

Former Pastors:

1958-1959	Pastor Rusley
Interim	Pastor O.C. Rolfsen
1960-1966	Pastor H.O. Vold
1966-1974	Pastor Roger Schlaefer
Interim	Pastor Emil Lang
1975-1976	Pastor Herman Buenting
1976-1983	Pastor Wayne Eitland
1984-1990	Pastor Roy Ott
1990-1994	Pastor Jo Anne Moeller
Interim	Pastor Darrell Schultz
1995-2001	Pastor Ellen Arther
2001-2006	Retired Pastor Nels Lillejord
2007-2010	Pastor Carl Glamm

In 2011, Pastor Jordan Gackle was requested to provide ministry for Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, and joined us on February 6. Pastor Jordan brings vibrant and thoughtful worship, and his wife leads Sunday School music.

65
YEARS ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating God's work in & through Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Edgeley, North Dakota

July 21st 7 p.m.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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A Select History of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

A small group of worshipers who were to become Our Redeemer's congregation gathered for their first worship service on November 6, 1955 in the Dakotah Theater in Edgeley, North Dakota. They continued to meet here until the completion of the new church building in 1958.

The Rev. Ralph S. Rusley was the first pastor of the parish which consisted of Christ the King Congregation in Ellendale and Our Redeemer's Congregation in Edgeley.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church was formally organized on Wednesday evening May 2, 1956 at the Dakotah Theater. Dr. L.E. Tallakson, president of the North Dakota District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was present and presided at the meeting. Twenty-four members were present. The articles of Incorporation were signed on May 17, 1956 by William Gentz, Oscar Leppert and O.W. Kipp. The constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers were elected at this meeting as follows:

- President, William Nordley
- Vice President, Hans Jensen
- Secretary, Doris Mathson
- Treasurer, R.G. Burges
- Financial Sec., Charles Jennings
- Deacons, Wm. Anderson, Gilbert Leppert, Miles White
- Trustees, O.W. Kipp, Wm. Gentz, Oscar Leppert
- Sunday School Superintendent, Mae Wold
- Board of Education, Laura Burges, Hilda Nordley, and Alma White.

Miss Inez Leppert, a registered nurse and a member of the congregation, was commissioned as a missionary to Madagascar at a special service held in the Community Hall on July 29, 1956.

On July 17, 1956 the lot of the present church site was purchased. Work began on the building of the church on November 7, 1957 with Lynn Hazelton Construction and with the help of volunteer members. The plumbing and electrical work was done entirely by capable members of the congregation. During this busy, exciting period several ladies of the congregation did their part by providing meals for the workers, and were on hand with the coffee pot for those welcome coffee breaks.

Then came the happy day when the church building was completed and the first worship service was held there on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1958.

The dedication of Our Redeemer's Church took place November 9, 1958. Dr. L.E. Tallakson, District President preached the sermon and performed the service of dedication.

At the annual meeting in January 1959, the congregation approved a project to excavate the church basement sufficiently for a Sunday School class room.

Pews were purchased in 1965 and later additional pews as well as another chancel chair were added. The tenth anniversary of Our Redeemer's Church was celebrated on May 1, 1966.

In 1973 the basement was excavated under the entire church building providing space for a kitchen, fellowship hall, two Sunday School rooms, rest rooms, and a storage room. The pastor's study was completed in 1974.

In 1974 the Edgeley Our Redeemer's and the Ellendale Christ the King parish was dissolved. Our Redeemer's Congregation was then included in the Kulm Zion Lutheran and Jud St. Paul's Lutheran Parish with Pastor Herman Buenting in charge of the 3-point parish until his retirement on September 1, 1976.

Notes were sold in 1957 for the amount of \$20,000 to members and others in the community as temporary financing for the down payment for a new church building. The loan was refinanced in 1962 with Lutheran Brotherhood and the local notes were paid. ORLC was able to pre-pay the loan, thus saving \$6,203.87 in interest.

In 1975 the kitchen was moved to the new kitchen area in the basement where a complete set of cabinets and counters had been constructed.

In 1977 our membership reached a total of 201 baptized members. This was the first time in our existence that we had surpassed the 200 mark.

The congregation purchased a new organ for our worship in 1977. A piano had previously been anonymously donated. In 1979, the church was insulated and resided. Carpet in the sanctuary and a central vacuum system were installed in 1981.

The 25th Anniversary of the church was celebrated May 24, 1981. Pastor Eitland and former pastors Rusley, Vold, Schlaefer, and Buenting took part in the service. The Reverend Nelson Preus, Eastern North Dakota Bishop also attended.

In 1984, the church bell from the Rogate Lutheran Church, Berlin, ND, was given to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. A Bell Tower was constructed to house the bell and the sign that was erected out front of the church. A dedication service was held in 1985.

Work began in the fall of 1987 on the entrance addition to the church proper. With its completion in 1988, carpet was installed in the remaining rooms and the main floor. A dedication service was held in February 1989.

In the spring of 2014, a Prayer Garden was added to the church grounds. The Paving Stones were created by Sunday School Youth, while the Garden layout was designed and planted by Kathy DeBolt. Bushes next to the church were planted by Mary Steele and Cheryl Ness.