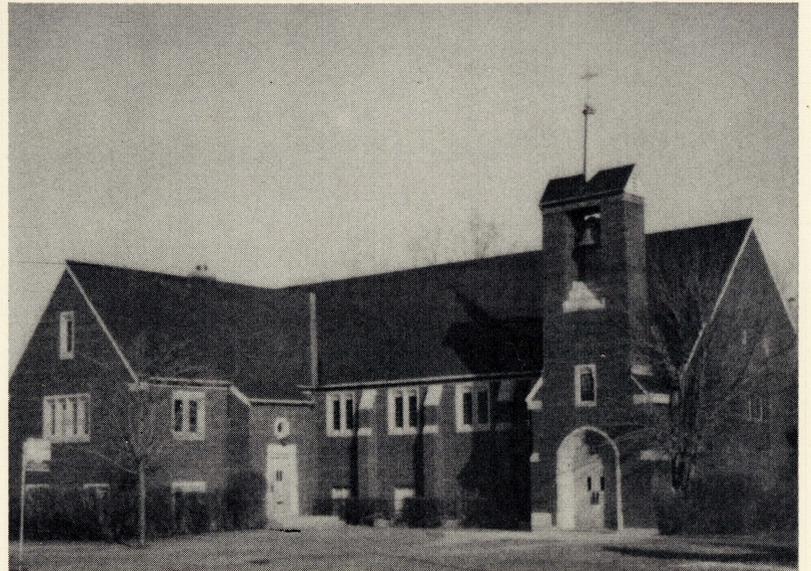


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ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF MINISTRY
1880 **1980**



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**SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST, I GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

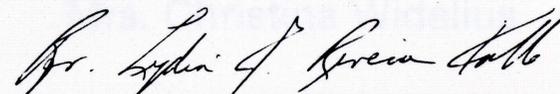
As the people of God we are a historical people who claim that God is a God who acts in history. God's mighty acts in history have been recorded in the Holy Scriptures. As a historical people we are called to witness to these acts and to witness to the new ways in which God has and is affecting our lives.

In the pages that follow you will find an abridged history of our congregation. We believe that God has been at work here with us and as such we want to proclaim this mighty deed. It is impossible to capture all of the moments of our one hundred years of existence as a congregation. What we have in the following pages is a "glance" into our history.

This history has been prepared by Miss Ethel L. Nelson. Ethel has spent many hours researching the materials for our history and has written this work. We want to express our sincere gratitude to her for this labor of love.

The history of our one hundred years of ministry has been written to the glory of God, and is dedicated to all the saints who served God at Bethany and who now rest from their labors. May we be kept in fellowship with them through faith toward God, and may we be numbered among them at the close of our days.

In Christ's Name and His Peace,



Rev. Lydia E. Rivera Kallb,

Pastor

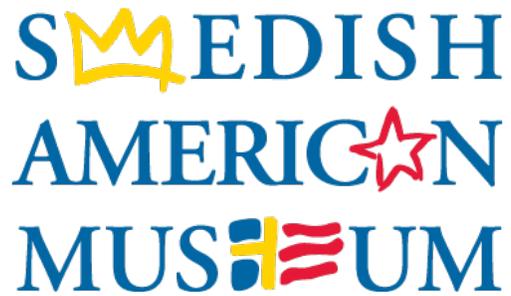
CHARTER MEMBERS OF BETHANY
1880

Mr. and Mrs. Ola Person
Mr. and Mrs. Nils Monson
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wickenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Nils Olson
Mr. and Mrs. Nils Polson
Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sjoquist
Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson
Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hanson
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bengtson
Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm LARGERGREN
Mr. J. P. Peterson
Mr. Henry E. Linman
Mr. John A. Johnson
Mrs. Christina Widelius

BETHANY'S PASTORS

1880 - 1980

Theology Student Johan Wibelius first permanent pastor	1884 - 1887
The Rev. Gustaf Lundahl	1887 - 1907
The Rev. Peter Martinson	1907 - 1914
The Rev. Franz Engstrand	1914 - 1916
The Rev. C. Emil Bergquist	1916 - 1919
The Rev. Olof H. Nelson	1919 - 1936
The Rev. Lloyd Burke	1937 - 1942
The Rev. Bertil R. Edquist	1943 - 1955
The Rev. Roy W. Ryden	1955 - 1969
The Rev. Dennis Holmberg	1970 - 1978
The Rev. Lydia E. Rivera Kalb	1979 -



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