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First Lutheran Church
Rockford, Illinois

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Reverend Arne Peterson deposited the records of First Lutheran Church with the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on November 21, 1979. Additional records were added at later dates.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The materials in this collection provide extensive documentation of the origins and growth of First Lutheran Church and of Rockford's Swedish community from 1853 to 1970. The collection is arranged in six series which provide fairly complete information on all aspects of the history of the church. Researchers should note that although much of the pre-1930 material is in the Swedish language, translations of some of the core records are included.

The first series contains the church's historical files. The materials in this series were put together to aid in the preparation of the church's centennial album (1954) and were updated thereafter. The files dating 1854-1979 are arranged alphabetically by subject and the files dating 1853-1899 are arranged chronologically. Also contained in this series are anniversary albums and programs; publications; materials relating to prominent church members; newspaper clippings and photographs and date 1856-1969. This series serves as an outline of the subjects and types of materials found in the rest of the collection.

Series two contains minutes, reports, correspondence and agreements from the administrative bodies of the church. Included in this series are minutes of annual congregational meetings, 1854-1969; minutes of Deacons and Trustees joint meetings, 1864-1943; minutes of Trustees meetings, Trustees' correspondence, agreements, and reports, (1889-1966); minutes of Deacons meetings, 1944-1966; minutes, resolutions, and correspondence of the Church Council and Board of Administration, (1957-1977). All materials in this series are arranged chronologically with each subseries. Microfilmed minutes, which were added at a later time, are in Box 38A.

The church's general financial records are found in series three and span the years 1854-1978. Types of materials include: general ledgers, 1883-1895, (1912-1961); annual statements, 1854-1968; treasurer's reports, (1897-1960); day books, (1868-1929); dues records, 1864-1976, 1898-1906, 1916-1929; pledges, 1929-1968; Savings Bank records, (1876-1902); and J. Godfrey Grant legacy account, 1920-1942. In all cases materials are arranged chronologically by type.

Researchers should note that printed monthly reports containing financial data are located in series six.

The records of several church organizations make up series four and span the entire history of the church. Types of materials found in this series include minutes, financial records, membership data, programs, publications, and scrapbooks. The activities of the following organizations are partially documented: Brotherhood, 1926-1953; Jubilee Chorus, 1904-1954; Ladies Aid Society, 1883-1958; Luther League, 1877-1965; Sunday School, 1870-1966; and missionary societies, 1870-1960. Although there are gaps in the records of all the listed organizations, documentation for the Brotherhood, Luther League, and missionary societies is the most comprehensive.

Series five contains printed materials from First Lutheran including monthly reports (1909-1959); bulletins, (1892-1978); and newsletters, 1957-1978. Also contained in this series is publications from the district, synod, and national levels.

Records of official pastoral acts and membership are found in series six. Types of materials include: original members, 1894; membership records, 1929-1954; confirmation data, 1857-1955; and transfer records, 1929-1954. Although the bulk of the records of official acts remain with the church at this time, the Center expects First Lutheran to add these materials to the collection in 1980 or 1981.

Researchers using this collection may also wish to consult other related manuscript collections held by the Regional History Center: Salem Lutheran Church, Sandwich (RC 84); Rockford Mitten and Hosiery (RC 38); Rockford Chair and Furniture (RC 42); Rockford Small Business (RC 57); National Chair (RC 59); Good Templars, (RC 66).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In the fall of 1853 Dr. Erland Carlsson of Chicago visited the new Scandinavian community in Rockford to see if it was feasible to organize a new congregation. As a result of this meeting a formal petition was sent to the United Chicago and Mississippi Conference requesting that a pastor be sent to Rockford to organize a church. Dr. Carlsson returned to Rockford on January 15, 1854 and met with the group to organize the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran congregation. The congregation's first deacons were John Peterson and Jonas Larson and the trustees chosen were John Lundback and Joseph Lindgren. The new church's first regular pastor, Andress Andreen, began his duties in 1856.

From 1854 to 1860 First Lutheran belonged to the Synod of Northern Illinois but in 1860 the congregation decided to join the newly created Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America. This synod became predominantly Swedish-American in 1870 when Norwegian Lutherans withdrew their congregation. The tremendous growth of the Swedish community in Rockford after the Civil War led to increased membership rolls at First

Lutheran. To accommodate this growth the church erected three new structures in 1865, 1870 and the building currently in use, 1884. Despite a split in the congregation in 1883, which led to the formation of a new church, First Lutheran's growth continued and the church expanded its activities. Among the many organizations founded during the last half of the 19th century were: Sunday School, 1853; Temperance Society, 1857; Savings Bank, 1869; Youth Society, 1878; Ladies Aid Society, 1883; and Women's Missionary Society, 1890.

In addition to their church activities, many of First Lutheran's members were beginning to make their mark in Rockford's business community, especially in the knitting and furniture industries. John Nelson moved to the forefront of the knitting industry when he perfected and patented a machine which would knit a stocking automatically. Besides his role in the Nelson Knitting Co., John Nelson also helped to organize the Rockford Mitten Co. in 1881. The furniture industry attracted many of First Lutheran's members including S. A. Johnson, L. M. Noling, August Peterson and A. P. Floberg who were the chief officers of the Central Furniture Co. organized in 1879. Several other furniture companies, including Forest City Furniture Co. and Union Furniture Co. were organized by members of First Lutheran and provided employment for many members.

As the congregation approached its 50th anniversary in 1904, First Lutheran had grown to become one of the largest Swedish Lutheran congregations in the United States and one of the dominant forces in the spiritual, economic, and political life of Rockford. The history of First Lutheran in the twentieth century revolves around the lengthy pastorates of Johann F. Seedhoff (1896-1927) and Albert Loreen (1928-1956). During the early years under Pastor Seedhoff First Lutheran added to its property, played an active role in the temperance movement in Rockford, and entered the growing debate over the transition from Swedish to English in church services.

By the 1920's, declining memberships, controversy over the Grant estate, and the congregation's dissatisfaction with Pastor Seedhoff's leadership led to his resignation in 1927. Albert Loreen began his lengthy term as pastor in 1928 and under his direction First Lutheran completed the transition to the English language, became more directly involved in youth programs, care for the elderly, and hospital work. In the mid-1950's First Lutheran joined with other members of the Augustana Synod and entered into discussions with other Lutheran church bodies which culminated in the formation of the Lutheran Church in America in 1962.

Despite pressures to relocate due to population shifts, First Lutheran remains in the center of the old Swedish neighborhood and continues to use the church built in 1884.

In 2013 First Lutheran Church celebrated 160 years of ministry. They held a year long commemoration of their 160 years of ministry within the community by holding a series of a special events for the entire community to participate in.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Augustana Synod
Diaries, 1840-1869
Diaries, 1870-1909
First Lutheran Church, Rockford
Lutherans
Nelson, John
Prohibition
Rockford (Ill.)
Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Company
Swedish Americans
Swedish Americans--Illinois--Rockford
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Diaries

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series I. Historical Files		
Subseries A. 1854-1976 (Alphabetical)		
1	1	Acolytes, 1964
	2	Activity reports of pastor and assistants, (1971-1975)
	3	Alter Guild; manuals, 1944, 1947
	4	Anderson family
	5	Anderson, Johannes
	6	Anderson, Lars Peter
	7	Anniversary clippings and letters
	8	Anniversary programs, (1904-1964)
	9-10	Annual reports, (1939-1978)
	11	Appraisal, 1975
	12	Archives
	13	Augustana Synod, 1930, 1960
	14	Basketball
	15-16	Bell correspondence, 1890-1905
	17	Bethpage mission
	18	Bjork, Anna
	19	Blueprints, Church and Loreen Hall
	20	Borgren, Bertha; Estate, 1974
	21	Boy Scouts and <u>Pro Deo Et Patria</u>
	22	Brotherhood, (1954-1965)
	23	Budgets, 1971-1974
	24	Building Fund, 1952
	25	Business agreements, 1956-1958
	26	Centennial album worksheet, 1954
	27	Challenge, 1974-1975
	28	Chapel; South Park, 1904
	29	Chaplain, Army (Neal Pearson)
	30	Charter members, 1854
	31	Chinquist and Wenstrom
	32	Choir, architect, 1883
	33	Choir Brotherhood, 1927
	34	Choir directors
	35	Choir, Jubilee
	36	Choir, Junior
	37	Choir programs, (1906-1975)

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	38	Choir school
	39	Choir, senior
	40	Church camp, Lutherdale
	41	Church correspondence, 1954-1956
	42	Church history, 1852-1883; Constitution, 1874
	43	Church lighting
	44	Church members, 19 th century
	45	Church pageant, 1954
	46	Church properties, 1882-1892, (1941-1947)
	47	Church repairs, (1902-1967)
	48	Church split, 1882
	49	Conference meeting; 1917, housing
	50	Confirmation; Adult, 1859-1961
	51	Confirmation classes, 1859-1954
	52	Confirmation reunions, (1897-1964)
	53	Congregational banquets, 1935-1948
	54	Constitutions; 1874, 1887, 1965-1966
55	Contributions, 1900-1901	
56	Cottage meetings, 1963	
2	1	Debt fund contributions, 1899
	2	Early members
	3	Erlander, John and Albert
	4	Florin, Anna Sophia
	5	Funerals
	6	Grand Army of the Republic (G. A. R.), 1901
	7	Gas rationing, 1944
	8	Genealogies
	9	Grant Legacy account, 1920-1925
	10	Haight Village restoration
	11	House Purchase, 1974-1975
	12	Illinois Conference, 1899, 1917, 1936
	13	Insurance, 1893, 1907, 1960
	14	Interns
	15	Interviews with older families
	16	Johnson, Swen A.; family history, 1852- 1952
	17	Kuter, Mrs. Mary
	18	Ladies Aid, handbooks
	19	Lay assistants
	20	Lent
	21	Letters to congregation, (1954-1959)
	22	Lindahl, Petter Pehrson
	23	Loreen, Albert; character sketches, 1971- 1972

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2	24	Loreen Albert; meditations, 1971
	25	Loreen Hall, 1950
	26	Lundvall, Elsie, 1974
	27	Luther Hall; Broadway Chapel Swede School
	28	Luther League, 1914-1961
	29	Luther League; Texas Convention, 1960
	30	Lutheran Church Men, programs
	31	Lutheran Church Women
	32	Lutheran Church Women, programs
	33	Lutheran Church Women; yearbooks, (1959-1974)
	34	Lutheran World Action
	35	Melodian
	36	Membership, ca. 1899
	37	Memorial plan
	38	Microfilm project, 1970
	39	Midsommar Hogmassa, 1970-1972
	40	Missionaries
	41	Missionary Guild
	42	Mr. and Mrs. Club; 1951,1955
	43	Music, (1930-1966)
	44	Newspaper clippings, First Lutheran
	45	Newspaper clippings, Luther Center
	46	Ordinations; 1929, 1970, 1974
	47	Organ
	48	Organ recitals
	49	Organists, 1854-1974
	50	Partners in Prayer
	51	Pastor George P. Bernard, 1957-1959
	52	Pastor Joel Haff, 1895-1896
	53	Pastor L. A. Johnson, 1886-1894
	54	Pastor P. Gerald Leaf, 1970-1976
	55	Pastor Albert Loreen, 1928-1977
	56	Pastor Loreen, weekly devotions, 1973-1974
	57	Pastor Raymond A. Mai , 1974
	58	Pastor Philip Nelson, 1962-1969
	59	Pastor Gustav Peters, 1882-1918
	60	Pastor Arne Peterson, 1977
	61	Pastor Johann F. Seedhoff, 1926-1939
	62	Pastor Melvin H. Sjostrand, 1959-1961
	63	Pastoral acts, 1903-1928
	64	Pastors' calls; 1886, 1927
	65	Peters, Gustaf; Autobiography and Diary, 1859-1867
	66	Peterson, P. A., Home

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2	67	Prayer vigil, 1961
	68	Programs; Augustana Synod, (1879-1943)
3	1	Property committee, (1970-1975)
	2	Property, Pastor Mai
	3	Reception committee, (1919-1930)
	4	Rockford church census, 1959
	5-6	Rockford history
	7	Rockford Lutheran planning study, 1965
	8	Rules of order, services
	9	Safe deposit box
	10	St. Mark's Church, 1961
	11	Salem Church, 1906
	12	Sandberg, Carl; letter, 1954
	13	Savings Bank; 1895, 1900-1902
	14	Scholarships, 1957-1958
	15	Servicemen, 1945, 1954, 1960
	16	Social ministry, 1966-1968
	17	Sound and telephone systems
	18	Sunday School teachers, 1959-1961
	19	Sunshine Committee, 1940, 1955
	20	Survey; Joint Lutheran Community, 1964-1965
	21	Survey; relocation, 1959
	22	Swedish Pioneer Centennial, 1948
	23	Temperance Union, 1906
	24	Treasurer s Relief Fund, 1906-1902
	25	Ushers, (1918-1962)
	26	Weekday Bible School; minutes, (1932-1943)
	27	Women's Missionary Society, 1917-1956
	28	Yearly reports; 1885, 1905, 1917-1918
	29	Youth publication, 1959
	Subseries B. 1853-1899 (Chronological)	
3	30	1853, Sunday School
	31	1867, promissory notes and trust deed
	32	1868, church building and donations
	33	1869; church building, contracts and agreements, Savings Bank
	34	1870; notes and agreements, insurance, Savings Bank, collection book
	35	1871; insurance, notes and agreement
	36	1872; Savings Bank, notes, correspondence
	37	1873; insurance, bills paid

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3	38	1874; insurance, council meetings constitution
	39	1875; insurance, Savings Bank, Sunday School
	40	1876-1877; dues, Sunday School report
	41	1878; Poor Fund, mission school
	42	1881; inventory of church property, list of eligible voters
	43	1882; auction, Relief Fund, Treasurer s report
	44	1885; membership list, subscription insurance
	45	1886; dues, congregational meetings
	46	1889; Savings Bank
	47	1890; membership list, dues
	48	1891, contributions
	49	1893; mortgages, loans, special meetings, Cemetery Association
	50	1894; Savings Bank, Trustees' reports
	51	1895; Treasurer's reports
	52	1896; contributions to special fund Savings Bank
	53	1897; Savings Bank reports and depositors, council report, dues, Treasurer s reports, Finance Committee
	54	1898; legal agreements, correspondence dues, Cemetery Association
	55	1899; dues, special funds, Savings Bank
	56	Fiftieth Anniversary Album; translation, 1904
	57	Fiftieth Anniversary Scrapbook, 1904
	58	Fiftieth Anniversary Album, 1904
	59	Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Album, 1929
	60	Centennial Album, 1954
	61	Anniversary Book, 1964
	62	Anniversary Book, 1969
	4	1-6
7-17		Anniversary books from other congregations
Oversize		1 volume
18		Scrapbook
19		Josephine Noling; Diary, 1886-1904
20		Noling family church activities, 1889-1930
21		Noling Diary, 1916-1930
22		Noling family albums (2), n.d.
23		Josephine Noling memo book, 1873-1877
24		Noling memo book, (1900-1931)
25		Sunday School books (2), 1879
26		Mary Peterson, album, 1883-1892
27		Mrs. E. Johnson; diary, 1880-1890
28	Almanac memo books (3); 1843, 1849-1850	
29	Teacher lists, 1905	

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4	30	Teacher salaries, 1906	
5	1	Noling family, 4 prints, n.d.	
	2	Poetry by Nohlander, 1862-1869	
	3	<u>Wagledning Och Croft</u> by John James	
	4	Noling family letters and poetry, 1871-1906	
	5-12	Newspaper clippings, (1864-1894)	
6	1-50	Newspaper clippings, (1895-1951), n.d.	
	51-98	Approximately 500 black and white prints (most 8x10) from production of 1954 Centennial History; arranged by subject, alphabetically	
		Photographs:	
	99	Church interior, 1906-1954 (10)	
	100	Building construction, 1940's (16)	
	101	Early members, n.d. (8)	
	102	Servicemen, n.d. (10)	
	103	Sunday School, 1954 (10)	
	104	Sunshine Committee, 1954 (4)	
	105	Organ, 1954 (7)	
	106	E.Power Biggs, 1954 (2)	
	107	Reverend Loreen family, 1954 (5)	
	108	Carl Alexis, 1954 (6)	
	109	Brotherhood Circle, 1950's (17)	
	110	Mission Circles, 1950's (7)	
	111-112	Church buildings, 1854-1883 (39)	
	113	Augustana Synod founders, 1860 (1)	
	114	50th Anniversary, 1904 (1)	
	115	110th Anniversary, 1964 (18)	
	116	Rev. Haff, n.d. (1)	
	117	Pastors & families, n.d. (8)	
	118-121	Biographical, undated (30)	
	122	Augustana Synod Pastors, 1887 (1)	
	123-126	identified biographical, undated (37)	
	127-130	identifies biographical ferrotypes, undated (9)	
	131	Sunday School cards	
7	1	Dr. G. Peters and friends, n.d. (1)	
	2	Ladies Society (1885) (1)	
	3	Augustana Synod Pastors, 1869 (1)	
	4	Pastor's family, friends, 1885 (1)	
	5	Confirmation, 1893 (1)	
	6	Confirmation (1879-1964) (15)	

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7	7	Organ, 1901 (1)
	8	Carl Swenson sketches, 1953-1954 (6); Women's Missionary Society, n.d. (1); Choir (1870's) (1); Confirmation, 1954 (1)
8	1 volume	Photo album, Mr. Elmer Latt, n.d.
	1 volume	Photo album, unidentified, n.d.
9	1	Photo album, 1864-1865, unidentified prints
	2	Printing block, n.d.

Series II. Administrative Material

9	3-4	Minutes of annual meetings, 1854-1878 (Swedish)
	5	Minutes of annual meetings, 1854-1878 (English)
	6	Minutes of annual meetings, 1879-1895 (Swedish)
	7	Minutes of annual meetings, 1879-1895 (English)
	8	Minutes of annual meetings, 1896-1906 (Swedish)
	9	Minutes of annual meetings, 1896-1906 (English)
	10	Minutes of annual meetings, 1907-1925 (English)
	11	Minutes of annual meetings, 1926-1933 (Swedish and English)
	12	Minutes of annual meetings, 1926-1933 (English)
	13	Minutes of annual meetings, 1934 (English)
	14-17	Minutes of annual meetings, 1935-1960 (English)
Oversize	1 volume	Minutes of annual meetings, 1907-1925 (Swedish)
10	1	Minutes of annual meetings, 1961-1969 (English)
	2	Deacons and Trustees, minutes, 1864-1872 (Swedish)
	3	Deacons and Trustees, minutes, 1864-1872 (English)
	4	Deacons and Trustees, minutes, 1876-1881 (Swedish)
	5	Deacons and Trustees, minutes, 1876-1881 (English)
	6	Deacons and Trustees, minutes, 1882-1887 (English)
	7	Deacons and Trustees; minutes, 1887-1903 (Swedish)
	8	Deacons and Trustees; minutes, 1903-1924 (Swedish)
	9	Deacons and Trustees; minutes, 1924-1943 (Swedish until July 30, 1928)
	10	Deacons and Trustees; minutes, October 30, 1924-July 15, 1928 (English)
	11	Trustees' meetings; minutes, 1889-1902 (Swedish)
	12	Trustees' meetings; minutes, 1903-1914 (English)
	13-16	Trustees' meetings; minutes, 1915-1947

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	3-8	Trustees' correspondence and agreements; 1918-1929, (1939-1959)	
	9	Trustees' annual reports; 1936-1952, 1955, 1957-1958	
	10	Trustees; valuation reports, (1946-1973)	
	11	Trustees; abstract of title, 1842-1970	
	12-14	Deacons' meetings; minutes, 1944-1966	
	15-17	Church Council; minutes, 1966-1976	
	18-19	Church Council; correspondence, 1966-1968	
12	1-2	Church Council; correspondence, 1969-1977	
	3	Board of Administration; minutes, (1957-1966); resolutions, 1948	
	4	Building Committee; minutes and reports, 1883	
	5	Albert Loreen; correspondence, (1934-1955)	
	6	Albert Loreen; letters to servicemen, 1943, 1954-1956	
	7	Pastor's annual reports. 1943-1952	
	8	Rockford District; minutes 1901-1905	
	9	Rockford District; minutes and correspondence, (1956-1960)	

Series III. Financial Records

12	10	Annual statements, 1854-1868	
	11-12	General ledger; 1883-1895, 1912-1929	
	13-18	Day books, (1868-1925)	
13	1	Day books, 1922-1929	
	2-6	General ledger, 1931-1961	
	7	Dues, (1870-1876)	
	8-10	Dues 1916-1929	
	11	Building Fund, 1855-1865	
	12-14	Dues, 1864-1874, 1898-1906	
	15-17	Subscriptions, (1867-1895)	
14	1	Subscriptions, 1883-1888	
	2	Subscriptions ; Augustana Seminary, 1886-1891	
	3-6	Relief Fund, (1869-1967)	
	7-16	Treasurer's reports, (1897-1960)	
	17-20	Grant Legacy account and Treasurer reports, 1919-1929	
15	1	Contributions, 1885	
	7 volumes	Contributions, (1870-1898)	

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16	1-4	Grant Legacy account and Treasurer reports, 1927-1937
17	1 1 volume	Grant Legacy Account, 1939-1942 Receipts and Disbursements, 1937-1949
18	1 volume	Receipts and Disbursements, (1949-1961)
19	1-2 3-5 6-8	Disbursements, 1963-1978 Collections, 1962-1971 Budgets and cash balances, 1963-1976
20	1 volume	Pledges, 1929-1933
21	1-9 10	Pledges, 1934-1938 Pledges, 1939-1940, 1942
21	1 volume	Pledges, 1949-1950, no date
22	2 volumes	Pledges, 1953-1957
23	2 volumes	Pledges, 1954-1957
24	2 volumes	Pledges, 1958
25	1-11 12 13 14-17 18-19	Pledges; 1959-1961, 1964-1965 Stewardship pledges, 1963-1968 Savings Bank records, (1876-1901) Bank ledgers, 1883-1902 Bank cash books, 1883-1900
26	1 box	Bank cash books, 1898-1902 Bank books, (1870-1901)

Series IV. Church Organizations

26	2-6 7 8-9 10 11-12	Brotherhood; minutes and reports, 1926-1953 Jubilee Chorus; minutes, 1904-1929 Jubilee Chorus; membership, 1904-1911 Jubilee Chorus; programs, 1904-1917; reports, 1907, 1909, 1913 Jubilee Chorus; music, 1904-1954
27	1-3 4 5 6 7 8-9	Jubilee Chorus; music, 1904-1954 Swedish Temperance Union; minutes, 1864-1877 Historical Society; minutes, 1942-1944 Ladies Aid Society, minutes, (1890-1905), 1953-1958 Ladies Aid Society, treasurer's reports, 1883-1894, 1908-1944, 1954 Ladies Aid Society, minutes, 1941-1952

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	15	Luther League; history; constitutions, 1938, 1940; reports, 1928-1929	
28	1	Luther League; minutes, 1940-1949	
	2	Luther League; treasurer s reports, 1905, 1910-1921, 1928	
	3	Luther League; membership lists, 1928, 1940-1941	
	4	Luther League; correspondence, 1911, 1914, 1929; publication, (1940-1941)	
	5	Luther League; Council of Rockford; minutes, 1929-1936, 1958-1959	
	6	Luther League; Rockford District, programs, convention reports, 1910, 1941, 1946	
	7	Luther League; of Illinois; minutes, 1900, 1905; publications, 1932	
	8-14	Luther League; minutes, (1877-1929)	
	15-17	Luther League; special committees, minutes, (1901-1927)	
	18	Luther League; accounts, 1951	
28	19	Luther League; treasurer s reports, 1931-1965	
	20	Sunday School; minutes, 1951-1966	
	21	Sunday School; treasurer's reports, 1886, 1903	
	22	Sunday School; class records, 1870-1872	
29	1-2	Sunday School; class records, (1893-1953)	
	3	Sunday School; Bible class, 1942-1958	
	4	Women's Missionary Society; history, 1954; members, 1953-1954; treasurer's report, 1953-1958; conference reports, 1950-1954	
	5-6	Women's Missionary Society minutes, 1937-1949	
	7	Women's Missionary Society; minutes, 1927-1937	
	8-10	Women's Missionary Society; dues, 1915-1929, 1940-1949; treasurer's reports, 1921-1923	
	11	Women's Missionary Society; treasurers reports, 1926-1930; dues, 1930-1939; Beacon Light Society, 1930-1933; Junior Mission Society, 1920-1933	
	12-14	Women's Missionary Society; treasurers reports, 1931-1951	
	15-16	Women's Missionary Society; Louise Circle, minutes , 1942-1957	
	17	Women's Missionary Society; Esther Circle, minutes, 1952-1959 (3 volumes)	
18	Home and Foreign Missions; account book, 1870-1881		
30	1	Utah Missionary Society; minutes, 1891-1895	
	2	Junior Mission Band; 1943-1946	
	3	Beacon Light Society; scrapbook, 1930	
	4-5	Young Women's Missionary Society; minutes, 1890-1898, 1931-1938	
	6-7	Missionary Guild; minutes, 1938-1958	

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30	8	Missionary Guild; treasurer's reports, 1935-1948, 1950-1958; accounts, 1940-1958	
	9	Missionary Guild and Young Women's Missionary Society; roll books, 1936-1958	
	10	Young People's Society; minutes, 1911-1927	
Series V. First Lutheran			
30	11-21	Monthly reports; (1909-1917), 1918-1931, 1935, 1936-1949	
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