

100 YEAR HISTORY OF THE CITY OF OSSEO



Souvenir Edition

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32 - 3rd Street N.W., Osseo
Jerry D. Cordell, Pastor

Maple Grove United Methodist Church
Hwy. 101, Co. 30, Osseo (RFD #3)
Lyle Krumrie, Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
714 East Broadway, Osseo
A. H. Bertram, Pastor

Church of St. Vincent de Paul
617 Central Avenue, Osseo
Father Clement Zweber, Pastor

Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church
12483 - 73rd Avenue North, Osseo
Vic Fry, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Osseo-Maple Grove
10267 - 93rd Avenue North, Osseo
Mark Coleman, Pastor

St. John's Lutheran Church
101 & County #30, Osseo
R. Arndt, Pastor

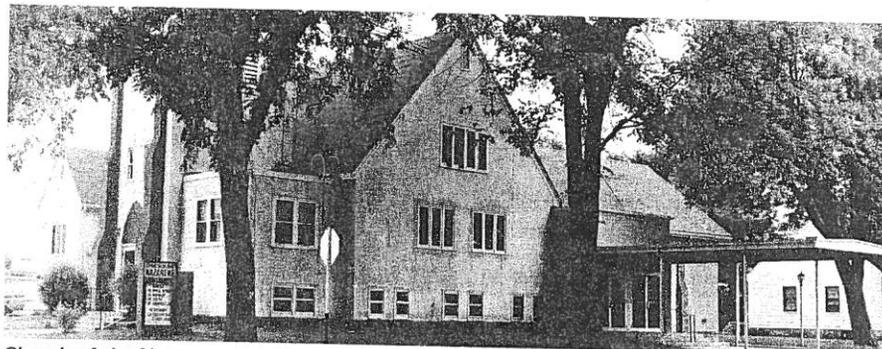
Osseo United Methodist Church
16 - 2nd Avenue S.E., Osseo
Jerome Schoeppler, Pastor

Assembly of God Church
14320 - 93rd Avenue N., Osseo
Garth Lambie, Pastor

Advent Lutheran Church
US 52 & 94th Ave. N., Osseo
D. Jerome Anderson, Pastor

St. Gerard's Church
9600 Regent Ave. N., Brooklyn Park
Father Robert Oelerich, Pastor

Berean Baptist Church
8825 W. Broadway, Brooklyn Park
Donald Odens, Pastor



Church of the Nazarene, 1st Avenue West and 3rd Street.

OSSEO CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The once Maple Grove Church of the Nazarene moved into the village of Osseo in 1947, after serving the Osseo area from a little white frame church at Fish Lake for many years. On June 23, 1946, the ground was broken for the new church, with the actual excavating starting August 1. During the winter months the membership worked on the basement unit of the church. The following summer the basement was completed and formally dedicated August 10, 1947.

Membership continued to grow, so that on June 22, 1951, erection of the superstructure was begun. With more than 50 different persons donating over 1700 hours of labor, Open House was held on December 31, 1951. At this time the church opened for the use of the congregation with new pulpit furniture, pews, and an electric organ. The formal dedication of the church was held when the exterior was completed.

Pastor Edward J. Johnson was serving the church when this new structure was built. Since Rev. Johnson left the following have served: Reverend Leland Hagen, Reverend Stanley Gerboth and Reverend Jerry D. Cordell presently serving the congregation.

RITA'S HAIR FASHIONS

Rita Hanson, manager of the beauty shop, has been in business in Osseo for two years. Her shop is located in her home at 4 - 7th Avenue N.E. The Hanson family enjoys the Osseo area and they wish to thank all of their customers.

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The Osseo Nursing Home was originally built by Ken Heesen and two associates in 1956, with additions to the home in 1958 and 1960. The home was sold to the Monterey Life Systems in 1970 and the name of the home was changed to the Monterey Nursing Inn of Osseo in 1974.

The home presently offers a full Occupational-Recreational therapy program, Physical Therapy, Speech Pathology, Social Services, together with a host of consultant services, and has forty two (42) medicare certified beds.

The goal of the home is to be of service to the community. Questions and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed.

MAPLE GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

The Maple Grove Assembly of God Church was started when a group of pastors of the denomination felt the need for an evangelical witness in the area of Osseo-Maple Grove. Two of these men were driving the gravel streets, the paved roads, and the busier highways one day and located a delightful looking cornfield on County Road 30, on which they could picture a house of worship. Together they claimed that land for the work of the Lord, determining our foundation would be the rock Christ Jesus, despite the corn roots. This resulted in the purchase of 10 acres of property.

Sunday, September 12, 1971, was the first Sunday of services, which were held in the temporary meeting place, the Maple Grove Village Hall. Garth Lambie, serving in Luverne, Minnesota, was asked to be the first pastor.

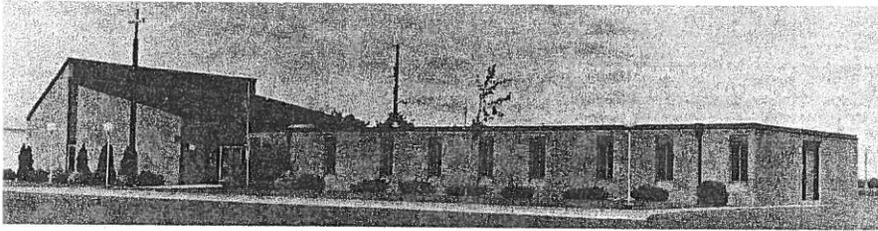
During the winter of 1971-1972, negotiations commenced to trade the long, narrow strip of property for another site just ¼ mile east with more frontage necessary to comply with Village ordinances and the complete projected church needs.

The first phase of construction was the parsonage; which is a large split entry home. At the present time the congregation meets in a chapel on the lower level, but the walls are bulging outward. The church has experienced a continual growth until at the present time has a constituency of about 100.

Ground has been broken for a church building which will include a sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, and Sunday School rooms; and men of the church are doing much of its construction.

Services of the church include Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. (a study of the Bible with a class for every age); Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.; and the Sunday Evening Service at 7:30 P.M. On Wednesday evening there is a Bible Study at 7:30 P.M. The church also has a Royal Rangers program for boys, ages 8 to 16 years, and a Men's Fellowship group.

Reverend Garth Lambie has been the pastor since the conception of Maple Grove Assembly and extends an invitation to everyone to attend services or to visit.



ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent Lutheran Church began as a mission of the Lutheran Church in America. Pastor L. Jerome Anderson was called to serve as the mission developer on June 1, 1966, and later called to serve the congregation. After surveying the community an interest meeting was called on August 28, 1966, at which 60 persons attended. The decision was made to proceed and the first worship service was held at the Osseo Elementary School on September 11, 1966, with 261 persons in attendance.

Advent Lutheran Church was organized as a congregation of the Minnesota Synod of the L.C.A. on November 27, 1966. Ground breaking ceremony was conducted on August 20, 1967, but the congregation continued to worship in the Osseo Elementary School until the present church building was completed. The first worship service in the present structure was held on December 24, 1967. The present membership of the congregation is 907 baptized members.

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SHEPHERD OF THE GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maple Grove's new Lutheran Mission held its first worship service Sunday, June 24, 1973, in Cedar Island Elementary School Cafeteria with approximately 40 persons in attendance. Sunday school began one year later, fall 1974. In August of that same summer the first Vacation Bible School met in the pastor's home and neighboring homes with 75 children attending.

A church choir and Altar Guild began their duties in the fall of 1973.

In November 1974 members voted and selected the name Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church.

February 10, 1974 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church officially organized as a bona fide church organization. Sunday school children and church members signed the special charters.

Tent City became a popular area in August of 74 when Vacation Bible School enrolled over 250 children and taught God's word under tents. Tents were pitched on the church property next to Cedar Island School.

A very active Senior Youth Group was organized in Spring 75 and a Junior Youth Group is organizing to begin this fall.

Groundbreaking for our permanent facility was a special day in the young church history. On June 15, 1975 the entire congregation joined Pastor Victor Fry and the Building Committee in officially breaking ground at Hemlock and West Eagle Lake Drive. The church membership now numbers 160 communicant members and Sunday School membership is 100.

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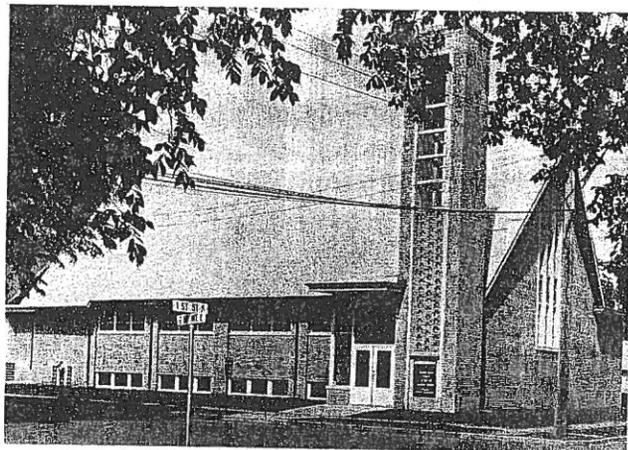


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- 1905 J. M. Evans established a furniture and funeral service in Osseo
- 1919 Harry Nelson employed as a funeral director.
- 1926 J. M. Evans retired. Entire business was purchased by B. J. Dahlheimer, Osseo business man, and Harry Nelson.
- 1941 Robert Berndt, became a partner in the Evans Furniture Co.
- 1952 Keith L. Nordby and Charlotte H. Nordby purchased the funeral service from Harry Nelson, B. J. Dahlheimer and Robert Berndt.
- 1953 Construction began on new building for Evans-Nordby Funeral Home.
- 1954 New facilities of Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, at 1st Avenue East and 2nd Street North Osseo, were opened with spacious chapel, family visitation areas and casket-selection room.
- 1962 Keith L. Nordby and Charlotte H. Nordby built and opened the second Evans-Nordby Funeral Chapel in Brooklyn Center at 6000 Brooklyn Boulevard.
- 1972 Evans-Nordby Osseo Chapel was completely remodeled and enlarged, doubling the size of the original facilities. Also provided was a funeral home parking lot across the street.

For seven and one half decades the Evans-Nordby Funeral Homes have served this community with compassion and concern at a time of need. It continues to do so.



Osseo United Methodist Church.

OSSEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In the early 1900's there was not a formally organized Protestant Church in Osseo. However, there was a small active band of practicing Christians, who once more proved God's promise "to be in their midst" where even two or three would gather in His name. Beginning about 1910, these people met in each other's homes on Sunday evenings and worshipped in "Prayer Meetings" to replace the formal church worship many of them were accustomed to before they moved to Osseo. This early group included: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crandall, Mr. and Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Melissa Spence, Misses Clara, Cora and Agatha Krueger, Mrs. Maude Purdy and Mr. Chauncy Pryor.

In the fall of 1911 Rev. McCaslin came to Osseo to organize a Sunday School for the unchurched people in the community. At the advice of the late Al Hechtman, a Mason, contact was made with Mrs. J. E. Curtis (Georgiebelle Smith) assisted by Hattie Larsen Heesen and Mrs. Murray Carpenter, at which time plans for a Sunday School were made. Others who worked diligently with the Sunday School included: Mrs. Andrew Olson, Mrs. Charles Killmer, and her daughters Mary and Lillian, and Mrs. Louis Schwappach and her daughters, Elsie and Edna. Mr. Charles Setzler worked with the choir. Other families attending included: Setzlers, Dexters, Curtis, Savages, Larsens, Getchells, Wadsworths, Heesens, Neddersons, and Hendricksons. From holding meetings in homes until attendance was too large, meetings were held in the Masonic Hall on Central Avenue.

Attendance and interest grew and with the guidance of Rev. S. W. Matson, Rev. Boswell, Rev. Runlet, Rev. John Walker, Rev. Volkenant and W. E. Clark, a student from Macalester College, the need for a church was soon recognized. In 1920, plans to build a church were made. Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Spence donated land for the structure. Ground for the new building was broken on May 26, 1922. The church, located at Broadway and 2nd Avenue N.E., was dedicated November 5, 1922. Church enrollment continued to increase, thus it became necessary to enlarge the church building. The formal opening of the enlarged structure took place on January 8, 1961.

The following pastors served the church from 1922 through 1975:

Rev. W. E. Clark, 1922-1924	Dr. Irving E. Putman, 1948-1949
Dr. Carl Anderson, 1924-1925	Rev. Thomas Payne, 1949-1951
Rev. H. J. Soltau, 1925-1934	Rev. Gordon Lund and
Rev. E. B. Cooney, 1934-1942	Dr. Irving Putman, 1951-1955
Rev. U. E. Dahle, 1942-1945	Rev. Al Toews, 1955-1960
Rev. David S. McGuire, 1946-1948	Rev. Ralph High, 1960-1966
	Rev. Richard Tice, 1966-1967

In 1967 Rev. Jerome Schoeppler became the pastor and continues to serve our congregation.

As of 1975, our community is experiencing a healthy population increase, and the next few years should witness a growth within our congregation as well as the community. Our church profile has already changed due to the many new families who serve the business community of the metropolitan area.

As we continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, our church should become an even greater witness for God in our community.

SUBURBIA FURNITURE & CARPET CO.

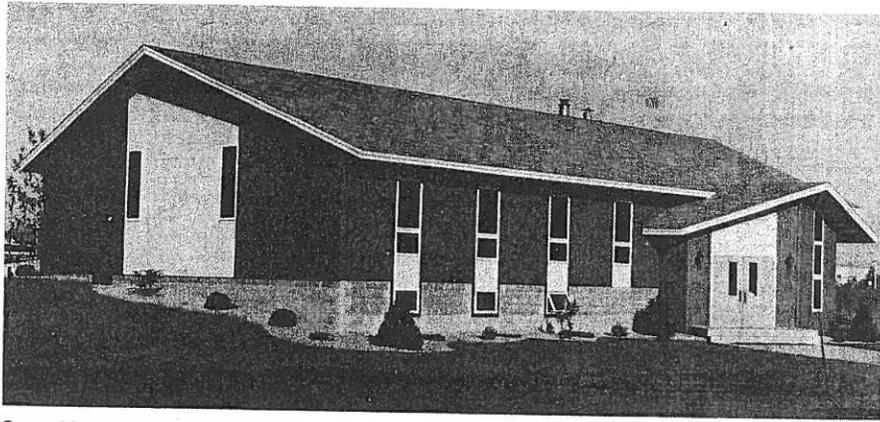
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April 1, 1967, Stan Kondziolka opened SUBURBIA FURNITURE AND CARPET COMPANY ON HIGHWAY 52, with a new idea!: Sell top quality furniture and carpet for about 25-35% less than you would pay in Crystal, Brookdale, or in Minneapolis.

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How did this come about? Before opening in Osseo, Stan had over 2 decades of furniture and carpet background. Give every customer whether he be a doctor, workingman, fellow merchant, farmer, or retired couple, the lowest possible price on the sales ticket clearly marked so that no price negotiating is necessary. . . is Stan's policy.

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Osseo Maple Grove 1st Baptist Church, located ½ mile west on County Road 30.

OSSEO — MAPLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

In the fall of 1958, Rev. John Bronner surveyed the Osseo area to determine any interest in beginning a local Baptist Church. Rev. J. G. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota General Baptist Conference, cooperated in the early stages, also.

Previous to this, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Osseo had vacated their church and parsonage at 101 Broadway in Osseo. These facilities were available for rent or sale.

As a result of these efforts, a small group began holding services in the former Lutheran Church on April 12, 1959. Rev. John (Jack) Bronner was named the part-time pastor.

The church was incorporated in August of 1960. The church grew in attendance to about 95 regular worshippers by 1966. During this time the church and parsonage were purchased by the congregation.

Rev. Bonner served a total of eight years. In the spring of 1967, he resigned to become pastor at Hastings, Minnesota.

During the summer of 1967, interim pastors were Dr. Robert Mounce, and Mr. Jack Couchey. In September, Rev. Winston Sherwich accepted the call to be the long term interim pastor. Pastor Sherwich can be remembered by his great ability to overcome his handicap of blindness. He won the hearts of all that knew him during his stay.

Rev. Mark Coleman and his wife Sybil, came to Osseo in early 1969. Many of the original members of the congregation had moved away and Mark and Sybil embarked on a real endeavor to re-group the church. The church building was in need of major repairs. In order to get a fresh outlook and to have a greater outreach the congregation voted to sell the property and build a new sanctuary. About five acres were purchased from Elmer Weber, just west of the Osseo Junior High School.

For a time in the winter of 1970, the Advent Lutheran Church invited the Baptists to worship in their church, because of the deterioration of the old church. This experience was highly valued by all — a real example of cooperation between two Christian Churches.

Under the leadership of Pastor Coleman, a new church was planned and built.

The dedication service for the new church was held on March 15, 1973.

An interesting ministry came with the purchase of the property. A very well structured barn was on the property. The ministry of "The Barn" has become a community project in which all churches have had a part.

The church presently (summer — 1975) serves an active congregation of about one hundred interested worshippers. The ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Coleman has reached into many areas.

As of May, 1975, Rev. and Mrs. Coleman tendered their resignation to become pastor at a Duluth church. Rev. Clarence Sahlin, a professor at Bethel Seminary has accepted the call to be interim pastor.

MASTER MATIC, INC.

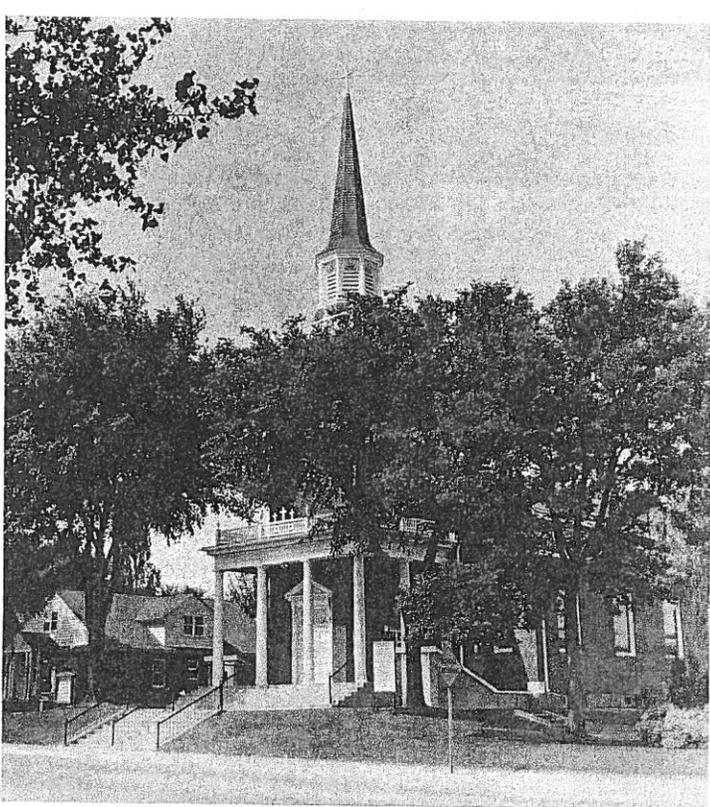
ROUND TABLE RESTAURANT

247 Central Avenue

Osseo, Minnesota

In the late eighteen hundreds the original building housed the Peoples Cash Store — George Heesen Proprietor. There was a community dance hall on the second floor. The lower level was made into two separate stores — a department store owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Reibestein and a grocery store. The Reibestein's operated their store in this location until 1961 when they moved to a new location.

In 1961 Cliff and Edna Payette and son, Michael moved their restaurant business from the Ranch House Cafe to this remodeled building and operated the Round Table Restaurant. On June 1, 1967, Dale Johnson became owner. On January 1, 1968 in seventeen degrees below zero weather in Osseo's biggest fire, the Round Table Restaurant burned down. The store was completely rebuilt by the owner of the building, Kenneth Heesen, and on May 17, 1968 the Round Table Restaurant was once again opened for business by Dale Johnson.



St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, Central Avenue and County Road 30.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

The history of St. Vincent de Paul Parish reaches back almost as far as that of the community it serves.

The first Holy Mass to be offered in Osseo was celebrated in 1855. It was offered in the home of Pierre Bottineau by Father George Keller, a priest from St. Paul. The Bottineau home was located about three-fourths of a mile west of the present city of Osseo. After Mass, Father Keller told the assembled pioneers that they ought to have a church of their own.

Very soon afterward, under the direction of Bottineau, willing volunteers began the construction of Osseo's first church. They felled trees to build the 30 x 50 foot long structure. When completed in 1856, it was called the Church of St. Louis. It was the first Catholic church ever built in Hennepin County west of the Mississippi River. It was situated about forty rods west of the site of the present church.

The second parish a 32 by 54 foot frame building was completed in 1864 and called the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. It was built on the same site that today's church occupies on Central Avenue. The land on which the church was built was donated by Peter Gervais.

The parish grew steadily. In 1880 the sanctuary was enlarged and a sacristy, 16 by 28 feet, was added to the church. In 1890 a steeple was added to the church to house the bell that had been purchased in 1865, but which had hung in a frame adjacent to the church until that time. (That same bell now hangs in the belfry of the present St. Vincent de Paul Church).

The cornerstone for the Colonial style brick church used today was laid with solemn ceremony by the most Reverend Archbishop Austin Dowling on November 8, 1921. The church, built to accommodate 420 people, was completed at a cost of \$63,000.00, and dedicated on August 27, 1922. There were only 105 families in the parish at the time the church was dedicated.

The membership continued and has surpassed 500 family memberships.

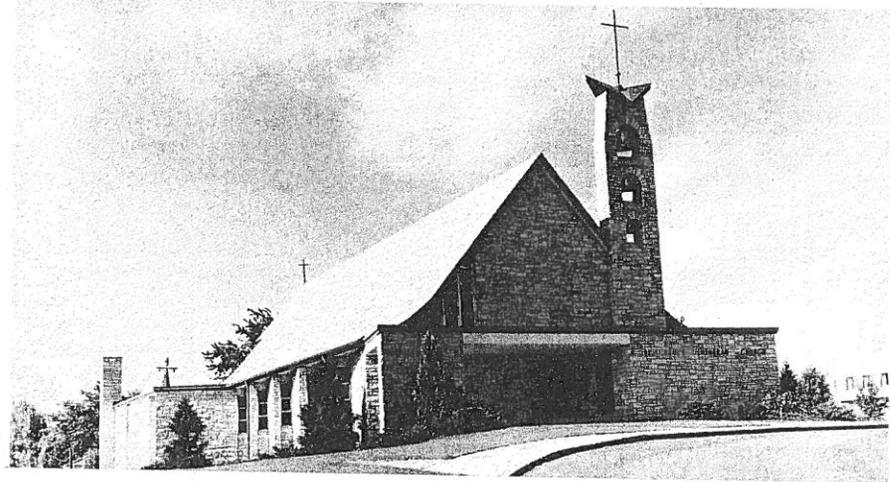
Priests who have served St. Vincent's Parish over the years are:

Rev. George Kellar, 1855	Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, 1885
Rev. Francis Hurth, 1856-1861	Rev. Lanzon, 1886-1889
Rev. C. Genis, 1861-1866	Rev. Durand, 1890
Rev. M. L. Nicolas, 1866-1868	Rev. Charles A. Pettigrew, 1890-1895
Rev. Prosper Maurer, 1868-1871	Rev. Louis Keukelinck, 1896-1898
Rev. Francis J. A. Lechner, 1871-1873	Rev. L. Simon, 1898-1903
Rev. E. Maesfranx, 1873-1874	Rev. Francis Savey, 1903-1914
Rev. L. Lebret, 1874-1876	Rev. William Blum, 1914-1915
Rev. C. Robert, 1876	Rev. A. Kryjewski, 1915-1916
Rev. A. Ladriere, 1876-1882	Rev. William Blum, 1916-1917
Rev. A. Payette, 1882-1884	Rev. Henry J. Boerboom, 1917-1964
Rev. E. Dekiere, 1885	Rev. Leonard Bertrand, 1964-1968
Rev. Clement Zweber came to the parish in 1968 and is still serving the parish in 1975.	

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 714 East Broadway

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's is an old, old congregation. Its beginnings go back to 1865, at which time it was known as "The Evangelical Church of Osseo". Years later, in 1890, it became a member of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, now known as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. At first, services were conducted in various Osseo homes. Later on, a small frame church was built; becoming too small, another church was built; then, in 1915, a combination brick and stucco church was built at the corner of Broadway and 1st Avenue East. Four years later, the first parsonage was built to the east of this church.

During the pastorate of Rev. W. Lohrke, the present beautiful, stone church and brick parsonage were built at a cost of approximately \$325,000.00. The groundbreaking service was held on April 6, 1958, and February 1, 1959, the new structure was dedicated to the glory of God. St. Paul's seats approximately 400 and it is located on 12 acres of land at the corner of Broadway and 7th Avenue East.

The known charter members of the congregation were: Carl Hartkopf, Henry Killmer, Fred Ebert, Carl Zadach, Johan Buchholz, John Schulz, William Rohde, and Friedrich Hartfiel. The first officers were: President, Henry Killmer; Secretary, Fred Ebert; Treasurer, Carl Hartkopf.

The congregation supported a parochial school from 1936 to 1940. The Sunday School was begun in 1927. In 1936, the congregation assumed the responsibility for beginning a mission congregation in Anoka; this was under direction of Pastor Ziegler. Pastor Schulz continued this work, organized the congregation, and in 1949 our daughter-congregation, Mt. Olive of Anoka, dedicated its own house of God, with Rev. William Sutterer being installed as its first resident pastor.

The original group of Lutherans numbered 12; in 1952 there were 226 communicants and 335 souls; today the congregation numbers 675 communicants and 945 souls.

During all of these 110 years, a large number of pastors served the Osseo congregation. For those who might be interested, here is a partial list of those faithful servants of God who preached the Word and administered the Sacraments over the years: 1865-1876: V. W. Rehkopf, F. Buesher, J. Jahn, A. Calmer; 1876-1878: L. H. Buehrig; 1878-1881: H. Fleer; 1881-1882: Henshel; 1882-1883: G. A. Bohnstengel; 1883-1885: C. Mack; 1885-1885: I. O. Zwicker; 1885-1889: A. L. Schmidt; 1889-1919: Johannes Fackler; 1919-1927: A. H. Kuntz (First resident pastor. Salary \$800 per year.); 1927-1936: A. H. Ziegler; 1936-1956: Arnold Schulz; 1956-1967: W. C. Lohrke; 1968- A. H. Bertram.

St. Paul's future looks bright. Even though Osseo itself has expanded to its city limits, the growing, surrounding suburbs of Maple Grove and Brooklyn Park should provide a rich field for expansion and growth.

May the Lord of the Church, who has blessed St. Paul's in the past, continue to shower the blessings of His pure Word on its members and the people in its community!

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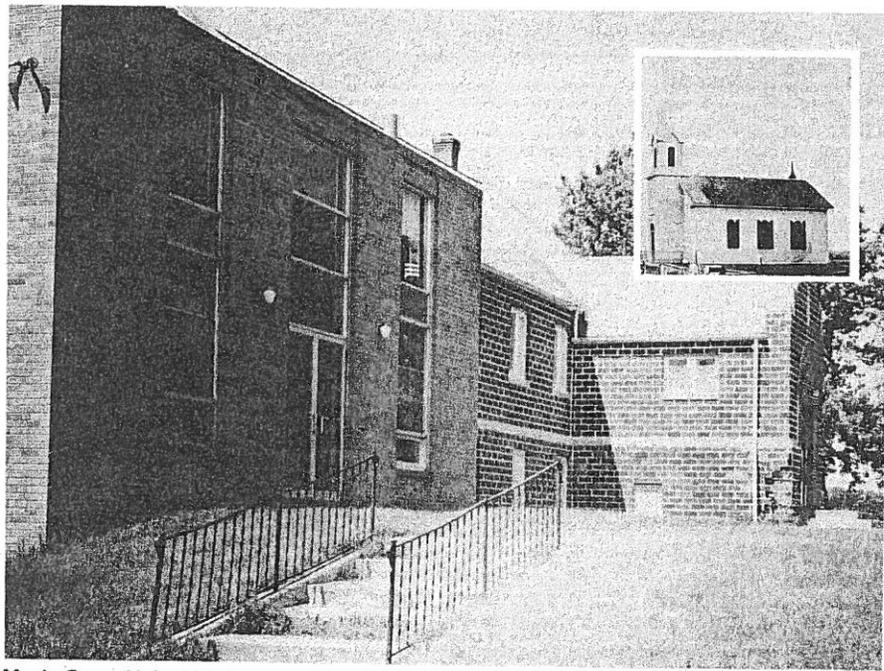
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Maple Grove United Methodist Church. (Inset) Old Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

MAPLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1846 Pastor P. Stubchen led the first soul, Daniel Bonn, to Christ. From 1846 until 1858, circuit riders served the young congregation. April 2, 1858 Rev. Huelster preached his first sermon to about 30 adults. Pastor Linse received the first members into the now named Immanuel Evangelical Church in 1861. Some first families included: Carl Sauselle, Christ Schnieder, Friedrich Miller, Fredrich Bonn, and Fredrich Reinking.

A loghouse served as the first parsonage, being built on the Carl Sauselle farm. Later the first log church was built on the Henry Noth farm. (Many know it as the Ben Kriefall farm.) Other families joined the church congregation, namely: Kottke, Drause, Walter, Kriefall, Juedes, Schoch, Hartfiel, Dumann, Stelter, Wulkow, Stalberg, Pipenhagen, and others.

The log church became inadequate as the congregation continued to grow. In 1874 a new church was erected on the present site; and in 1883 a new parsonage was built.

Evangelical camp meetings were held regularly on the Henry Noth farm. Among the many great spirit revivals held year after year, two are of special interest: "The great revival of 1884" in which 40 souls were "Born Again", and at the 1931 revival, 21 souls were "Born Again".

Membership grew until it was necessary to build a new church. Under Pastor E. Butke's direction the present church building was erected and dedicated to the Glory of God on November 28, 1937, by Bishop E. W. Praetorius.

The Immanuel Evangelical Church celebrated its eightieth anniversary October 1-12, 1941, with Rev. G. G. Davis as evangelist. The young men that had been called into the service of the lord were back and gave their greetings and testimonies. They were W. A. Juedes, Harold C. Reinking, and Wesley G. Miller. Later Lowell Reinking was called into the ministry.

In 1946 the Immanuel Evangelical Church united with United Brethern in Christ, which then became known as the Maple Grove Immanuel Evangelical United Brethern Church of the Minnesota Conference.

Under the direction of Pastor W. R. Thomas a new parsonage was erected, and on April 3, 1949, the parsonage was dedicated by Bishop E. W. Praetorius. On Sunday morning, October 20, 1957, ground was broken for a much needed fellowship hall. Under the direction of Pastor R. E. Marks, the Fellowship Hall was erected, the dedication taking place January 11, 1959.

In 1961 the church celebrated its 100th anniversary. During services the men sat on one side and ladies on the other side. Kerosene lamps were used for light, and old Bibles and religious books were on display.

Maple Grove Immanuel Evangelical United Brethern Church united with the Methodist Church in 1969. Now the congregation is known as Maple Grove United Methodist Church with a membership of 200. The church is located on Highway 101, one-half mile north of County Road 30, west of Osseo.

The following ministers have served this congregation:

Rev. H. E. Linse, 1861	Rev. J. Manthey, 1889-1891
Rev. O. Ragatz &	Rev. R. M. Mueller, 1891-1894
Rev. Ende, 1861-1863	Rev. H. A. Seder, 1894-1898
Rev. O. Brill &	Rev. C. F. Sydow, 1898-1901
Rev. E. H. Bauman, 1863-1865	Rev. F. F. Arndt, 1901-1905
Rev. Wm. Stegner, 1865-1867	Rev. G. Schaefer, 1905-1908
Rev. J. VonEschen, 1867-1868	Rev. M. Wordelman, 1908-1910
Rev. J. G. Simon, 1868-1869	Rev. G. Britzius, 1910-1915
Rev. G. H. Knebel, 1869-1871	Rev. H. Isker, 1915-1919
Rev. W. Lenz, 1871-1873	Rev. G. P. Herbolt, 1919-1921
Rev. A. Walch, 1873-1875	Rev. O. Brose, 1921-1923
Rev. H. Hensel, 1875-1876	Rev. C. Stettbacker, 1923-1928
Rev. C. H. Koch, 1876-1878	Rev. E. Streyfeller, 1928-1931
Rev. M. Knopf, 1878-1881	Rev. E. H. Budke, 1931-1942
Rev. Geo. Haller, 1881-1882	Rev. W. R. Thomas, 1942-1953
Rev. H. E. Linse, 1882-1883	Rev. R. E. Marks, 1953-1959
Rev. L. Passer, 1883-1886	Dr. C. O. Main, 1959-1964
Rev. J. Kienholz, 1886-1889	Rev. Dennis Rudhnke, 1964-1969

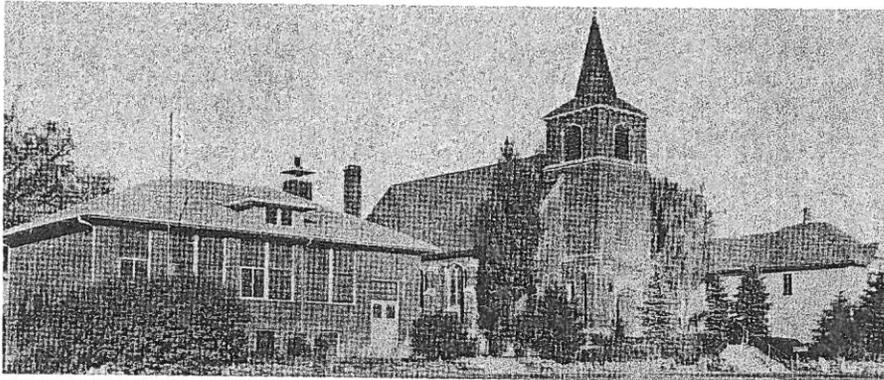
Rev. Lyle F. Krumrie, 1969 to present

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

On April 18th in the year 1864, a meeting was held by those residing in the townships of Maple Grove and Corcoran in the home of Mr. George Oswald. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a Lutheran Evangelical congregation. Those present at this meeting included: Ludwig Schmidt, Christian Reinking, Herman Schutte, George Oswald, Clemens Schutte, Fred Schutte, Nicklaus Volbert, Christian Niemann, F. Grambow, and Rudolph Schaefer. This group chose the name of the congregation to be "The First Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of Maple Grove and Corcoran Townships." Other early names in the congregation included W. Todthagen, C. Koehler, and John Schober.

The first church, a 20 x 24 foot and 12 foot high structure, was built; it being dedicated to the glory of God on July 8, 1866. Pastor G. H. Hoernicke was secured as the first resident pastor in 1868. Soon after his arrival the first parsonage, a 18 x 24 foot log hut was built. The first church known as "The little brown church" with its home-made benches which stood parallel with the aisle was much too small. A new church was erected in 1881, and on December 15, 1927, the congregation was saddened over the burning of its house of God. A new church, the present structure, was built; being dedicated November 25, 1928. New parsonages also have been built as the need arose. The present pastor is Reverend Gerald Heimlich.

From the very beginning the congregation was interested in the Christian training of its children. In 1866 the records reveal that Mr. George Schmidt was employed as the first resident teacher. The very early records show that school was conducted for a month in the homes of Mr. Herman Schutte and Mr. John Schober. Mr. Fred Schutte was appointed the first teacher. The Christian Day School, held in a fine modern building today, provides a well rounded education for grades 1-8. The present teachers are Mrs. Pat Wenger and Mark Schoenborn. This church is located on Highway #101 West of Osseo.



AL HECHTMAN AGENCY

Al Hechtman has been a lifelong resident of the Osseo area. He has been in the insurance business since 1953 and is now located in the Osseo Shopping Center. He deals in both insurance and mutual funds.

BOB AND CARL'S AUTO BODY

107 Central Avenue

Robert Nelson

Greg Smith

This auto body shop is located in the old Ford garage, which was built in 1946. The shop was operated in Crystal for eleven years before moving to Osseo in September of 1969.

They specialize in repairing American and Foreign cars.

BROWN DERBY CAFE

The Brown Derby Cafe on Highway 152 in Osseo has been under new management since October of 1974. Best wishes to Osseo on its Centennial celebration.