

Gethsemane and Swan Lake Lutheran Churches

Dassel, Minnesota

We Love to Tell the Story

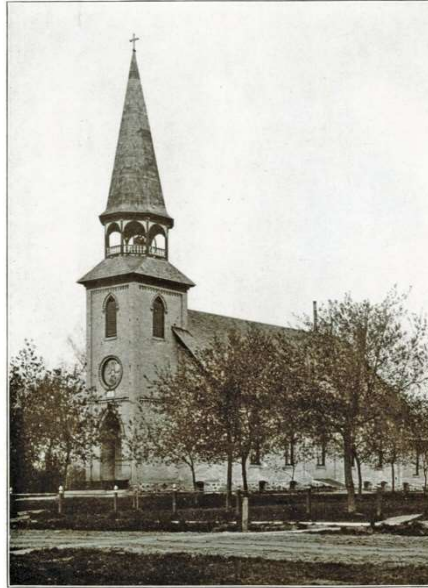


**All are welcome to celebrate 150 years of telling the
story of Jesus and his love.**

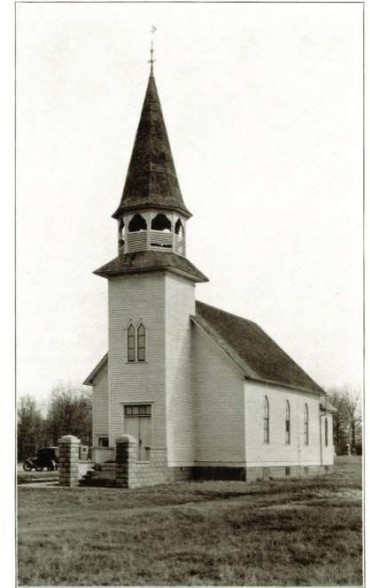
September 22-24, 2023.

The 150th anniversary committee, Pastor Janine Olson and people of Gethsemane invite all present members, past members and all friends of Gethsemane and Swan Lake Lutheran Churches to join in praise and thanksgiving during special events and services.

Sharing the Story



GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH, DASSEL, MINN.



SWAN LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

150th Commemorative Edition history book

This hard cover book looks back at the first 150 years, including new color pictures and updated Gethsemane and Swan Lake information. What were the membership dues? Who was the first pastor not born in Sweden? Who were the Willing Workers? What happened to the Swan Lake bell? Where is an unmarked cemetery with unmarked graves? You'll discover that and more in this legacy book available Sept. 24 for a \$10 suggested donation.

"Gethsemane Cooks!" cookbook

What's a Gethsemane story without food? This book is packed with mouth-watering recipes from the past through today, complete with pictures and stories of Gethsemane's food and fellowship throughout the years. Try eating like a Lutheran with this new book available for a \$10 suggested donation by ordering at the church office or on Sept. 24.

Commemorative Ornament

A limited number of original ornaments commemorating Gethsemane's 150 years will be available in time for your Christmas decorating and gift giving. A special ornament has also been made available for previous Swan Lake members. The ornaments will be available in time for your holiday decorating and gift giving. Be sure to order yours as soon as possible for a \$10 suggested donation.

Picture This! The new church directory with photos, contact information and more will be available September 24 at no cost for everyone who had their picture taken for the book. Copies may be available for a \$15 suggested donation.

150th anniversary order form Return this form and a \$10 suggested donation for each item, and \$30 or \$15 per person for one of the two dinner theater options (see below) in person at the church office or mail with a check to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, PO Box C, 221 Atlantic Ave E, Dassel, MN 55325. Make checks payable to Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Ornaments, cookbooks, and history books will be available September 24, 2023. Please contact the office for financial assistance to purchase an ornament or books.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of dinner, performance, dessert, and discussion theater tickets _____ at \$30 each

Number of performance, dessert, and discussion theater tickets only _____ at \$15 each

Number of ornaments _____ at \$10 each Number of cookbooks _____ at \$10 each

Number of history books _____ at \$10 each GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Telling the Story

All are welcome at these special services and events.

6-9 pm
Friday, Sept. 22
Dinner Theater
Gethsemane
Lutheran Church

"Witnesses" Dinner Theater, Gethsemane Lutheran Church

6 pm – Catered Swedish meatball dinner in the basement.

7 pm – "Witnesses" performed in the sanctuary. This one-man play features professional actor and ordained minister Jonathan Swenson, who portrays eight different characters as each respond to Jesus. Through the eyes of these characters, the audience is challenged to see Jesus as one who is intimately involved in the "nitty-gritty" of life.

8pm – Discussion and dessert in basement.

1:30-3 pm
Saturday, Sept. 23
Swan Lake Lutheran
Church cemetery
chapel and grounds

Bell dedication and ice cream social, Swan Lake Cemetery, 70647 280th St., Dassel

The bell tolled for so many years at Swan Lake services and funerals but was stolen in October 2022 and never returned. A 144-year-old bell, purchased and installed in June 2023, will be dedicated during a service at 1:30 pm, followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social. A limited number of special Swan Lake ornaments will be available.

4-4:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 23
Steelesville Cemetery

Honor and remembrance, Steelesville Cemetery, 21112 728th Ave, Dassel

Service of remembrance and honor of the church's early members and historical roots on the grounds of a forerunner of today's Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

6 pm
Saturday, Sept. 23
Carla/Allen Johnson's

Food, fellowship and fun at Carla and Allen Johnson's, 68644 205th St, Darwin

Relax and enjoy with a potluck, bonfire, music and lawn games graciously hosted by Carla and Allen Johnson. Bring "a dish to pass" and chairs if you are able as we socialize, reflect on the day, and prepare for the morrow.

9 am-2 pm
Sunday, Sept. 24
Gethsemane Lutheran
Church
Worship service,
all-congregation
picture, catered meal

150th Special Worship Service

9-10:30 am – Welcome by Pastor Janine Olson, video of Feb. 12 kick-off service in sanctuary, coffee, and muffins in basement.

10:30 pm – Commemorative service including a pop-up choir singing a favorite Gethsemane selection, "The First Song of Isaiah," directed by long-time Senior Choir Director Carolyn Holje, New Day music performance, special message, and communion. All descendants of the founders will be recognized by standing if willing and able. The service will be available on Facebook and YouTube.

Noon – All congregation photo in sanctuary.

12:30-2 pm – Catered old-time meal of hotdish, Jell-O, bread, dessert, and beverages served with fellowship and remembrances.

Gather in God's
name.

Grow in Christ's love.

Go in Spirit-filled
service.





THE FIRST CHURCH, IN "DAHLMANS SKOG".

In 1873, the immigrants and pioneers who settled in this area started building congregations and erecting churches to meet their spiritual needs. While many changes have taken place to Gethsemane and Swan Lake Lutheran Churches during the last 150 years, a constant has always been telling the story of Jesus and his love.

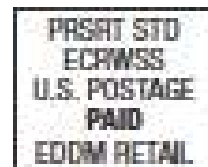
All are invited to celebrate and participate in the 150th anniversary commemoration events and services September 22-24, 2023, highlighted within these pages.

Please contact the Gethsemane Lutheran Church office, 320-275-3852, or email office@glcdassel.com for more information.

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of Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Sept. 22-24, 2023**