

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

### EBENEZER LUTHERAN BRETHERN CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

MARCH 28, 1892 NORWEGIAN INTERMISSION SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT THE HOME OF GEORGE HANSON.

JULY 7, 1900 EBENEZER LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH ESTABLISHED AT MEETING HELD AT THE THORWALD SWENSON HOME. CHARTER MEMBERS WERE:  
PETER MORK, OTTO ROOD, ELIAS ROBERTSON, C.O. STOKKE,  
THORWALD SWENSON, GABRIEL FELAND & MRS. JORGENE SWENDSON.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1902 CONGREGATION APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN BRETHERN OF AMERICA.

1904 CHURCH BUILDING AT E. 3rd STREET & 19th AVE. SOUTH PURCHASED.

1913 - 1914 CHURCH BUILDING REMODELED & ENLARGED.

AUGUST 22, 1940 PURCHASED PARSONAGE AT 4144 - 20th AVE. SOUTH.

1945 CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON NEW CHURCH BASEMENT AT E. 41st STREET & CEDAR AVE. SOUTH. CONTRACTOR: RUDOLPH TRONES

SEPTEMBER 3, 1945 VACATED CHURCH ON E. 3rd STREET & 19th AVE. SOUTH  
SOLD CHURCH FOR: \$8,204.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1945 EBENEZER CONGREGATION HAD ITS FIRST SERVICE AT MILES STANDISH GRADE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT E. 40th STREET & 22nd AVE. SOUTH, OUR TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

DECEMBER 23, 1945 FIRST SERVICE HELD IN OUR NEW BASEMENT CHURCH AT E. 41st STREET & CEDAR AVE. SOUTH.

MAY 26, 1946 DEDICATION OF BASEMENT CHURCH. TOTAL COST \$19,401.

AUGUST 1949 CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON CHURCH SUPERSTRUCTURE AT E. 41st STREET & CEDAR AVE. SOUTH. CONTRACTOR: FIELD CONSTRUCTION CO

OCTOBER 16, 1949 CORNERSTONE-LAYING SERVICE - EBENEZER CHURCH.

FEBRUARY 12, 1950 FIRST CHURCH SERVICE IN NEWLY COMPLETED SUPERSTRUCTURE

MAY 7, 1950 COMPLETED CHURCH DEDICATED. TOTAL COST: \$71,787. (BASEMENT & SUPERSTRUCTURE)

NOVEMBER 12, 1950 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

JULY 10, 1960 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1962 CONSTRUCTION STARTED ON NEW PARSONAGE AT 4616 COFFEY LANE. CONTRACTOR: RUDOLPH TRONES & SON.

OCTOBER 23, 1962 SOLD OLD PARSONAGE AT 4144 - 20th AVE. SOUTH FOR \$16,000.

DECEMBER 15, 1962 NEW PARSONAGE OCCUPIED BY PASTOR & FAMILY.

MARCH 17, 1963 DEDICATION OF NEW EBENEZER PARSONAGE. COST: \$28,843.

OCTOBER 6, 1963 FIRST SERVICE HELD IN OAK HILL LUTHERAN BRETHERN CHAPEL AT 8101 XERXES AVE. SOUTH, BLOOMINGTON, MINN.  
PASTOR: REV. GEORGE AASE  
15 FAMILIES FROM EBENEZER CONGREGATION STARTED WORK.

APRIL 25, 1965 FIRST SERVICE HELD IN THE NEW OAK HILL CHURCH.

OCTOBER 10, 1965 DEDICATION OF THE NEW OAK HILL CHURCH.  
EBENEZER CONGREGATION HELPED WITH A \$30,000.  
SPONSORSHIP LOAN.

MARCH 31, 1966 NEW BALDWIN GRAND & STUDIO UPRIGHT PIANOS PURCHASED FOR EBENEZER CHURCH. COST: \$3,000. PLUS TWO OLD PIANOS.

NOVEMBER 20, 1966 DEDICATION OF NEW PARSONAGE FOR OAK HILL CHURCH.

NOVEMBER 20, 1966 MORTGAGE - BURNING CEREMONY AT EBENEZER "CHURCH & PARSONAGE PAID IN FULL".

1966 - 1967 BASEMENT STUDY, BATH & AMUSEMENT ROOM COMPLETED IN EBENEZER PARSONAGE.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE SERVED AS PASTORS OF THE EBENEZER CONGREGATION:

O.A. OSTBY.....	1900-1902	E.H. GUNHUS.....	1920-1930
J. SOLHEIM.....	1902-1903	C.E. WALSTAD.....	1930-1937
K.O. LUNDEBERG.....	1908-1911	D.A. ERICKSON.....	1937-1946
C.J. BRUN.....	1911-1912	O. VETTRUS.....	1946-1947
M.A. DORUMSGAARD.....	1912-1916	EVERALD H. STROM.....	1947-1960
		DAVID R. CHRISTENSON..	1960-PRESENT