2118; listed as Normand on BC; age-0/7/16; d. Rauville Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-spasmodic croup; b. SD; p. Robert Stein & Dora (Krase); informant-Robert Stein of Watertown, SD; "Daughter of R. & D."; M
Stine		Charles						76	C	NDR; NBC; NM
Thrun	Bertha			01/10/1906	10/18/1993	10/21/1993		43	4D	NDR: BP# 10642; age-87; d. Deuel County Memorial Hospital, Clear Lake, Deuel Co., SD; farmed with horses; b. Rauville Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. William A. & Barbara (Kiefl) Thrun; single; "Daughter"; M
Thrun	Fred	H.		1930	-					Living; w. Viola A (Woodbury); wed-01/03/1954 @ Watertown, SD; M
Thrun	Viola	A.	Woodbury	03/26/1933	11/30/1992	12/03/1992		24	2	NDR: BP# 10438; age-59; d. Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD

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										after a long illness; b. Aurora, SD; p. Raymond & Agnes (Smith) Woodbury; wed-Fred H. Thrun 01/03/1954 @ Watertown, SD; p. of Steve, Kathy & Sherrie; M
Thrun	William	A.	Jr.	07/22/1907	08/08/1907			43	B-3	DR# 1/19/240; twin of Xaver, aka-"John" Thrun; age-17 days; d. Rauville, Codington Co., SD; COD-"7 months child"; b. Rauville, Codington Co., SD; p. William Thrun & Barbara (Kiefl); "children of Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Thrun"; "Suffer the little ones to come unto me"; "W.T."; M
Thrun	William	Adolph		07/17/1873	07/12/1951	07/16/1951	9	43	2-A	DR# 7792; BP# 1839; age-77; d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-chronic lymphatic leukemia; farmer; b.Pommerin, Germany; p. Henry Thrun & Johanna (Lentz); w. Barbara (Kiefl) Thrun;wed-05/16/1903; widowed; informant-Fred Thrun; "Father"; "Rest in Peace"; M
Thrun	Xaver			07/22/1907	07/22/1907			43	C4	DR# 1/18/231; aka-"John"; twin of William A. Thrun; age-7 hours; d. Rauville, Codington Co., SD; COD-lack of vitality; b. Rauville, Codington Co., SD; p. William Thrun & Barbara (Kiefl); "Children of Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Thrun"; "Suffer the little ones to come unto Me"; "X.T."; M
Webster	Thomas	R.		06/23/1896	01/23/1925	01/27/1925		63	B	DR# 2/274/2554; age-28/7/0; d. Germantown Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-fracture skull from accident with hay carrier, pulley striking him on the R. side of the head; farmer; b. Ireland; p. Henry Webster & Dora (Wender); w.?.; informant-Mrs. Thomas Webster; NM
Welnitz	-							76	D	NDR; NBC; NM
Wogatzke	William			09/04/1836	12/25/1900			76	B	NDR; NBC; aka-"Wilhelm"; age-64/3/21; b. Pommen, Germany; NM
Zantow	Julius	John		09/16/1853	03/02/1931	03/05/1931		39	A	NDR; NBC; age-77/5/15; d. Yankton, SD; COD-heart failure; b. Polajewo, Germany; w. Augusta Maria (Sachs); wed in 1880; M



**German Lutheran Church, Rauville,
Township, 1901-1902. (photo by
Eddington)**

History of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (1888-1988)

In the 1800's the rolling prairies of Dakota Territory beckoned to many a hardy soul who forthwith packed up his family and belongings and headed west in search of a new life, migrating mostly from WI. So it was that many Lutheran families brought their church with them and settled in Hamlin, Codington and Grant Counties. Through the 1870's and early 1880's a circuit rider, Missionary Christian Boettcher, stationed at

Marshall, Minnesota cared for the spiritual needs of these pioneer families. In 1884, the Minnesota synod agreed to the calling of Pastor F. Johl to serve the three counties; he would be living in Germantown Township.

In the year 1884 they built the first parsonage. This was located 2½ miles south of the present Rauville church, on the northwest corner of that road crossing. There Mr. Ludwig Rau donated two acres of land and upon it was erected the white 1½ story frame parsonage and a red barn. From there these four little groups were served by Pastors Johl from 1884, Luebbert from 1888, Polzin from 1897 until 1905-a total of 21 years.

Since Pastor Johl had several congregations to serve, and all of them by horse and buggy, it was not possible for the Mazeppa group to be served more than once every three weeks. Pastor was paid \$85 per year and a bag of oats per member for his services.

An organization meeting was held in Mazeppa Township, Grant County, on May 14, 1888. The following were present: Robert Zielsky, Frantz Redlin, Wilhelm Blek, August Quitsch, Herman Klix, Julius Redlin, Carl Beskow, Ernest Matthes, Frantz Korth, Carl Blek, Carl Krause, Herman Krause, Nickolous Adolphsen and N. Adolphsen-14. The first officers of the newly formed congregation were Wilhelm Blek and Julius Redlin, Elders; Carl Beskow, Secretary; and August Quitsch, Treasurer. The congregation went under the name "St. Paulus Gemeinde" up to January 1897 when it was given the present name St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As Dakota Territory moved closer to statehood in the 1880's, many one room schools were scattered over the prairies. Church records indicate that services alternated between a schoolhouse (Beskow School) one mile east of the present church and also at a schoolhouse (Quitsch School) located three miles south of the first mentioned school. It is noted that Caroline Klix (died 1911) and Herman Klix (died 1914) were buried at "Quitsch School." Tradition has it that there were also five children buried at the site. We note that several baptisms were recorded as having taken place at "Beskow School." After our sister congregation to the south erected their church in 1888 on a site in Germantown Township (2 miles south, ½ mile east of the "Quitsch School") the decision was made to hold all services at the "Beskow School." From 1889 on, all services were held at the "Beskow School" until the church was built in 1897.

The Lord called Pastor Johl to his eternal rest in 1888. Pastor A.L. Luebber accepted the call to serve these congregations. In an effort to establish an appropriate location for a church and a cemetery in the Mazeppa township, there were many hours of discussion. Several of the families in the area offered land to be used for this church and cemetery. In 1891 the Lutherans of this area acquired land from Mr. Helmuth Heuer. In May of that year the present cemetery lot was dedicated.

Ever mindful of the value of a Christian education, this church already at its second meeting as an organized congregation had decided to call a parochial teacher and pay him \$12 a month and room and board. It seems to have been the desire of the congregation to have at least a few months of Christian day school training for their children every year, but due to a lack of teachers, monies and facilities, the school could not be conducted regularly every year. To help out the congregation, Mr. Emil Heuer taught the children for a few terms. Besides Mr. Heuer, Messers Clasen, Hohenstein, Rusch and Rev. Paul Hinderer taught in the parochial school here. Before 1900, when the congregation built its own schoolhouse, classes were conducted in private homes and public school rooms. After laws were enacted that forbade the members to take their children from the public

schools for a few months to receive religious instruction, the parochial school was discontinued.

It was the desire of these Lutheran families to have a worship service every week; therefore in January 1892 it was decided that Mr. Carl Beskow would conduct “Lese-Gottesdienste” on every Sunday that the pastor could not be present. While the families desired to construct a permanent house of worship, it was decided to postpone this construction until the congregation grew in size.

In 1892 the United States government opened the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation, which was a piece of land in the shape of a triangle-the peak of which was at Lake Kampeska near Watertown and the base in North Dakota-for homesteading. The eastern boundary of this reservation was only one-half mile from the present church lot. The opening naturally meant much for Mazeppa Lutheran congregation. After that she grew rapidly in membership.

By 1894 this congregation had grown to such an extent that they and Germantown wanted to form a separate parish. The Watertown-Rauville-Mazeppa parish, however, continued until 1897.

The members of St. John’s began to implement their decision to erect a new worship facility by electing Carl Beskow, Emil Heuer and Herman Wolter to the building committee. In 1897 ground was broken and the church was dedicated the same year. Pastor Gausewitz, President of the Minnesota Synod, conducted the dedicatory services.

It is interesting to note that the present altar was purchased the same year the church was dedicated, and the baptismal font dates back to 1917.

Our Vogelpohl & Spaeth pipe organ was installed in 1907. It has continued to meet the needs of our congregation over the past eight decades. Maintaining the organ has been a special project for Mr. Helmuth Noeldner through the years. Mr. Nolte of New Ulm Organ Co. has given generously of his time and talent to keep the organ a fine instrument for our edification. Through the years there have been many organists who have given of their time and talent to render this special service to the congregation.

The traditional language of these people was German, and prior to 1916 all worship services and confirmation instruction was conducted in German. The first English worship services were conducted in 1920 and by 1925, 50% of the services were conducted in English. The St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mazeppa Township became a member of the Wisconsin Synod in 1920. In 1921 the congregation decided that it would become an independent and self-supporting congregation. This meant that they would build a parsonage and call a pastor. The following men became the parsonage building committee: Fred Beskow, Ernest Breitzman, Ernest Kriesel and Robert Noeldner. The parsonage was completed the same year and Pastor C. Carl Bast was called. On October 22, 1922, the congregation observed the 25th anniversary of the dedication of their house of worship.

In the drought years Mazeppa Lutheran lost many members. Many moved out and sought to make their living elsewhere. Due to these and other circumstances the membership dwindled so far that the congregation was forced to ask the Synod to help support the pastor. However, that was only temporary. The Lord again blessed this section with good crops and with His continued blessing Mazeppa Lutheran was soon a growing and flourishing congregation.

Fiftieth Jubilee services were conducted on September 25, 1938 by the Rev. J. Carl Bast, a former pastor, in the German language and the Rev. Walter T. Meier, President of the Wisconsin Synod, in the English language.

In January of 1939 it was decided to ask the Synod for no further financial aid after June of that year, and once more to become self-supporting. The young people of the congregation were given permission to work up a plot of land north of the parsonage and to plant it to trees. In that same year also, the buildings of the church were painted. In April of 1924 the young people were given permission to place a fence around the cemetery.

In December and January of 1947, an electric plant producing 1500 watts, 110 volt current was installed in the parsonage. The church was wired and fitted with fixtures, and both the parsonage and church connected to the plant. A new furnace was also installed in the parsonage at that time, during a vacancy.

The Fiftieth anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church was observed on Sunday, October 12, 1947, with former Pastors O.W. Heier and E.G. Fritz as speakers. It was shortly after this, on April 11, 1948, that the congregation voted to discontinue the German services.

In late summer of 1948 the church and parsonage were connected with electricity from Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc. The summer of 1950 showed a big change when the church was turned and faced to the south, and moved a few yards north onto a newly constructed full basement, with considerable improvement and redecorating to the interior. The familiar steeple was removed and a large cross erected in place. On June 24, 1951 a rededication service was held; Pastor O.W. Heier and Pastor H.C. Schnitker were the speakers.

On December 9, 1956, St. John's congregation of Mazeppa and St. John's of Rauville voted to join and form one parish. The pastor and family continued to reside at the Mazeppa parsonage until a vacancy in 1966. The parsonage was then sold, and a house was purchased in north Watertown for the pastor.

Eightieth anniversary services were held on June 16, 1968 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mazeppa with Rev. H. C. Schnitker and Rev. O.W. Heier as speakers. Mr. Howard Nolte presented a special organ concert. At this time the church council consisted of: Chairman, Wallace A. Redlin; Secretary, Harry O. Borns; Treasurer, Carl Moyer; serving as Financial Secretary was F.W. Beskow. Elders were Erwin Steinocker and Karl Kaaz. Trustees; Wallace Bunde, Harold Johnston and Lyle Kriesel. Stewardship members were: Carl Beskow, Otto Kriesel, Werner Heuer and Richard Theye. Cemetery Sexton was William Noeldner. Organists were Donna Steinocker and Maynard Resen.

A joint parish meeting was held on February 11, 1972 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rauville Township. The decision was made to dissolve the parish. The Rauville congregation soon became part of a dual parish which included Bethlehem of Watertown. St. John's of Mazeppa was then served as a vacancy for over 13 years by Pastor Edward J. Werner-one of the longest tenures since Pastor Paul Hinderer, who served from 1905 to 1919.

Upkeep has been an on-going project through the years. In the middle 1970's the interior and exterior of the church were painted and the heat ducts were changed.

On June 25, 1978, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mazeppa celebrated its 90th anniversary with former Pastors O.W. Heier and N.E. Pommeranz speaking at the morning and afternoon services, respectively.

In April 1983 it was decided to form a dual parish with Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milbank, South Dakota (a new mission) and to jointly call a pastor to serve them. Consequently on July 26, 1983 an afternoon installation service was held at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and an ordination and installation service was held Sunday evening at St. John's Lutheran of Mazeppa for Shawn E. Kauffeld. He was installed by Pastor E.J. Werner of South Shore, assisted by Pastor Eugene Kauffeld of Watertown, Wisconsin, Pastor Dale Neyhart of Gary, Pastor Robert Weimer of Watertown, South Dakota, and Pastor Elroy Conrardt of Henry, South Dakota. This union was dissolved in early 1985 and each church went its separate way, with St. John's retaining Rev. Kauffeld as their pastor.

In the 1980's continuing improvements included the installation of a security light, additional insulation, new carpet for the main aisle, the altar area and on the steps leading both to the balcony and to the basement. The outside front steps and sidewalk received indoor-outdoor carpet. A long awaited church office was constructed adjoining the balcony, and ceiling fans were installed in the church proper. The outside of the church received a coat of paint in the summer of 1986. Some interior painting was done in early 1988.

A joint meeting was held with Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wilmot, South Dakota on February 22, 1987 to address the possibility of a dual parish. Following the decision to do so, Pastor Shawn E. Kauffeld was called to serve both St. John's Evangelical Lutheran and Christ Evangelical Lutheran churches. Installation services were held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran on Sunday, March 1st, 1987, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Pastor William Russow of Clear Lake, South Dakota, delivered the sermon, and assisting at the service were Pastors E.J. Werner, Paul Johnston, Ron Kruse, Dale Neyhart, Tim Meyer, Andrew Backus, Michael Barlow and Wayne Rouse.

The Lord blessed St. John's with a new youth group on May 14, 1985. The new group has been active in fellowship and many social activities such as bike rides, softball, camping and other church related events. May the Lord always bless this group to continue and encourage their many fine efforts.

Pastoral acts to date, June 19, 1988

Baptisms-709 Confirmations-447 Marriages-128 Burials-120

Pastors serving the first 100 years:

The reverends: J. Johl-1888; G.E. Fritzke-1894; E.G. Fritz-1896; A.L. Luebbert-1898; R. Polzin-1905; Paul Hinderer-1919; C. Carl Bast-1925; Otto E. Klett-1925; M.W. Keturakat-1937; Gustav Schlegel-1938; O.W. Heier-1940; M. Lemke-1941; H.C. Schnitker-1946; W.T. Meier-1947; R.W. Steffenhagen-1949; H. Winkel-1949; W.C. Nickels-1953; B. Borgschatz-1953; M.H. Eibs-1959; V. Theirfelder-1959; L. Dobberstein-1962; A. Kell-1963; N. Pommeranz-1965; E. Werner-1965; A. Kell-1967; W. Herrmann-1971; E. Werner-1972; Shawn E. Kauffeld-1983;

History of St. John's Congregation of Rauville (1889-1989)

In the history written for the 50th anniversary in 1940 it was noted that the St. John's congregation at Rauville traces its very beginning back to the FAITH of its pioneer fathers. When they came, most of them from WI, they were of the conviction that their lives in their new home here in SD would be a sad failure, in spite of the crops and wealth the rich soil of SD could produce for them, unless here they would also have that "One Thing Needful" which alone would secure them a permanent home after this life, namely, eternal life in heaven. For that reason our fathers, bringing their families, met for divine worship in homes and schoolhouses at Mazeppa, Germantown, Rauville and Watertown. These little groups were served as well as conditions permitted in the early eighties by Missionary Christian Boettcher. May this congregation never forget this benefit which it has received from Synodical Missionaries.

In the year 1884 they called their first resident pastor, Rev. Johl and also jointly built the first parsonage. This was located 2½ miles south of the present Rauville church, on the northwest corner of that road crossing. There Mr. Ludwig Rau donated two acres of land and upon it was erected the white 1½ story frame parsonage and a red barn. From there these four little groups were served by Pastors Johl from 1884, Luebbert from 1888, Polzin from 1897 until 1905—a total of 21 years! It is to be regretted that during this time when these congregations were being formed the holding of regular public services and instruction of the children was hampered greatly by circumstances. However, in 1905 this condition was corrected, to at least a great extent, when the parish was divided in two and another pastor, the Rev. Paul Hinderer, was called by Germantown, Mazeppa and South Shore. Then the parsonage was sold and the land returned to Mr. Ludwig Rau. The Rev. Polzin continued in Watertown until 1911. Pastor Sauer was then called to serve the Watertown-Rauville parish. Beginning in 1919 he served in Watertown alone. Thus during the 14 years, 1905-1919, the pastors of the St. John's congregation at Rauville resided in the city of Watertown.

By 1919 the Lord had prospered our congregation to the extent that they were able to make the beneficial change of alone providing for their own pastor. To that end, they decided to buy land from Mr. Heman Buelow and to build a parsonage. Mr. H. Clasen, Mr. Wm. Hackbart and Mr. J.R. Michaels served on this building committee. The parsonage was built at the cost of \$7,260.00 and dedicated on October 26, 1919. The Rev. Otto E. Klett was the first pastor to live in the new parsonage.

The exact date when the Lutherans of Rauville first began to meet as a group for divine services in homes and school houses is not known. Neither can we set an exact date as to when these Christians ceased to be merely an organized group, but had already formed a congregation. When the congregation celebrated its 50th anniversary the members settled on November 20, 1889, as the date when the St. John's congregation at Rauville was organized. It was on that day that the Rev. Luebbert offered a constitution to the congregation for consideration. It was accepted and signed by seven charter members—Messrs. L. Rau, J. Michaels Sr., E. Guenther, A. Redlin, F. Krase, J. Giese and H. Redemske.

There are, however, good reasons to say that the St. John's congregation at Rauville was organized before November 20, 1889, for the minutes of its congregational meetings go back to February 20, 1889 or earlier. The records state that this already was a

congregational meeting. Moreover, the minutes of this meeting record procedures which are impossible for an unorganized group. For example, they had a secretary and treasurer. The treasurer gave the annual financial report of the year preceding. We also have pastoral records of baptisms, etc. to 1884.

Those seven charter members did not long stand alone. In January, 1890, Mr. H. Stein and Mr. R. Buchholz joined the congregation. It is gratifying that already on June 7 of the same year the congregation decided to join the Minnesota Synod, which later became part of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other states. In that same summer the church was built by the NINE voting members mentioned. The architect's name was Gauer, the builder Mr. Ira East and the cost about \$4,000.00. It was on August 31, 1890 that this congregation was permitted to dedicate its church building to the services of the Lord. The preachers for this festive occasion were Pastors Schultz and Gausewitz. The walls and ceiling were originally plastered and papered. The first altar and pulpit were combined. Thus the pastor preached standing high behind the altar. In the center of the church stood a huge wood stove. The plaster on the ceiling and walls was reinforced with wainscoting in 1898. The seating on the balcony has since been rearranged. The school house was built in 1900. The basement was excavated and the furnace installed in 1926. The church is now heated with fuel oil.

The cemetery was for many years surrounded by a board fence, which was replaced in 1928 with a wire fence. Through the years, especially during the growing season, the cemetery has received regular and careful attention. In fact, the whole church yard receives careful and loving care.

Services were in German until the last years of Pastor Polzin, around 1910, when English was begun. The two languages were used until the forties.

Pastor Lemke began serving St. John's in 1938 and was pastor until 1945. Pastor Borgschatz began in 1945 and served until 1956. In 1956 part of the congregation voted to start a church in Watertown which is Bethlehem. The remaining congregation joined with Mazeppa on December 6, 1956 when they became a dual parish. Pastor Eibs was pastor at this time and served the two congregations until 1959. Pastor LeRoy Dobberstein served both congregations until 1962. Pastor Norman Pommeranz served from 1963 to 1965. In 1966 the parsonage was sold at Mazeppa and the congregations bought a parsonage in the north part of Watertown. Pastor Schliesser from Henry served the vacancy until Pastor Herrmann accepted a call to serve the congregations from 1965 to 1971.

A joint meeting was held at St. John's of Rauville on February 11, 1972 to dissolve the parish. Rauville then became a dual parish with Bethlehem of Watertown. St. John's of Mazeppa was served by Pastor Werner of South Shore. Pastor Arthur Kell served St. John's Rauville and Bethlehem in 1972 and 1973. Pastor Durant Shook served 6 years and Pastor Robert Weimer served 4 years. Our present Pastor Paul Johnston came in 1984 to serve these congregations.

The church building has stood for a hundred years and many changes have been made. The church proper has remained almost the same except for painting and upkeep. In 1921 the congregation decided to remodel the front of the church, replacing the altar with a new one. The platform was extended to the full width of the church, and two doorways were built—one on each side of the altar, leading to the schoolhouse, so it could be used as a nursery for mothers of babies and small children. Until now, the only entry to the

schoolhouse was from the outside. In 1926 a basement was made under the church and a furnace was installed. The first electricity for the church and parsonage was a light plant and batteries completed in December 1943. Renovation of the church was in 1958. A new narthex was added and new stairways to the basement and balcony. At this time the steeple was removed. Pastor Eibs designed the front wall behind the altar. New cupboards were added to the kitchen. New carpet on the altar and tile was installed. The organ was moved from the front of the church to the balcony. New wiring and new light fixtures were added. Plasterboard was put on the inside, and the interior of the church was painted. Pews and some of the woodwork were refinished at that time. Rededication was held in the summer of 1958. Lebert and Macek were the carpenters hired for this project. There were also many hours of volunteer work from members of the congregation. New carpet, given as a memorial gift in 1973, was again installed on the altar and in the aisle. In 1975 a new furnace was installed. After much thought and planning in 1979 a new fellowship hall was built and a well dug making possible for two new bathrooms and running water for our new kitchen in the fellowship hall. Dean Raabe, a member of the congregation, was the carpenter for this project. Many hours of volunteer labor from the congregation were required to finish this project. Roy Kluck donated much of his time to the plumbing and furnace work done for these projects at St. John's. Dedication of the fellowship hall was November 11, 1979. The church purchased pews from Good Shepherd of Sioux Falls in 1982.

For many years the congregation has had a choir, Ladies Aid and a Young Peoples Society. An Altar Guild was organized in December 1963.

The first Ladies Aid meeting was October 29, 1919. The first officers were: Mrs. John Michaels, President; Mrs. Otto Klett, Vice President; Mrs. Henry Clasen, Secretary; Mrs. Otto Korth, Treasurer. The original members of the Aid were: Mrs. William Redemske, Mrs. August Strege, Mrs. Otto Klett, Mrs. Otto Redemske, Mrs. Otto Korth, Mrs. John Michaels, Mrs. Fred Redtke, Mrs. Henry Clasen, Mrs. Fred Neuendorf, Mrs. Amelia Redemske, Mrs. William Hackbart, Mrs. August Beulow, Mrs. John Kraling, Mrs. Carl Kaaz, Mrs. Otto Schmit, Mrs. Albert Kluck, Mrs. Herman Kannas, Mrs. Robert Strege. Mrs. Otto Korth is still living in Watertown.

The first class confirmed was on March 22, 1891: August Tetzlaff, Fredrick Zeck, Wilhelm Schmeling, George Schafer, William Blek, Franz Lentz, Richard Hoge, Ernest Matthes, Herman Kannas, Ferdinand Blek, Rudolph Zielsky, Ida Noeldner, Mathilda Grewing, Emma Lentz, Emma Bahr, Ida Stemwedel, August Rau, Elizabeth Fritz, Attilie Fritz.

The first to be married after the congregation had been organized were Heinrich Stein and Anna Michaels, on November 22, 1888. The first couple married in the church was Wilhelm Schmeling and Anna Buchholz on October 30, 1890.

The first baptism after the organization of the church was Martha Louise Zeck July 13, 1884. The first child to be baptized in the church was Vira Marie Mathilde Buchholz, December 18, 1890.

St. John's celebrated its 40th anniversary on October 12, 1930. The Rev. O.E. Klett preached for the two jubilee services, German in the morning and English in the afternoon.

September 1, 1940 the congregation celebrated the 50th anniversary of its church building. In the morning Pastor William Sauer preached in English while Pastor O.E.

Klett preached in German. The afternoon service was purely English with Pastor J.B. Erhart the preacher.

On September 12, 1965 St. John's celebrated their 75th anniversary. Pastor P. Schliesser was the vacancy pastor at that time. Pastor LeRoy Dobberstein preached at 2:00 p.m.

St. John's has given the following sons and daughters for the work in the Lord's Vineyard: Pastors: Edgar Guenther, Max Michael, Gilbert Bunde and Arlyn Schmeling. Teachers: Winfried Clasen, Agnes Strege, Ione Strege, Audrae Bunde, Kathryn Borgschatz and Roxanne Redlin.

One of the first organists was Hilda Michaels. She served as organist until her marriage to Earl Johnston. Mrs. Clasen, a retired parochial teacher, was organist until Doris Redemske took over. In the spring of 1928, the choir put on an Easter Cantata for their church and neighboring churches. Much credit must be given to Doris, as she has kept a choir active in the church all these years. She was always recruiting new members whenever she could. Doris Redemske served as church organist from 1925 to 1988, a total of 63 years of service. Anotta Britzman helped Doris the last couple years and assumed the duty in July of 1988 when Doris became ill.

The Founding and Early Years of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Rauville Ladies Aid.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Rauville, SD had been in operation for approximately 30 years before it became self-supporting. From its formation in 1889 until 1919 St. John's had been a joint parish with St. Martin's of Watertown. In 1919 the congregation had grown sufficiently that it was decided they could support themselves and Reverend Otto E. Klett became St. John's first resident pastor.

With a full time resident pastor, the congregation of St. John's finally felt like a true church and the ladies of the congregation began to talk of forming a Ladies Aid. On October 29, 1919 eight ladies met in the home of Mrs. William Redemske and organized a Ladies Aid. Elected as officers for this new organization were: Mrs. John Michaels-President; Mrs. Otto Klett-Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Clasen-Secretary and Mrs. Otto Korth-Treasurer. The other four ladies in attendance at this formation meeting were Mrs. Otto Redemske, Sr.; Mrs. August Strege; Mrs. Ferdinand Radtke and Mrs. William Redemske.

The ladies, at this first meeting, also decided to assess themselves the extreme sum of \$.10 per month in dues. This amount remained as the monthly dues for two years when it was raised to \$.25 per month for participating members. The ladies also decided that they would establish an annual fee of \$5.00 for those ladies wishing to become members but for some reason or other could not participate. The dues were later increased to \$.50 per month, where they remained until only recently.

Notes of Interest

Four Generations of Continuous Members

Henry Redemske—Charter Member

William Redemske

Otto Redemske—Living at Jenkins Methodist Home in Watertown and still a member of St. John's.

Willard Redemske—Living in Watertown and also a member of St. John's