

In Commemoration of
Valley County's Centennial Celebration
1883 - 1993

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
AND
SHORT HISTORIES OF
VALLEY COUNTY CHURCHES**

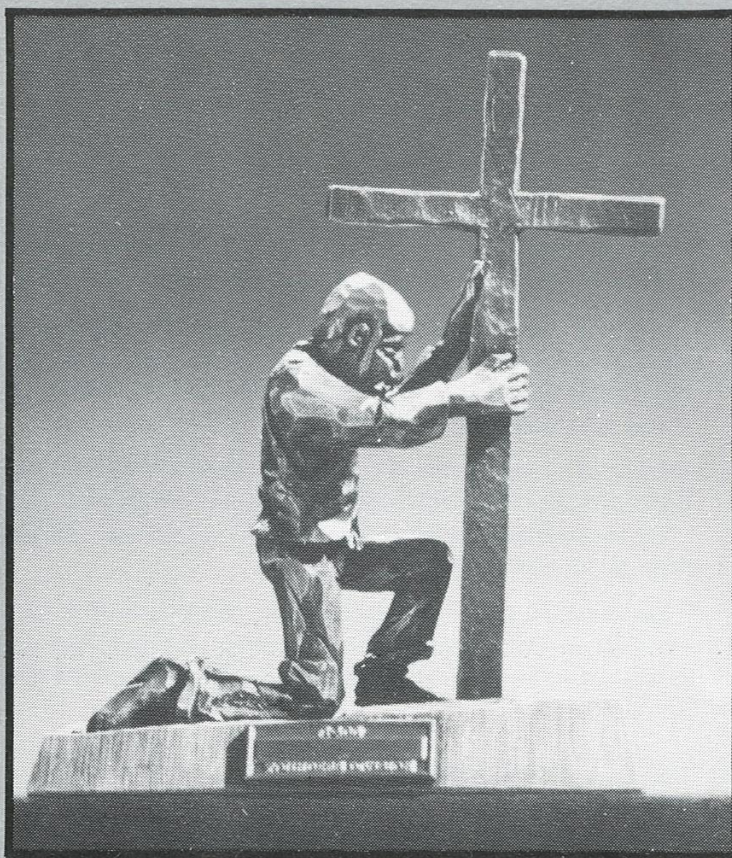


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"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it."

- Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Christ

The true church is a creation of Jesus Christ. May we be one in him.

Centennial Worship Committee

VALLEY COUNTY CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Sunday, June 27, 1993

10:15 A.M. Pre-Service Music

11:00 A.M. Worship

Glasgow High School Scottie Field

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BY: in order of performance)

Set Free (Sandy Holter, Carolyn Buell, Dave Pompei and Les Martens)

Lockley and Tracie

Dawn Pattison and Bonnie Green

Prairie Station Band

At the KEY BOARD for Worship - Michael Meyer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME: Pastor Dave Rogenes, Assembly of God

INVOCATION: Pastor Barry Beard, Joy Fellowship

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 95

Pastor Willis Cook, Church of the Nazarene

HYMN: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing, Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing, For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe - His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He - Lord Sab-a-oth His name, from age to age the same - and He must win the battle.

And tho this world with devils filled. Should threaten to undo us. We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim - We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure. For lo! his doom is sure - One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers - No thanks to them - abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go. This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still - His Kingdom is forever.

CHOIR: PRAISE, O PRAISE

HIS GRACE

Community Choir directed by Russ Tippets

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 5

Pastor Joyce Kaplan, First Congregational United Church of Christ

L: Can you hear, O God, what I have to say? Do you feel something of what I feel this morning?

C: I know, O God, that you are grieved by the selfishness of your children

L: The world you created seems to be falling apart.

C: Your creatures are living for themselves alone.

L: They are proud and self-sufficient.

C: They think they don't need you any longer.

L: I also know, O Lord, that I cannot exist without the assurance of your eternal love.

C: Thus I commit myself once more to you and your eternal purposes. Help me to walk in your path for my life. Give me grace to overcome the many obstacles in the way.

L: The philosophies that come out of our world bear little resemblance to the truth you revealed to us.

C: They are subtle and seductive and we are led astray by good sounding, but deceptive talk.

L: Enable us to recognize them for what they are; shallow, superficial, ultimately destructive. Those who follow you need not be dismayed.

C: They can sing and dance in the joy of their Lord. You will continue to reveal yourself to them and work out your purposes in and through them.

— from “God is Here” by Leslie F. Brandt (a paraphrase).

HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, How great thou art!

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 55:6-11

Pastor John Flaa, First Lutheran Church of Glasgow

SPECIAL MUSIC: AMAZING GRACE

Luree Green, Jana Lasar and Nicole Rogenes, accompanied by Sharon Kauffman

NEW TESTAMENT READING: JOHN 6:35-40

Pastor Barry Beard, Joy Fellowship

SERMON: “THE CLASS HAD A DREAM”

Pastor Dallas Smith, First Baptist Church

HYMN: COME THOU FOUNT

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it - mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

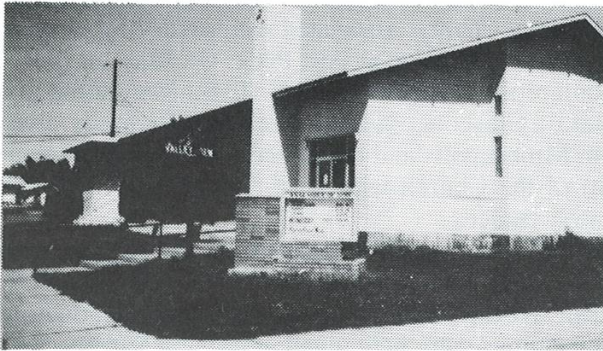
OFFERING: Pastor Ross Holleyman, Calvary Baptist

CHOIR: HYMNS OF FAITH

BENEDICTION: Pastor John Coady, St. Raphael's Catholic Church

SHORT HISTORIES OF CHURCHES IN VALLEY COUNTY

Assembly of God Church



The Assembly of God began in Glasgow in 1934 when two young ladies, Buelah Tom and Betty Funk held revival meetings. In 1936, the first resident pastors came, Cedric Wilcox and Marvin Peck. It was under this leadership that a building at Fort Peck was purchased and moved to Glasgow. This building is still in existence, located at the corner of Fourth Ave. S. and 9th Street W. This was the place of worship until the present structure was dedicated. Following the founders, the pastors serving at the old location were Rev. Grothouse, Paul Willisroft, H. J. Arneson, O. S. Hodges, L. I. LaMance and A. H. Miller. In those days, the Assembly was known as the Glasgow Gospel Tabernacle.

In January of 1958, Rev. and Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick was invited to be pastor. For several years, the Assembly needed a larger building to accommodate the congregational services and the Sunday School. A building fund was established and the present property purchased in a new location at 10th Ave. N. and Valley View. However, it was not until the spring of 1963, that ground work on the new building got underway. The building was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1966. The dedication message was given by Rev. Owen Hodges, former pastor. In April, 1976, a mortgage burning ceremony was held.

In December of 1969, Rev. Kenneth J. Ross came as pastor. He was pastor until 1977, when he received a call from the Assembly in Havre. Recent pastors have been Rev. Mel Holmquist, January 1978 to June of 1979; Rev. Donald Paulson, August of 1979 to August of 1986; Rev. Phil Wiebe, moved here from Superior, Mont., and served from 1986 to 1992. Rev. Dave Rogenes is the current pastor having arrived in January of 1993.

The Assembly of God was founded to provide a Pentecostal full-gospel witness to this area. At the dedication of the present facility it was stated: "It was our supreme desire that when the youth of this community need direction, they will come to this place to receive instruction in the knowledge and will of God. May the friendless find friendship, may the sorrowful find comfort, may the hungry find food, may the sinful find the Savior. May these doors be ever open

to the weak and the strong, the rich and the poor, the old or the young, the educated or unlearned, the friend or the stranger." The Lord has shown Himself faithful in helping us to keep these purposes, and He will enable us to sustain them in the future. As souls continue to enter the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, "To God Be The Glory!"

Calvary Baptist Church



The membership of Calvary Baptist Church is a Bible-believing body of people who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and who have followed obediently in believer's baptism. Calvary is a autonomous body operating under the leadership of Jesus Christ through the democratic process, working cooperatively with other churches and believing in the authority of the Scriptures and the priesthood of the believer. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship and the Hi-Line Baptist Association.

Calvary Baptist Church was constituted as a church on Sept. 4, 1959. The church had been a mission, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Church of Poplar, A. L. Davis, Pastor. The church originally met in the old VFW Hall at 111 4th St. North.

The first pastor of Calvary was Bill Griffith from Sparta, Tennessee. He began his ministry on Sept. 20, 1959. Under his leadership, the first permanent building for the church was built at 1304 10th Street North. The building was dedicated on Nov. 24, 1960. It is presently serving as the building for the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Pastor Lamar Skelton led the church to move to its present location, at the corner of 5th Avenue North and Highland Drive, on Nov. 29, 1970. The facility is the former First Christian Church building.

The pastors that have served the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church are:

Bill Griffith, 1959-60
Don Milam, Interim, 1960
Ballard White, 1961-63
Otto Polk, Interim, 1964
John R. Lane, 1964-65
Byron Banta, 1965-66
Lamar Skelton, 1967-72
Reginald Peltier, 1972-73
W. C. Bryant, 1973-74

Bob Walker, 1974-82
Dr. McDonald Held,
Interim, 1982
David Miller, 1982-84
W. J. Hughes, Interim, 1984
Earl Beeler, Interim, 1984
B. J. Hallmark, 1984-93
Ross Holleyman, 1993-present

Calvary Baptist Church has sponsored missions in Malta and Opheim over the years. Presently the church is sponsoring Fort Peck Baptist Chapel.

The Lord is blessing the church with growth and an expanding ministry to church members and the community. On behalf of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in Bible study, fellowship and ministry together.

Church of Christ



The Church of Christ began meeting in Glasgow in 1953. First meetings were in Dignan Hall above the space occupied by Radio Shack at present. The first building was constructed at 307 Francis Street and this building was sold to the V.F.W. group. The present building at 1316 10th Street North was constructed in 1975 with an addition added five years later.

Ministers serving the church included Leonard Hanold, Ernest Laceseter, Bob Martin, James Boor, Henry Clarke, Gerald Winter and Burt Paden.

Services to the community included a bus service for residents at the Glasgow Air Base to attend services in Glasgow. This service was also provided for Vacation Bible School during the summer months. Many services were provided for the elderly and shut-ins which included yard work and house cleaning.

Henry Clark and Walter Paden were installed as elders in 1981.

A fair booth has been manned in the Northeast Montana Fair since 1976. Many Bibles and literature have been passed out and in the last few years, video games and Bible quizzes have been provided.

Campaign services were provided during the summers by college groups from Tennessee and Arkansas. These were college students donating their summer vacation time.

Many daily and weekly radio programs were conducted and Bible teaching ads in the local newspaper.

The largest attendance was during the days of the Air Base operation including the organizations after the base closed. The Vacation Bible Schools were well attended.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

By 1937, over 80 members of our religion had moved into Valley County, associated with sugar-beet production and construction at Fort Peck. On June 11, 1937, a conference was held in the F. J. Rushton home just south of Glasgow. Mission President Richards came from Minneapolis and organized a Branch (congregation) of the Church with L. S. Humphrey chosen as its first leader.

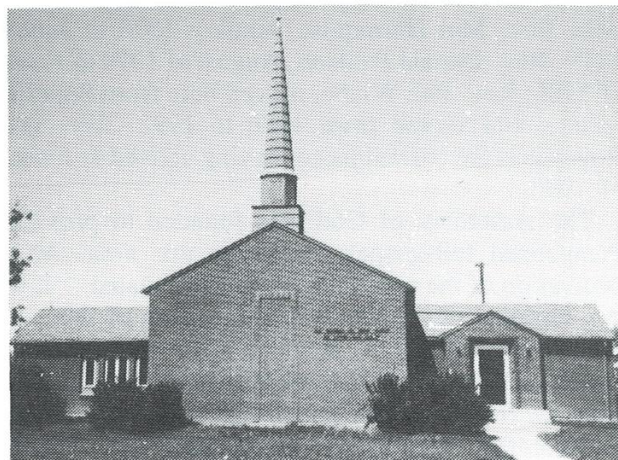
Space was rented for meetings at the Dignan Hall (above Radio Shack) and later at the Odd Fellows Hall. During World War II, building plans were put on hold and meetings were held together only on Sunday. Gas rationing limited those having to drive in from Fort Peck, Nashua and Hinsdale.

Land was purchased in March 1946, and funds began to be raised for a building. The foundation for the chapel was poured Aug. 1, 1953, under the direction of Charles Maag using a hand-loaded cement mixing machine. Local members donated labor to the building which was finished and dedicated in 1955 by Elder Marion D. Hanks from Salt Lake City.

1956 saw the building of a concession stand at the Valley County Fairgrounds which was later expanded and is still an annual project after 30 years.

Our Fall Smorgasbord dinners are another project stemming from early years.

In 1957, the construction of the second Power House at Fort Peck and the Air Force Base brought more members of our Church into the area. Over the years, many people have moved in and out, both leaving their impact and carrying the influence of our Branch to other areas. Young men and women from Glasgow have served as full-time missionaries of the Gospel all over the world to at least 10 countries. Being a religion utilizing a lay clergy and volunteer staffing, offering opportunities to serve the Lord, the leaders and participants over these past 50 years are too numerous to name in this brief history of the "Mormon" Church in Valley County.



Church of the Nazarene



The Nazarene Church worldwide was a result of revivals in the late 1800's and became an organized body in 1908. To date, the denomination operates six liberal arts colleges, two junior colleges, a Bible college, a seminary and many overseas schools. Currently there are about 1,000 foreign missionaries serving the church. The denomination has been used of God in the fore-front of the holiness movement. The term "holiness" means that after regeneration or the new birth, which deals with past sins, Nazarenes emphasize God's grace and power to purify the heart, mind and will from the sinful infection of our nature, ushering in a life of holiness. This is accomplished by God in a second definite work of grace which the Bible calls "entire sanctification" (I Thessalonians 5:23-24). The experience of Christian holiness provides for personal victory and blessing and produces victorious worship.

Glasgow's Church of the Nazarene began in Nashua and moved services to Glasgow about 1941. A building across from the post office was used before moving into the present building in 1942. Under the leadership of Rev. Wilfred McKay, the first pastor, in 1942 the Glasgow church was organized.

The other pastors after Rev. McKay were: Rev. Alvin House, 1948-52; Rev. Leslie Rigwood, 1952-54; Rev. Ivan Richardson, 1954-55; Rev. Ronald Meyers, 1955-60; Rev. Wilber Rogers, 1960-65; Rev. Laurel Matson, 1965-67; Rev. Robert Couture, 1967-68; Rev. Gilbert Shimanek, 1968-70; Rev. Glenn Raw, 1970-71; Rev. Larry Ellis, 1971-72; Rev. Oral Mercer, 1972-74; Rev. Ray Millard, 1974-77; Rev. Willis Cook, 1977-82; Rev. John Mayes, 1982-84; Rev. Richard Stride, 1984-85; and Rev. Maynard A. Mahlen, 1985-88. The church was closed for one year, then opened again under the pastorate of Willis and Iris Cook from 1989 to the present.

Down through the years, this Church has seen many people saved, "Born Again" into the family of God and these people have had a positive influence for Christ on their neighbors and community. Praise the Lord for the Church!

Evangelical Mennonite Brethern Church Lustre, Montana

The Lustre Evangelical Mennonite Brethern church had their first church service May 14, 1916 in a tent. A group of people coming out to Lustre to homestead from Mt. Lake, Minn. were on their way to Lustre when the service took place. Included in the group was Rev. Jacob A. Wall who had been asked by the church in Mt. Lake to start a church in the area for those coming. It was known as the "Bruderthaler" church. Rev. Wall had already felt God's direction to come to Montana to homestead and start a church. The next week services were held at the Rev. Wall homestead with green grass as the carpet and the Big Sky was the ceiling. There were 23 in attendance. The church was conducted at the Wall home and in 1917 with a growing group of believers it was decided to build a church. Rev. Wall gave a corner of his homestead for the site. A 16 by 28 church was built for \$200. On July 7, 1917 it became an organization of believers with 33 charter members.

First revival meetings were held in 1917 with Rev. G.P. Schultz. The first baptism followed. The first Christmas program had 114 people in attendance. It was held Dec. 30, 1917. A snow storm caused it to be postponed from Dec. 25.

The church services were conducted in the German language as the homesteaders mostly spoke the German language. In 1918 Rev. George J. Schmidt was asked to help with the church services and he held them in the English language.

Bible studies during the week were held in homes to preserve coal for Sunday worship - an all day event in the church. Later prayer meetings were held in the church.

During the years 1923-27 the church basement and a larger church were built.

In 1937 the conference name was changed from Bruderthaler to Evangelical Mennonite Brethern. The Lustre church went with the change.

Starting in 1941 the church sent out it's first foreign missionary. Missions have been a very big part of the church. Helping missionaries with finances and their outfitting supplies and sending local missionaries has been a working part of the church. Short term mission work has been done by church teens and college



students. At least a dozen young men have gone from the church to serve as pastors of other than conference churches.

The church had farmer-pastors serving them till the 50's when a five bedroom parsonage was built and remodeled in the 1970's. The church was also enlarged in the 1970's. The men who not only pastored the church but were farmers included Rev. Jacob A. Wall, Rev. George J. Schmidt, Rev. Henry H. Dick, Rev. A.C. Wall, Rev. Pete Wiens and Art Fast. Those living in the parsonage included Rev. and Mrs. Henry P. Wiens, Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Reimer, Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Pankratz, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Deason, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Wienberger, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Korns and Pastor and Mrs. John Skillman who are presently serving the church.

The church has had four radio broadcasts through the years. Missionary conferences, special revival meetings and annual harvest festivals, and the observance of communion and baptismal services have been a regular part of the church.

The choir, men's choir, ladies choir, grandma's choir and children's choir as well as smaller groups and family singing groups have played an important part of the worship services. Children's church has been added for the young.

The Ladies ministries organized in 1923 has always helped outfit missionaries, helped with parsonage projects as well as helped with the Lustre Christian High and Beacon Bible Camp. They also help families who have had tragedies like fire and flood. The ladies have published three cook books "What's Cooking in Lustre 1, 2, 3." These help raise funds for mission projects. They also minister to elderly in nursing homes in the nearby towns. The pastors have also been busy working with the elderly in the retirement homes.

The church has active Gideons and together with the other community churches work to promote the Awana program. They work to help Lustre Christian High, The Community Schmeckfest, Beacon Bible Camp and the Mennonite Disaster Service.

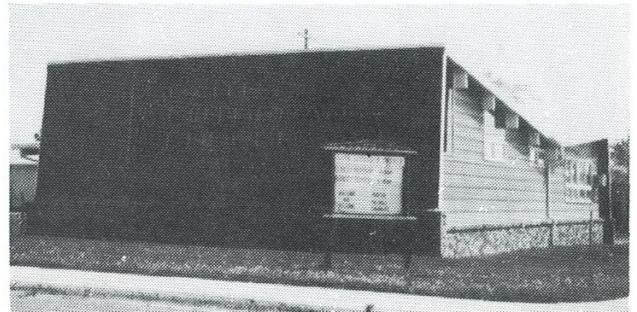
The youth of the church have their own organization. They have youth meetings to have times to grow in the Lord and have fellowship with church youth. The youth work to earn money to go to conference once a year.

The church has a Sunday School department not only for the youth but several classes for adults. The Sunday School department not only studies the Bible but has a mission outreach supporting a Jordanian orphan. Young adults have conducted Sunday Schools in outlying areas where there were no churches. These Sunday Schools led to summer V.B.S. programs.

The church has it's own cemetery with many of the early homesteaders buried there. This is a silent reminder to those who attend the church that life is short and fleeting. Those who have died have taken no land or possessions with them. They took with them their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and whatever

help they gave to others so they too became the believers in Christ." Whatever we do in word or deed do all to the Glory of God."

Faith Lutheran Church

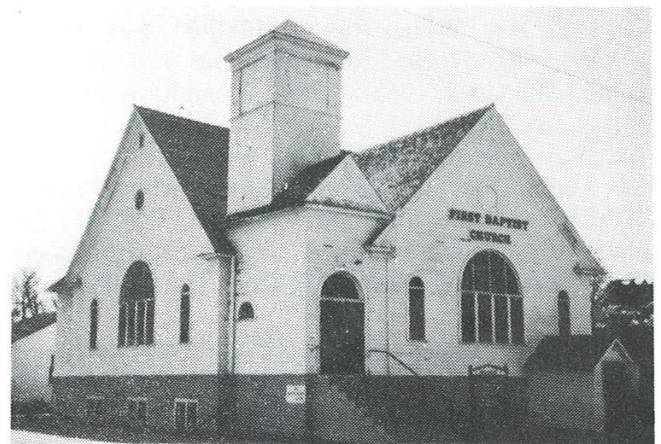


In the fall of 1958, several Glasgow area families requested the Mission Board of the Montana District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to conduct worship services for them in Glasgow. The first services were conducted in the Glasgow Fire Hall and subsequently, the Valley Electric Co-op building. The charter families selected the name, "Faith Lutheran Church."

In 1960, plans were made to build a suitable worship facility and ground was broken on April 9, 1961. The first worship service in the new building was held Sept. 3, 1961. In its history, Faith Lutheran Church has been served by both resident pastors and dual-parish pastors who came from Malta and Wolf Point.

Faith Lutheran Church has, by God's grace, grown both inwardly and outwardly. At her silver anniversary in 1984, Faith Lutheran celebrated God's faithfulness and affirmed again her charter motto, a motto which declares that the building of a church is not the building of a building, but rather the building of people in their personal trust in Jesus Christ. The motto: *"Building relationships with Christ and others because of Christ."*

First Baptist Church



In 1912, the Executive Secretary of the Montana Baptist Convention was most concerned that in spite of the influx of homesteaders into this northeastern part of the

state, no Baptist church had been established east of Havre, or west of Minot, North Dakota. In 1913, Dr. Samuel Zane Batten, Father-in-Law of Emery B. Pease, and executive secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society personally visited the town of Glasgow to find out whether there was room for another church in the area. In the spring of 1914, the Rev. Nathaniel Wakeham was sent to Glasgow to see how many people he could find to begin a Baptist church. He found, by house-to-house visitation, that there was 17. On April 18, 1914, the First Baptist Church was established with 18 members, in a temporary organization. The Rev. Willaim E. Parks was stationed in Glasgow to develop the church to permanent organization. In July, Rev. J. M. Hupp came onto the field. A recognition council was called on Aug. 20, 1914, and the First Baptist Church of Glasgow became a permanent organization with 28 charter members.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, 1915, the cornerstone of the present building was laid. On June 27, the building was dedicated.

In 1959, a parsonage was built at 625 4th St. South while Rev. Arthur G. Heath was Pastor.

In September 1970, under the leadership of Rev. Harold Schrack, the church pulled away from the American Baptist Convention and became an Independent Fundamental Church. It remained in that status through 1983. In January of 1984, the church joined the Conservative Baptist Association of America and is presently Pastored by Dallas Smith.

The church, as at the beginning, remains interested in serving the Lord and the people of Northeast Montana.

First Congregational United Church of Christ



On March 8, 1908, Rev. H. C. Todd, a Congregational Missionary pastor, met with 29 people of Congregational interest to discuss the possibility of organizing a Congregational Church in Glasgow.

The group voted to organize a church to be called the First Congregational Church. Rev. Todd was engaged as pastor.

After his resignation in 1909, the Rev. Carl Borton was elected pastor and during his pastorate the church was built. The lots where the church now stands (640 2nd Ave. N.) were donated by Mrs. J. J. Kerr. In addition to a loan from the Church Building Society, the church was financed by contributions and by bazaars given by the women who had organized a Ladies Aid Society.

During the pastorate of A. U. Baer, the church voted to erect a parsonage, which was built adjoining the church. To help finance this, the women erected a temporary hotel at the time of the opening of the Fort Peck Reservation for settlement. There were sleeping accommodations for 300 people.

The Rev. Frank Henry was called as pastor in 1917 and that year the church bell was donated by R. J. Moore.

Due to severe economic conditions in 1919, joint services were held with the nearby Christian Church.

Rhoda Jane Dickinson, who served as pastor from 1919 to 1922 was ordained in the church in 1921.

In 1948, remodeling was underway and in April 1950, the newly remodeled church was dedicated. The original parsonage was sold and moved from its lot. Another parsonage was purchased and sold in August 1979. The present parsonage at 18 Heather was purchased in August 1988.

Other pastors who served the church were M. M. Gressley, E. R. Bellingham, Forrest Sharkey, Lawrence Juell, Franklin Lahr, Helmuth Fichtler, Arthur Siewert, Forrest Hoppe, Donald Vincent, Glen Schultz, Fred Schneider, Douglas Campbell, Don Sickbert, Ray Kistler and Joyce Kaplan.

First Lutheran Church Glasgow, Montana



The Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Synod Church was formally organized by Rev. A. M. Lunde in 1910. Rev. T. I. Rosholt became the first resident pastor. Land was purchased and a parsonage built in 1914, the church built in 1923. The church was incorporated under the name of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. The women organized in 1910.

The Highland Lutheran Church located 12 miles northwest of town was built in 1922 and Rev. Harold Si-queland served both the Highland and the Glasgow churches in those early years. When he left for the service,

Rev. J. C. Wisness came as interim pastor.

During Rev. Stubjer's service, the two churches merged in 1937 and the Highland Church was moved into Glasgow and added onto the larger building.

During Tom Boe's ministry, 1942-46, stained glass windows and new pews were added and a new entrance built plus a pipe organ fund was started. The pipe organ was installed during the time of Rev. Arne Christiansen, 1946-49.

Additional property was purchased, a new parsonage constructed and a new addition to the church was built during Glen Husby's service, 1949-54. The Intern Program began while Nels Carlson was minister, 1955-61. In 1960, the church celebrated it's Golden Jubilee with a fund drive of \$97,000 for a much needed educational building.

During Olaf Magis' service from 1961-74, Valley View Home was built, the inauguration of the Living Witness program and Christian Fellowship and Renewal through Kogudus (Estonian word for fellowship and gathering).

In August 1974, the church was badly damaged by fire and a new brick building was built; the German Frieburger pipe organ was installed. Dedication was January 1977. Edward Novak was pastor from 1975-80. The Christus Magister Mundi, the chancel sculpture, was dedicated in 1979. The First Lutheran Church Foundation incorporated in 1979.

Robert Nilsen was pastor in 1981 and started the Eighth Grade Individualized student confirmation program and in 1982, the Pre-school for three, four and five year olds. First Lutheran began a year-long Diamond Anniversary Celebration in October, 1985. The Burning of the Mortgage Celebration was in September 1989, together with the Dedication of the Lift, giving easy access to the lower Fellowship Hall. The new entrance and beautiful stained glass window and the handicapped bathroom were built and dedicated in 1990. Pastor Bob accepted a call to Kalispell in November 1990 and John Olson served the congregation through May 1991.

John Flaa, his wife, JoAnn and son, Brandon, arrived Aug. 1, 1991 to serve the congregation and lead us forward in christian love.

First Lutheran Church Opheim, Montana

The first Lutheran service in the Opheim area was conducted by Pastor T. L. Rosholt on Sept. 1, 1912, in a small schoolhouse 1 1/4 miles northwest of town. Worship services alternated between Norwegian and English. In 1914, the congregation was divided in two districts, northwest at West Roanwood Schoolhouse and southeast in the new town of Opheim, often at Dreamland Hall. The Thoreson building in Opheim was purchased for services in 1922. When the railroad came in 1926, a new town was constructed north of the old town. The Thoreson building was moved to the new

town site and placed over a full basement. At this time, a parsonage was built. In 1929, the old Thoreson building was torn down due to the need for more space, and the basement was enlarged. The depression halted plans to complete the building. Worship continued in the basement church until 1940 when the congregation had the opportunity to buy the Methodist church building. In 1959, a new entry was built on the church. An addition was made to the church in 1968 to provide basement Sunday School rooms and additional worship area on the main floor. A new parsonage was built in 1976.

The first pastor, T. L. Rosholt, served 27 communities stretching 300 miles from Wolf Point, Mont., to Admiral, Sask., until they received their own pastors. Under Pastor Ranum, services were begun in Thoeny although a congregation did not organize there. Pastor Holte organized the building of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Larslan which later became able to call their own pastor. Pastor Holte also arranged for the Richland congregation to purchase and remodel the school dormitory in Richland for their church building. In 1960, services came to an end at Richland Bench Schoolhouse, leaving just Opheim and Richland out of the many original worship sites, including also Grain, Ossette and Roanwood.

Pastors who have served through the years are: Rosholt, Bue, Svennungsen, Jenson, Ranum, Quail, Holte, Wekender, Hanson, Paulson, Ammundson, Gilmore, Klug, Nelson, Strand, Bungum, Walck, Casperson, Cross, Ophus, Bade, Benson, VonBlon, and Baither. It is impossible to name all those who have worshipped in faith, worked with dedication, and given in sacrifice. First Lutheran Church of Opheim exists because of their determination to live as God's people who know the blessing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

First United Methodist Church



The first Sunday in Glasgow (known as "Siding 45") when the Great Northern railway first arrived was organized by Mrs. Frank Fryburg on Jan. 27, 1889. The first sermon was given by R. A. Armstrong, who came from Chinook, 130 miles to the west. The first resident pastor was Allan Rodger who was appointed in 1893 and stayed two years. He built the first church.

In 1895, John A. Martin became pastor. He built a parsonage and organized a choir. The choir was larger than the church, which had 12 members. Early plans for material expansion were delayed by adverse business conditions, and it was not until 1940 that the present commodious and worshipful sanctuary was put into use. This occurred in the 12-year pastorate of W. L. Bennett, the longest in the history of the church. The Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital located here has had a 40-year old career of helpfulness, though it is no longer technically a Methodist institution.

When the Methodist Church reorganized in 1968, it became the First United Methodist Church. In November 1954, a combined 65th anniversary and mortgage burning on the parsonage was held. In 1966, that parsonage was sold to make way for additional parking space for the church. The current parsonage was purchased the same year. In 1957, an addition was added to the north side of the church. In 1976, the basement and east entrance were remodeled.

Pastors

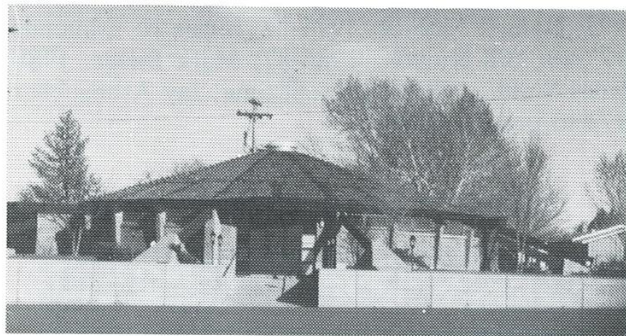
R. A. Armstrong, 1891-93	Charles E. Haynes, 1926-28
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W. D. Luther, 1898-1901	Leon H. Johnson, 1952-57
Philo Haynes, 1901-04	Dwight Harshman, 1957-64
Milton F. Chester, 1904-06	George P. Cox, 1964-66
E. L. White, 1906-10	Robert Lind, 1966-68
J. C. Walker, 1910-13	C. Fred Crowe, 1968-80
B. F. Meredith, 1913-16	James Stewart, 1980-85
R. H. Stone, 1916-19	Ira Robison, 1985-88
Joseph R. Jeffrey, 1919-20	Emory Robotham, 1988-92
Robert H. Allen, 1920-21	Wilbur Whanger, 1992-93
William Pippy, 1921-25	Keith McDonald, 1993-
E. C. Bartlett, 1925-26	

Fort Peck Baptist Chapel

Fort Peck Baptist Chapel is a mission of Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow, shares the same doctrinal statement, and its members are members of the Calvary congregation. Fort Peck Baptist Chapel meets weekly at the Fort Peck Chapel, which it shares with several other churches.

The Fort Peck congregation began in the spring of 1984 in the home of Mike and Bea Uptegraft. At that time, it was sponsored by Grace Baptist Church in Hinsdale. Later that year, B. J. Hallmark (pastor, 1984-93) assumed the pastoral responsibilities and it became a mission of Calvary Baptist Church. The present pastor is Ross Holleyman.

Fort Peck Community Church



The beginning of Ft Peck Community Church was about October 1, 1945 in the townhall located where the telephone exchange building now stands. The Constitution and By Laws allow that persons may join as regular members or Associate members. At one time during the first ten years, twenty six different denominations were represented.

By 1960 the attendance had declined as people moved away when jobs were completed on the Ft Peck project. Organizations within the church were disbanded but the church circle continued until 1976 with just six members for many years.

In 1970 the Corps of Engineers had a chapel built which needed to accomodate three or more churches so a council consisting of a representative from each church was formed. They toured the Chapel and made plans to move in after February 1971. Each had to decide what hour their service would be held, what rooms were needed for supplies and cooperation on using the kitchen facilities.

A sale of property from our old building was held in July and we did not have to pay utility bills so funds to carry on church looked quite good.

As of this date, April 1993, the Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist and Community churches are having regular services at this chapel. Our Community church worship hour is at 8 a.m. each Sunday. Each Palm Sunday we have a pancake breakfast at the enclosed shelterhouse with a limited worship period following. Since 1971 attendance has dropped considerably and several times at the annual Christmas dinner and meeting members have voiced their opinions about discontinuing services. Attendance on Sunday varies from 9 to 25.

Since Ft Peck became a town, our churches have to pay utility bills which are divided equally among the four denominations now using facilities. We are hoping attendance will increase as the town gets older, therefore struggle to meet our obligations as the other denominations have to do to keep the chapel open.

Ministers who have served our church are: Grant S. Moore, 1945-52; Forrest B. Starkey, 1946-50; Leon Johnson, 1952-56; Lawrence Juell, 1950-58; Arthur Heath, 1956-61; Dwight Harshman, 1956-61; Helmuth Fichtler, 1961-65; Robert E. Strutz, 1961-68; William Ferguson, 1965-66; Evert Gustafson, 1964-68; William Francis, 1968; Arthur Siewert, 1968-69; James Field,

1969-72; Harold Schrack, 1969-70; Larry Ellis, 1970-72; Eugene Bartosik, 1971-73; W.C. Bryant, 1973; Donald Vincent, 1974-77; James H. Edmonds, 1977-80; Bill Kinyon, 1985-87; Mark Bauer, 1988; Dallas Smith, 1987 to present time; Jay Ashbaucher, 1973 to present time.

Glasgow Evangelical Church



The Glasgow Evangelical Church had its beginning in April 1957, when the Montana Conference of the Evangelical United Brethern Church (EUB), due to the urging of retired pastor H. C. Knuth, sponsored a survey in Glasgow to see what families might be interested in a new church. Because a number of people responded favorably (Otto and Gertrude Waitschies being one of the leading couples) the first pastor and wife team was sent. That team was Robert and Theo Strutz. They began to host a Bible study in their small home on the Fort Peck Highway and out of that a church was soon organized with 17 charter members. Shortly thereafter, a church building was constructed on the corner of 11th Ave. and 10th Street No. It was formally dedicated on March 23, 1958. A parsonage was built and dedicated on March 12, 1961.

Pastor Strutz served the church for 12 years before leaving to become Conference Superintendent in August of 1969. In 1968, the Evangelical United Brethern (EUB) merged with The Methodist Church. The "United Methodist" Church came into existence. But many churches did not join in the merger. These churches formed into a new denomination called The Evangelical Church of North America. Glasgow's congregation was no longer EUB, nor United Methodist, but chose to be a part of The Evangelical Church. A new pastor arrived, James Field and his wife, Sandra. They served the church from August 1969 until June 1972. Pastor Field left to become president of Hillcrest Bible College. The church was without a pastor until its third pastoral family arrived, December 1972. Jay and Connie Ashbaucher are still serving the congregation at the present time (June, 1993).

Due to a growing congregation and inadequate space, a church building committee was established in March of 1974. At a congregational meeting held in May 1977, the vote was to accept the committee's recommendation to proceed with building. Doyle Euell was committee chairman. Other members were: Ted Wiens, Jean

White, Tom Stathos, Erwin Schmitt, Jay Ashbaucher, and Rev. H. C. Knuth who served on the committee for a short time at its beginning. A finance committee was also established with members: Marvin Shipp, chairman; Dick Wiens, treasurer; Maury Graham; Mickey Whitlow; Duane Friez; Norma Paro and Irene Stewart. Land was purchased near the high school during March and April of 1976. Ground breaking took place in June 1978. A new building was constructed, beginning in June 1978, at 152 Aberdeen (across from the high school). The first worship service was held Sunday morning, June 14, 1979. The building was dedicated Nov. 4, 1979. A special highlight at the annual congregational meeting, Jan. 20, 1991, was the celebration of the paying off of the church mortgage. Marvin Shipp and Doyle Euell had the honors of burning the note. In 1992, the church marked its 35th Anniversary of serving the Lord Jesus Christ and the people of the surrounding community.

Grace Baptist Church Hinsdale, Montana

Grace Baptist Church began as a mission on May 22, 1983. Services were first held at the American Legion Hall in Hinsdale. Eighteen people representing six families began the work. Clarence Miller was the first pastor. When he was joined by Royce Dukes as assistant pastor in Malta, Royce became the pastor for Grace. Bro. Dukes served for four months before returning to Kentucky.

On Nov. 5, 1983, Grace Baptist Church was constituted. Also in November, Dr. McDonald Held was called as the first full-time pastor. Dr. and Mrs. Held arrived in December to begin their work. Thanks to the special efforts of Dr. Held and much prayer by the church, the present building was purchased with help from God's people outside of Montana. The building was purchased on May 6 and the first service was held on May 20.

In the fall of 1987, having seen several people led to Christ and acceptance of the church in the community, Dr. Held resigned as pastor, and he and Mrs. Held returned to their home in Billings.

At this time, Dick Burns became our interim pastor. While living in Malta, Bro. Burns spent much time in Hinsdale and was of much assistance to Grace. With his past experiences, Bro. Burns was able to continue the work already begun and guide the church while it sought a new pastor. Also with the help of Pastor Burns, a Big "A" club was started and has continued to be an excellent ministry of the church.

In June of 1987, Bro. Dennis Raymond was called to be pastor at Grace Baptist Church. He and his wife, Sue, arrived with their two children in August in time for school. Bro. Raymond saw the work continue through some hard times in Hinsdale and Montana. Bro. Raymond served until July, 1989.

Bro. Clifford Grow lead Grace as Interim pastor from July through October 1989.

Bro. Sam Hughes and his wife Carol came to serve as Interim pastor in March 1990, serving through August of the same year.

Bro. Dan Clusterboer came to serve as Interim pastor of Grace during the months of February and March of 1991.

On June 7, 1991, Bro. Aaron Adams, his wife Virginia, and their four children came to Hinsdale from Bushnell, Fla. Bro. Adams was called to be the full-time pastor of Grace Baptist Church. The pastor and the church are continuing to work hand in hand, going about God's will as well as we can discern it, planting, watering and reaping the harvest as has been started by these fine leaders in the past. May God bless this church as the spiritual hospital and haven of this whole community.

Hinsdale Lutheran Church

The year 1914 marks the beginning of the Hinsdale Lutheran Church. According to the secretary's minutes of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Genevieve Community was organized Jan. 1, 1914 at the Nels Hatton home. The Rev. T. L. Rosholt, pioneer pastor, was the first pastor. Charter member officers of this congregation were: Vice-president, Hans Kjorsvik; Secretary, Theodore Thompson; Treasurer, Nels Hatton; Trustees, Andrew Mikelson, Martin Jensen and Rudolph E. Hamry.

Pastor Rosholt was living in the Opheim Community at this time and served churches in Glasgow, Tampico, Saco Bench, Wolf Point, Jordan Coulee, Whitewater, Baylor, Nashua, Cherry Creek and North Hinsdale. In Pastor Rosholt we see the typical pioneer missionary on the home mission field bringing the Word of Eternal Life and administering the Sacraments to a hungry people.

In time, many of the people of the Genevieve area moved away. Because of changing times, the congregation ceased to exist. Pastor Wahl who served 1935-1938, last held services in the area. The great drought of the 1930s brought many dryland farmers from Genevieve to the irrigated Milk River Valley near Hinsdale. Several former members of this congregation became members of the Hinsdale Lutheran Church.

The early records of the Hinsdale congregation are sketchy and incomplete. Worship services were held as early as during the ministry of Pastor Akre, 1917-28. At an early date, services were also held in the home of Pastor A. Enseleit. The congregation was officially organized in June, 1930, by District President A. M. Skindlov, following which he installed the Rev. Carmen P. Thronson as Pastor. The first record of an election of officers is in 1935; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Peterson; Treasurer, Miss Lydia Enseleit; Council Members, Henry Westrum and Albert Nelson. In September of 1951, a constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Services were first held in Genevieve in the Hatton School and in various homes. In Hinsdale, the Legion Hall, school gymnasium, Kent store building and the Methodist Church have all served as places of worship for the congregation. During the ministry of Pastor Wahl, a country schoolhouse from the South Bench was purchased and moved to town; from 1936 to 1952, it served as the congregation's house of worship.

For years there had been discussion of a new building for the Hinsdale congregation. The Ladies' Aid had been working for some time raising money. At the annual meeting in January, 1952, definite steps were taken to make a new building a reality and a Building Plans Committee was appointed.

Later in the year at a special meeting, plans were adopted, a finance committee was appointed and approval was given to the trustees to start the project. On May 1, 1952, the basement excavation was made. During the summer, the basement walls and floor were constructed.

In the fall of 1952, work began in earnest on the main structure; in November the congregation began to use the basement for services. During the winter of 1952-53, work continued on the building. In the summer of 1953, the main sanctuary was first used for worship.

On Oct. 11, 1953 the cornerstone was laid. The project of the congregation during the winter of 1953-54 was to furnish the sanctuary with a complete set of new furniture. On Palm Sunday, April 11, 1954, the present building, together with a new organ, was dedicated and the Fortieth Anniversary of the congregation was observed.

In the years following the Fortieth Anniversary, there have been many improvements and additions to the church building: stained glass windows in 1966; the piano dedicated in memory of Ed Johnson, Jr. in 1974; the entrance ramp in 1983 and the plant stands in 1984, both built by Delbert Johnson. Also in 1984, Kurt Rosendahl built our Advent Wreath Stand. In 1988, we dedicated a new electronic keyboard in memory of Laurel Hillman; this was our 75th Anniversary special project which was completed a year early because the old organ was in such poor health.

On a national church level, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was formed (and officially began its ministry, Jan. 1, 1988) by the merger of the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Association of the Evangelical Churches in America.

The Hinsdale Women of the ELCA painted the church basement in 1988 also, and new curtains followed in early 1989. Clark and Sharon Cleveland donated and installed a new chandelier in the stairway to the basement in 1988.

Throughout these many years we have continued with our ministry in the areas of church education. Lutfisk suppers, the women's fall luncheon and bazaar, youth group, supporting the Valley County Food Bank, par-

icipating in area ministerials, and cluster and synod conventions and events.

God has given us through the time and talents of all the members who have been a vital part of the life of our church. We continue to ask God to be present with us in our ministry of Word and Sacrament in the community of Hindsale.

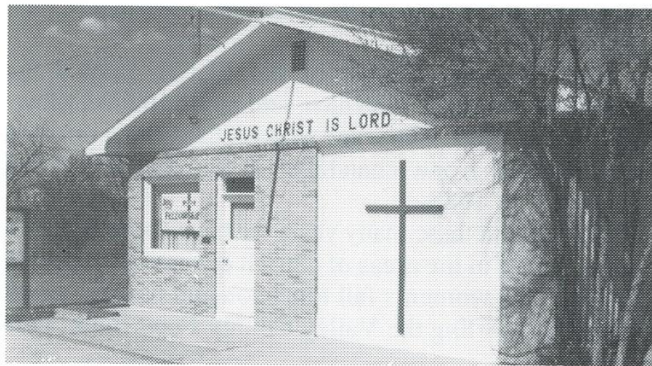
Joy Fellowship Church

Joy Fellowship grew out of a vision of its pastor, Barry Beard, and a direct calling of God to come to Glasgow, Montana, from the east coast, where he had pastored for 12 years. It is a nondenominational church that began meeting in a rented building along Route 2, east of Glasgow, on Sept. 10, 1989. The building was later purchased by the church on Jan. 2, 1992.

Joy Fellowship consists of a body of people who believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and respect the Bible as God's Word for today, in the future, and times past as well. We believe in His resurrection power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Joy Fellowship believes in strong family relationships, as well as strong, loving relationships with each other. It is an equipping ministry, desiring to bring out the full potential of the calling of God in each individual's life. God has blessed us richly over the past four years, seeing many people born again, hurting marriages restored, as well as alcoholics delivered to a life of victory. We are also blessed with a youth group, with a desire to walk closer to the Lord.

Praise and worship is a vital part of the ministry at Joy Fellowship, as we believe it is every believer's duty to minister back to God with the gifts and talents He has given us. To "make a joyful noise unto the Lord", and "come before His presence with singing", not only refreshes our spirit, soul and body, but also tears down demonic strongholds in our lives that enable us to have victory in our walk as Christians!

The uncompromised preaching of God's word at Joy Fellowship, brings its congregations to an awareness of God's continual presence, and brings conviction to things in our lives that grieve the Spirit of God. It is our desire to bring glory to God in all we say and do, through His grace and power. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer."



Lustre Mennonite Brethern Church 1917 - 1993



The Lustre Mennonite Brethern Church is located about 25 miles north of Frazer, Mont. A large number of the farmer homesteaders came here in 1916. They came from Minnsota, Kansas, South Dakota and Canada.

These people realized there was an opportunity to homestead and farm on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. They had left active churches back home and needed places to worship here. Joint services were held for a time, but great distances and slow modes of travel were reason to start churches in different locations.

The first record we have of the Lustre M. B. Church is the organizational meeting held Nov. 17, 1917 conducted by Rev. H. Vogt. The church leader elected was Rev. John F. Thiessen. Assistant ministers were Rev. A. A. Dick, Rev. J. J. Toews and Rev. Ben Redekopp. Brother P. A. Koslowsky was elected as the first deacon. These were all local farmers. Services were held in German until about 1940.

There were 47 charter members, all from a close proximity. The first services were held in South Fork school, approximately 2 miles south of the present church.

In the summer of 1923, a church building, 32 x 50 ft. was erected. The cost of the church, for material only, was \$1753. Labor was figured at \$.25 an hour, \$.20 an hour for a team of horses. Though they were homesteaders, only \$300 was borrowed for a short time. The dedication of the church was on July 24, 1924.

Each summer, two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held. Many from the community also attended these meetings. Two highlights of each summer were Sangerfest (song festival) and Sunday School Convention. Many hours were put in by each area church preparing special music for the all day services. Special speakers often took part in the Sunday School Convention.

Each summer a semi-annual meeting was held with the Larslan and Volt M. B. churches. In the early 1950s, the church originated a radio broadcast over KLTZ in Glasgow. This developed into sponsoring "Words of the Gospel," a conference produced program.

The church has always had an active Women's Mission Society. In the early years they had an annual mission sale. The purpose of the WMS at the present is to help outfit missionaries, encourage them and help with local and foreign needs.

In the first years, a Christian Endeavor program was given the first and third Sundays of each month in the M.B. Church. The remaining Sunday evenings, C. E. services were held in neighboring community churches. The community attended these services and the social life centered around the churches.

Foot washing was practiced in the early years after the communion services.

In 1944, a parsonage was built and a full-time pastor, Rev. Arthur Fleming was called. The parsonage was remodeled and enlarged with the addition of a bedroom, family-dining area and garage in 1984.

In 1956, the church was enlarged and remodeled. A 40 x 81 auditorium with a basement dining hall and kitchen facilities was added. The dedication was held June 9, 1957.

Pastors who have served are: Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Thiessen; Rev. and Mrs. Art Fleming; Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Toews; Rev. and Mrs. Leo Weins; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Schmidt, interim; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Gerbrandt; Rev. and Mrs. Karl Dick; Rev. and Mrs. Peter Loewen; Rev. and Mrs. Daryl Derksen; Rev. and Mrs. Menno Schellenberg; Rev. and Mrs. Randal Tschetter; Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Pulliam; Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Beazley and Rev. J. H. Epp, interim. Rev. and Mrs. Mac Johnson is the present pastor.

Missionaries who have gone into foreign services are: Mrs. Ruth (Dick) Thomas, Katharine (Lentzner) Torres, Rosella Toews, Rev. and Mrs. Lud Zerbe, Rev. Ben and Esther (Reddig) Zerbe, Rev. Peter and Eva Loewen, Floyd and Bertha (Toews) Born, Alma (Toews) Dirks, Rev. Elton and Ella (Reddig) Berg, Kenneth Olfert and Brad and Karen (Toews) Hallock.

Through the years, numerous men and women have gone out from our church in many areas of Christian service which includes pastors and pastors' wives. Other avenues of service which have been a blessing are Beacon Bible Camp, where many have found the Lord or grown spiritually and Lustre Christian High. Many of the school's faculty and students have enriched our lives and our church.

An active choir presents music to the church twice a month as well as at special services. The junior choir, men's chorus, ladies' chorus and family groups sing several times each year.

Areas of spiritual growth in the church include Sunday School, which is attended by ages ranging from toddlers through adults, Bible studies and prayer meetings. An active high school youth group, together

with their sponsors, meet approximately once a month for Bible studies, games and fellowship. Several months each year, the community is involved in the AWANA ministries. At that time, the area pastors take turns leading Bible studies for those not involved with AWANA. Both of these activities are held at LCHS.

Some of the men from our church are involved with the Gideons International.

The motto hung in our church for many years read, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

Opheim United Methodist Church



Our Opheim Methodist church was built in 1927. It was a lovely big building. We were unable to keep it due to financial problems and it is now the Lutheran church.

During the years between 1934 and 1957, when we got our present church built, we met at several different places in Opheim. We are a small congregation but we will continue. Our ministers have come from Glasgow and now Scobey.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Fort Peck, Montana

Originally, the mission at Fort Peck was the site of the old Fort Peck trading post and Indian Agency, which was in existence for only 12 years following the exploration of Lewis and Clark.

With the construction beginning on Fort Peck Dam in 1932, Fort Peck became a community and was organized as a mission of Glasgow by Fr. Patrick Treacy. Mass was held in the Fort Peck Recreation Hall every Sunday at 9:00 o'clock with a great number attending. A portable altar and confessional were used and at one time, \$1,000 was collected for the church in Glasgow. The Fort Peck children were instructed in religion, during the summer, at Park Grove School by two seminarians. An Altar Society was organized in 1939 and religion classes began meeting in the Fort Peck Recreation Hall every Saturday morning. For Religious Vacation School, Fort Peck children numbering 65-75,

were transported by bus and truck to be instructed in Nashua by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth from Helena and Billings.

In August of 1945, Fort Peck became a mission of Nashua Parish with Fr. Albert J. Schuh as its pastor from Nashua. Fr. Schuh arranged, with the Corps of Engineers, for a more suitable and permanent place to celebrate Mass. Celebrations then moved to the old Buttreys Clothing store. The children were taught Religious Vacation School in Fort Peck by two sisters from Nashua.

Three closed laywomen's retreats were held at the Fort Peck Mission during the years 1952-56, with Mrs. C. G. Murphy, a member of the Fort Peck mission, presiding as president of the Diocesan of Catholic Women. The Sisters of Charity of Providence came from Glasgow to instruct the Fort Peck Religious Vacation School.

From December 1966 to June 1967, a variety of priests from Billings and Great Falls came to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments. In June 1967, Fr. Kenneth J. Clausen was Fort Peck's pastor from Nashua. He was involved in discussions, with the Corps of Engineers and other denominations, for the building of the present chapel in Fort Peck, which was built and designed by the Corps. With the completion of the Fort Peck Shopping Center in 1969, Mass was celebrated temporarily in the basement area designated for the bowling alley.

Fort Peck's present chapel was completed in 1970, with Fr. Kenneth Clausen as pastor for the Catholic congregation since the chapel has since been shared with other denominations. Fr. Joseph Marmion was Fort Peck's pastor from 1971 to 1973 and Fr. Robert Bofto from 1973-77, both from Nashua. From 1977-79, Fr. Jim Birkmier and Fr. Terry Jimmerson were Fort Peck's pastors from Glasgow, although we were still a mission of Nashua.

Fort Peck became a mission of Glasgow parish in 1980 under Fr. William Cawley who served Fort Peck from 1979 to 1981, Fr. Kirk Morgan from Glasgow was pastor from 1981-1982. Fr. Fox arrived in 1982 and was Fort Peck's pastor from Glasgow until 1987. Shortly after his arrival, he celebrated a chapel blessing and instead of Fort Peck Catholic Church Community, Fort Peck mission became Our Lady of the Lake Parish.

Father Coady, who arrived in June of 1988, is Our Lady of the Lake's present pastor from Glasgow and Mass is celebrated every other Sunday in the chapel. CCD classes are taught by parishioners in Fort Peck. The children also attend Vacation Bible School in Glasgow.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Nashua, Montana



In 1912, a group of women with Lutheran backgrounds, hungry for the Word of God, decided to form a Ladies' Aid and build a church. This was the beginning of "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church." These hard working non-voting members of the church were very dedicated to their cause.

The Mission Board of the Northwestern District of the Norwegian Synod called Reverend Thore L. Rosholt in 1912-1913 to serve Glasgow and surrounding territory. The women talked Rev. Rosholt into journeying down to Nashua and meeting with them in the home of Alfred and Martha Lee.

On Dec. 10, 1913, the First Scandinavian Lutheran Church of Nashua was organized. The new church had a membership of 21 "souls." Their very first constitution was written in Norwegian and signed by the following members: Alfred Lee, O. B. Gorder, Arthur Lee, C. J. Christianson, H. A. Sampson, Martin Milsten, Peter B. Fosness and Iver B. Nelson.

The Mission Board then called Reverend Alfred Hendrickson and he began Jan. 4, 1914 through 1916. In September of 1915, the Trustees of the Church purchased Lot 18 of Block 8, Sargent's Addition to Nashua. Then on Oct. 31, 1915, the church was organized as the First Evangelical Lutheran Church and articles of incorporation and constitution were written. In the fall of 1915 after the congregation was organized, they built their first church there. It was the first Lutheran church to be built in Valley County, and according to Charles C. Brocksmith, it was built by Bill Highum. Rev. Hendrickson was instrumental in getting an organ presented to the church from the Synod Lutheran Church of Wilmar, Minn., his former home. The organ was received Nov. 3, 1915.

Rev. Albert N. Livdahl provided ministry from June 1917-1926. He was followed by Rev. Idore Stubkjar, 1926-1929. Then came Rev. Harald Siqueland from Dec. 21, 1929 to 1934.

Rev. Gerhard Frost came to serve and live in Nashua, 1934-1937, and in 1934, the congregations of Nashua, Frazer and Bethel of Grain, organized a parish. It was disbanded in 1937 when Rev. Frost left.

Rev. Siqueland returned from military duty to pastor from 1937-1940, coming from Glasgow and serving Nashua. Rev. J. C. Wisnaes was interim pastor from 1940-1942. Rev. Thomas Boe and wife, Eva, came from Malta, Mont. and served Nashua from 1942-1946, followed by Rev. Arne Christianson from 1946 through June of 1949.

In 1949, the congregations of Nashua, Frazer, Fort Peck and Bethel of Grain, united to form a parish and call a pastor. The Rev. Frisbie L. Young and wife, Gertrude, and children, served the parish until 1955. They were first to live in the new parsonage built on the same lot as the church, which was dedicated in May, 1950.

Pastor Martin Gulhaugen and wife, Norene, and boys, came from Red Lodge, Mont. They stayed from August, 1955 to 1965. In 1960, Grain joined the Larslan parish, leaving "only" three churches for our pastor to make the rounds to. The ten years the Gulhaugens remained here, Nashua became very fond of them. During their stay, a new church was built with Kenneth Turner and Douglas Erickson in charge. Future plans were made at that time for an educational wing. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 17, 1957 and was called the First Lutheran Church, with Rev. Frisbie Young on hand to deliver the message.

The old attached church was used as Sunday school space. The year 1961 saw the merger of several Lutheran churches in the United States, and Nashua became part of the American Lutheran Church, changing our name to "Our Redeemer Lutheran."

On July 13, 1965, Pastor Howard W. Mars and wife, Audrey, arrived and were here until Feb. 2, 1969. Oct. 30, 1966 saw the dedication of the new educational unit. It replaced the old structure that was sold and moved to the Elmer Nybakken farm near Nashua and is still there. Other pastors serving since 1969: Bob Ohnstad, 1969-71; Lauren Johnson, 1972-75; Jack Leininger, 1976-79; Paul and Margo Fohs, 1980-86; John Bent, 1986-91; and Tom Anderson, 1991 to present.

On April 17, 1983, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Frazer, closed its doors and on May 6, 1984, Fort Peck Lutheran also closed its doors.

The congregation decided in 1985 to build a new parsonage on the lots across the street, which had been purchased in 1979.

In November of 1986, we built a ramp to assist the handicapped in getting from the church to the social hall. This was done by making a small addition to the building; in so doing, we also gained much needed storage space.

At the Jan. 11, 1987 annual meeting, the congregation approved the plan to join the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This was a merger of the American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church in America and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations on Jan. 1, 1988.

The year 1987 made our church 75 years old, and we celebrated our anniversary over the weekend of June 19, 20 and 21.

In September of 1987, the old parsonage was sold.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Larslan, Montana

In 1916, the people started moving into the Larslan and Ossette area in large numbers to take up homesteads. God was at work in the beginning, sending Christian pastors to share the word. The beginnings were humble - the first services were held in homes and after the Larslan School was built, services were held there. In 1931, the people of the Ossette community decided to form their own church. These churches were served by the pastor from Opheim.

In 1943, Ossette and Larslan once again voted to join together and the present church was built. The first service was held in the uncompleted building in the early summer of 1946. Another big step in faith was taken when the people decided to build a parsonage and call a pastor of their own. This was done and the parsonage received its first occupants, Pastor Luther and Janice Larson in July of 1956. Another change came within the parish when in January 1960, the Bethel Lutheran Church of Grain joined the parish. Pastor Matthew Eagan continues to serve this two-point parish.

Queen of Angels Catholic Church Nashua, Montana



The first Mass was celebrated on May 20, 1915, by Rev. James Molyneaux of Glasgow in the home of the Henry Burkhardts. On that same date, land was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent. This had been a portion of the original Sargent homestead before it became the Nashua townsite. Later, Mass was celebrated once a month on a week day in the Burkhardt home, the Murphy tailor shop, or an abandoned hotel until the church was built.

A building program was started. By late 1915, the fund had grown enough through local donations and help from the Catholic Extension Society to begin construction.

Victor Dostert and Virgil Wagner built the church along with other members of the then new congregation. John Wagner made all the sacristy cabinets. Dedication ceremonies of the Queen of Angels Church were held Sept. 22, 1917 when Bishop Mathias C. Lenihan blessed the new church.

Nashua was a mission of St. Raphael's from 1915 to 1918, a mission of Wolf Point 1918-1920, returning to a mission of Glasgow in 1920. Rooms were added to the back of the church for the first resident priest, Fr. Lucas. From 1922 to 1923 it was again a mission of Wolf Point. Mass was held once a month. Then in 1923 to 1945, it reverted back to Glasgow as a mission served by various priests and assistants. On Aug. 24, 1945, Bishop William J. Condon established Queen of Angels, Nashua, as a parish with Fort Peck as its mission. On the same date, the bishop appointed Fr. Albert J. Schuh as the first permanent resident pastor. He served the parish long and well until December, 1966. Then various priests from Billings and Great Falls came to celebrate Mass. On June 16, 1967, Fr. Kenneth J. Clausen was appointed pastor of Nashua followed by Frs. Joseph Marmion and Robert C. Bofto. Since 1972, we have been served by priests from Glasgow. Father John Coady of Glasgow is our present pastor.

The first organist was Mrs. Peter Brost. The first recorded baptism was Laura Margaret Williams on July 11, 1911. The first marriage in the Queen of Angels Church was Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boerschinger. The first golden wedding celebration was observed by Mr. and Mrs. John and Rosa Wagner in 1944. The first recorded funeral from Nashua was that of Bernard Busse on July 15, 1906. The Altar Society was started in 1915. The first trustees of the mission were P. W. Brost, Victor Dostert, J. R. Murphy and Ambrose Dishart. The first Sunday school was started in the early 1920s. The Nashua community can be very proud of the 10 religious vocations who have come from the Queen of Angels.

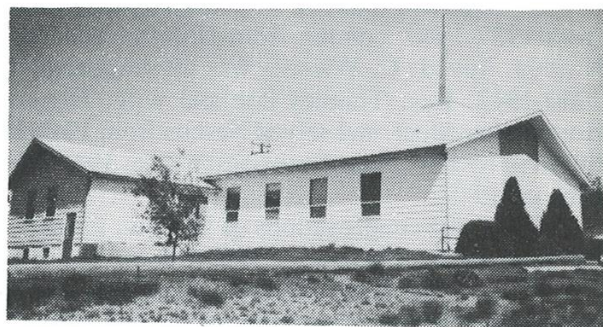
We celebrated our 75th Jubilee Aug. 30, 1992. Father John Coady was our celebrant with former Pastor Fr. Robert Fox of Poplar assisting.

There are many throughout the years that have generously given of their time, talent and prayers so that we have been able to remain a living faith community.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

In 1911, Mrs. Roy (Addie) Richter moved from Minnesota to Valley County along with a number of the Richter family. Addie was one of the first known members of the RLDS church to settle in the area. Addie's daughter, Cecelia Hentz and her husband, A. J., are members of the present Glasgow Congregation.

In the summer of 1914, Elder James C. Page was sent as a missionary by the General Church to Valley County to help establish the church. In 1916, a branch was organized in North Valley County at the Gorden



Valley School. Priest A. E. Crowl was the presiding officer. On Aug. 20, 1917, a Sunday School was organized in Glasgow and the Glasgow Branch was organized in December of 1919 with J. C. Page as the presiding officer. Meetings were held in the Odd Fellows Hall.

By 1923, many of the members had left the county and the Branches were disorganized. Those remaining met together when possible.

In August of 1949, a small group of mostly children and grandchildren of the original congregations met and organized a Sunday School. This meeting was held at the home of Viola James in Fort Peck. As a small Mission, this group of (commonly called) Saints moved to the Royal Neighbor's Hall in Nashua and then to the Odd Fellows Hall in Glasgow.

A ground breaking service for the present building was held in August of 1964. Taking part in that service was Bernice Crowl, wife of A. E. Crowl and a grandson, Elder Ted Miller as the main speaker. On Nov. 20, 1977, the Mission was organized into a Branch.

The Branch is now presided over by Elder Glen Meier and meets regularly in the Church Building at 142 Heather Lane, Glasgow. An open invitation is extended to any that would like to join in worship.

St. Albert's Catholic Church Hinsdale, Montana

In the early years of Hinsdale, the Catholic people of the community met in private homes, but when the Methodist Church was built in 1902, they began meeting there, with a pastor from Glasgow.

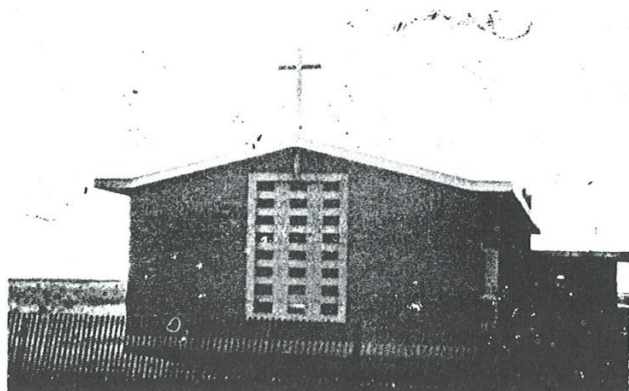


In the fall of 1913, the Catholic ladies founded the St. Albert's Altar Society and began a fund to build themselves a church.

Hinsdale's Catholics were organized into a mission parish of Glasgow in 1915 by the Rev. James Molyneux, then pastor of Glasgow. On Jan. 28, 1915 lots were purchased for the building of a church. The first lumber for the church was delivered on Nov. 11, 1916 and what is now St. Albert's Catholic Church was completed in 1917.

Originally, there were approximately 75 Catholics in the parish. As of this writing, there are approximately 20 families.

St. Joseph's Church Frazer, Montana



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, FRAZER
CONSTRUCTED IN 1957

Though we possess very little information about the Jesuit priests that worked in the area at the turn of the century, we know that Fr. Eberschweiler remained in charge of the reservation until about 1904. It was in that year that the Diocese of Montana was split in two. The western half became the Diocese of Helena and the eastern half, the Diocese of Great Falls. The new Diocese of Great Falls was placed under the care of Bishop Mathias C. Lenihan. In his first year as bishop, he appointed Fr. Francis Sansone S. J. as the pastor of the entire eastern half of the "highline." In 1906, Fr. John Moskopp S. J., took up residence in Glasgow to help Fr. Sansone with the large territory. He was succeeded on Nov. 2, 1908, by Fr. Sialm S. J. Those who remember him, recall that he was "very strict." In 1911, he built the first church in Frazer, St. Joseph.

On Aug. 13, 1913, Bishop Lenihan named Fr. Benedict Seethaler, OSB, the first pastor of Poplar and her surrounding missions, including Wolf Point. Fr. Benedict took up residence in the church in Poplar that year, and immediately began plans for the future. He first enlisted the help of two other Benedictines from his home monastery back in Salzburg, Austria; his brother, Fr. Louis Seethaler, and a friend, Fr. Nicholas Rauh. Fr. Louis suffered a nearly fatal incident during his crossing of the Atlantic. Being an Austrian, the feelings of the crew of the Italian liner on which he was

traveling ran high against him. The crew's intention to throw the priest overboard was prevented by the intercession of the ship's captain. It took some time in the comparative safety of the Montana missions before Fr. Louis fully recovered from the nervous strain of his harrowing voyage!

They arrived to help Fr. Benedict in 1914. Remarkable work was accomplished by those three missionaries. Immediately they made plans to build churches throughout the area: Brockton, Charley Creek, Roosevelt, Burch, Milk River, Sproule, Vida, Riverside, Circle, Van Norman, Paris, Allen, Mink, Jordan, Union, Paxton, Weldon, Wolf Point, Frazer and Oswego, all mission of Poplar. Their task was enormous.

In Frazer, a fire swept through the town burning down the old church. For several years, the people of Frazer met for mass in the home of Alex LaRoque. Then in 1932, a little wooden church was built.

On Jan. 23, 1952, Bishop Condon appointed Fr. Patrick O'Reilly, the new pastor of Wolf Point and her mission of Frazer. Within a few years, the building used as the church in Frazer was not working out. Fr. O'Reilly set out to build a new one. With the help of the Catholic Extension Society, and the Catholic Bureau of Indian Missions, a new St. Joseph's Church was built in 1957.

St. Marie Chapel



The St. Marie Chapel building has a rich history of ecumenical worship dating back to military days. Now as people gather to worship, the St. Marie Chapel is considered a local church. Thursday evening worship services began on May 27, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Dallas Smith leading the interdenominational service. Although still in the early stages of development, it is the prayer of the people that the St. Marie Chapel will be a practical, Biblical, Christ centered church, serving the needs of the St. Marie community and of Valley County.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



The Episcopal Church was the third church to be launched in Glasgow. Services began in 1893, as a part of the Missionary Territory of Montana and the Dakotas. The first Holy Communion Service was offered by Bishop Leigh R. Brewer in a converted box car along the railroad right-of-way.

The Guild (women's organization) was the most active in establishing the church. Mrs. J. E. Flaherty was the first president. Mrs. Charles Hall, wife of the early day homesteader, who gave the property for the building, was most faithful. Through the efforts of the Guild, Glasgow's Cemetery was started and maintained. Mrs. Emily Whitbread deserves much credit for her dedication to this project.

In 1894, the congregation of St. Matthew's was formed, meeting first in the newly completed Courthouse and later in the Methodist Church. Tradition dictates that the first building on the site of the present church was the opera house, moved to the Third Avenue site and consecrated as a church during 1894. The so-called Guild House was erected next door to the church and was used as a civic center until 1910 when it was moved to the site of the opera house, placed over a freshly dug undercroft and consecrated "for divine purposes only" by Bishop Brewer. This building has been in use, with several modifications, until the present time. It is the oldest church building remaining in Glasgow.

From this location, several missions were established along the Hilene, Scobey and Malta being two of them. The work of the church was conducted by a faithful group of women, led by missionary priests and lay ministers until the congregation was strong enough to support a full-time priest of their own.

The Reverend Judith Schenk, the first woman priest to serve St. Matthew's, was ordained in 1990 at St. Matthew's and continues to service this area.

St. Raphael's Catholic Church

In 1890 in response to the Catholics who had located in Glasgow, Fr. Frederick Eberschweiler made his first trip to Siding 45. There was a small public school where the post office now stands and it was there the first Mass in Glasgow was said.

Once the regular schedule of monthly Masses began, McMillan Hall was used as a temporary church. And when the Hall burned, Masses were said in private homes. In 1895, a small chapel was built on the block where St. Raphael's now stands.

Fr. Eberschweiler continued his monthly visits to Glasgow until 1903. During these 13 years, the Catholic community grew rapidly.

In 1903, another Jesuit missionary, Father Francis Sansonne, succeeded Fr. Eberschweiler. He, too, made periodic visits to Glasgow for the following three years. Bishop Lenihan assigned the first resident priest to Glasgow. This was in 1906.

Fr. Moskopp must have been able to raise money as the chapel was enlarged and a formidable two story house was built as a rectory, (abandoned now and painted blue, it still stands on 4th Ave. North).

Father D. J. Dineen became pastor in 1911, but was replaced in 1912 by Fr. James Molyneaux. The church was partially destroyed by fire in 1913, but was promptly rebuilt. Fr. Molyneaux supervised the building of churches in Hinsdale and Nashua in 1915, missions which were tended from Glasgow. Although still a young man in his thirties, Fr. Molyneaux died in 1917 and is buried in the Highland Cemetery.

Fr. Dineen returned in 1917 and remained pastor until 1931. He was one of the distinguished priest gentlemen of the Diocese.

Father Richard became pastor in 1931 and was here hardly a year. He is remembered most for the building of the "Clubhouse," a hall for social functions which stood where the convent was later built.

Father P. J. Treacy was named pastor in 1932. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was organized and Study Clubs and Catholic Action flourished. At times, two assistant priests helped with serving the missions



of Nashua, Fort Peck, Hinsdale and Cole. The parish was growing, coming of age.

Father Foley came in 1935 and directed the building of the new church after fire destroyed the original structure on Jan. 19, 1938.

After Fr. Foley's premature death in 1947 (he was only 47 years old), Fr. Henry Altmann, a former assistant here, returned as pastor. William Condon was now the Bishop and it was the age of brick and mortar and schools. With generous gifts from Richard Friedl and Mollie Stevens, and a successful fund drive, a large parish school was constructed here in 1948 and was opened in 1949 with four Providence Sisters and 135 students. Sister Charlotte Marle was principal. Ted Parker remodeled the Clubhouse for use as a convent. In the late fifties, land was purchased for a Catholic High School, but it was later sold. The new rectory was built in 1957.

The Air Force Base closed; local population declined. The Parish School closed in 1972. Fr. Anthony Walsh was here from 1961 to 1971 and presided in patience over what was quite likely the most difficult decade in parish history. He was followed by Frs. Ray Lapke (1971-73), Joseph Diekhans and James Birkmier (1973-77), James Birkmier and Terrance Jimmerson (1977-79), Fr. William Cawley served from 1979-81, Fr. Kirk Morgan during 1981-82 and Fr. Robert Fox served from 1982-88. On July 1, 1988, Fr. John E. Coady became pastor. In addition to serving St. Raphael's, Fr. Coady is also serving St. Albert's at Hinsdale, Queen of Angels at Nashua and Our Lady of the Lake at Fort Peck.

Seventh Day Adventist Church



The Seventh Day Adventist Church of Glasgow, Montana began as a dream of Bill Whisennand. When Bill accepted the Lord, he was determined to do

something for the Lord. Since there were only a handful of adventists in the area and no church to worship in, Bill made his dream a reality by building a church in his own yard. Services were held there for 12 years. Pastors that served there were as follows: Paul Johnson, Marshall Anderson, Edmund Jones and Clifford Haffner.

When Harold Dawes came to Pastor, they moved services to the community church in Fort Peck. For two years they gypsied from the community church to the old school house in Fort Peck. One winter, they rented the Calvary Baptist Church in Glasgow. Matt Beyers pastored during this time. When the round community church in Fort Peck was built, services were held there for about six months. Around 1971, John Aitken became pastor and felt that a permanent church should be established. When the Calvary Baptist Church came up for sale, he persuaded the church board to purchase it. With some remodeling and a lot of prayer, it became Glasgow's Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Along with 1974 came Pastor Paul Marlow, and the "Big Sky Lift." The church took on a new look with a sanctuary being built and a basement for the Dorcas Society, meeting rooms and a bedroom for guest speakers that needed to spend the night.

Pastor Wayne Moore was next and also had the responsibility of the Jordan Church, as did Bruce Boyd, Dennis Seaton and Bruce Papendick, in turn.

A task force worker, Matthew Kent, came to stay at the church and serve for a year. Next a pastor came once a month from Havre. He is Elwood Boyd, father of Bruce Boyd, who served here earlier. The Elders of the Church have held services regularly. The Head Elder is Bill Whisennand, with Harry Williams and George Olson of Wolf Point, and Tom Fisher of Hinsdale each taking turns.

On Aug. 8, 1981, the church was dedicated and debt free. Since then we have had Mike Maldonado, who served the Glasgow and Jordan districts for two years. Mike was then sent to Berrien Springs, Michigan for advanced theology training, as all of the former pastors had done.

In 1990 and 1991, we had Herb Eslinger, a retired minister from Lodi, California area join us. We presently (1993), have a retired highway superintendent, John Bilbro, serving as pastor for the Glasgow and Jordan churches. He lives at Jordan and comes to Glasgow the first and second Sabbath of each month.

