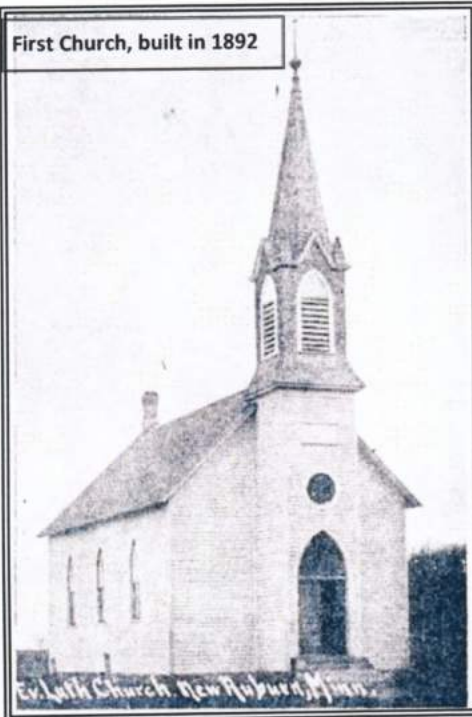




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Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church New Auburn, MN

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Museum open Sundays
2 to 5 p m

The Museum is also open the first Tuesday of each month from 3-5 p m during Henderson Car Cruise activities. More dates may be added.

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www.sibleycountyhistoricalsociety.com

History of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Auburn

(from history books of Immanuel Church and with the generous help of Sharon Doering)

When the village of New Auburn was founded in 1854 there were few German Lutherans in the town. Most of the people were known as "Yankees", American born people who moved here from the eastern states.

It was in the year 1890 when a part-time pastor from Penn Township, Rev Gebbard came to New Auburn to conduct services for a few German Lutherans living in this neighborhood. However, when a pastor serving a congregation east of the lake protested that it would hinder the growth of his congregation, the services were discontinued.



1892-1919

In June 1891, a pastor of the Lutheran Church in Penn Township, Rev Herman Diemer, was approached and asked to conduct services in New Auburn. It was agreed that if the group would organize a congregation and issue him a call, at a salary of \$100 per year, he would come. On July 19, 1892 this congregation was organized and the call to Pastor Diemer was issued. A student of the Lutheran Seminary of St. Paul was engaged to teach the church school, while Pastor Diemer taught confirmation.

During the first year, the services were held in an empty building, but in 1892 the congregation, consisting of 11 charter members, decided to build a church.

Charter members were: Andrew Alsleben Sr. & Jr., Henry Alsleben, Charles Bielke, Wilhelm Bielke, Wilhelm Ebert, John Schultz, Joseph Plieseis, Fred Bielke, Gustav Alsleben and Wilhelmina Helle, the only woman. The church was dedicated in November. Work was begun immediately with a dedication service held in November 1892.

Although few changes were made in the next 25 years, membership increased quickly. In those first 25 years, 102 children were baptized, 78 were confirmed. Twenty one marriages were celebrated and 25 persons were buried from the church. The congregation observed its' 25th Anniversary on July 23, 1916.

A 16 x 32 frame schoolhouse was built in 1917, which was used for the classes taught by students from the St. Paul Seminary.



Because of the growth of the congregation, it was too much of a work load for a part-time pastor. In 1918, Rev Harold Diemer, son of Rev George Diemer, was called to be the first full-time pastor. He was to receive a \$700 per year salary. His duties included teaching the school and confirmation classes in addition to preparing sermons. A parsonage three blocks north of the church was purchased.



1918-1927

Now services were held in the mornings instead of 2 p m. His salary increased to \$1000 per year in 1921, and he was given permission to hold English services, but not to "throw out the German".

By 1920 the old church was too small and the congregation decided to build a larger church.

A vote of 32-19 favored a new church. Members came with their teams of horses and their



Second Church built in 1923

own manpower to haul sand from the lake and dig the basement. A fee of \$2.50 per man and \$5 for team and man was to be accessed if payment was not made, but everyone came when assigned and everyone made their payment.

The total cost of the church was \$19,000. To signify Christ's royalty, a cross in gold leaf was at the "spitz" (top) of

the steeple, but was later replaced with less expensive materials. The original bell is still in use. It was purchased from Fred Schwarzrock for \$75.00. An organ with an electric blower was purchased for \$397.

On October 28, the church was dedicated to the Glory of the Lord. At the dedication service, Pastor George Diemer, delivered the morning service and Pastor W H Striepe and Professor Steuer preached in the afternoon and evening.

In 1927, when Pastor Herman Diemer resigned to accept another call, the congregation called Pastor H Werner, who was installed June 19th.



1927-1941

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It was decided to sell the old parsonage and build a new dwelling for the pastor. Work was begun immediately, with the dedication being held in early 1928. Cost of the new parsonage was \$6,700.

Immanuel received its' pastors from the Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church which merged with other churches in 1930 to form the "American Lutheran Church".



Parsonage built in 1927

Under the leadership of Rev Werner the congregation grew, but a problem of another nature was troubling. Many of the members were using some English in their daily lives. The English and German were becoming more mixed. Some of the members wanted "German only" and decided that no English services should be held. Sunday School and confirmation were to be held in German only. Eventually they compromised that German confirmation instruction would be held 4 days and English on the fifth day, "if there were any who desired it."

Many changes were made in the church property in the next ten years: including replacing the stucco on the church with wooden siding, painting and redecorating the inside of the church, digging a deep well, installing a loud-speaking system, laying a sidewalk from the church to the parsonage, installing a phone in the parsonage and replacing the parsonage and church's coal furnaces with oil furnaces.

Pastor Werner served the congregation for 14 years until poor health forced him to resign.

Pastor William Mueller of Thornton, Iowa was selected as the next pastor and was installed by Pastor Werner in July of 1941.



1941-1958

In August of 1941, English Services were begun on the second Sunday of each month and both English and German were held on the fourth Sunday.

On October 15, 1941 the congregation celebrated its' 50th Anniversary. A free will dinner was served to over 1,000 people.

In 1948 a new Wurlitzer electronic organ replaced the pipe organ. It was also the last year of German Confirmation classes.

In 1949 it was voted against having English sermons every Sunday. However, by 1956 the English was starting to win out. The congregation was being split; the Germans didn't want to give in, even when attendance at the English service was double that of the German services. Many of the young worshippers could not understand the "high German" anymore, and came only for the English services.

In 1956 Immanuel joined the Minnesota District of the American Lutheran Church and adopted a new constitution in English. They also shared their pastor with a small congregation east of the Lake, Zion Lutheran.

At the 1956 Annual Meeting a vote was proposed to have one German service a month and English the other Sundays. This vote ended in a tie and was instrumental in the decision of Pastor William Mueller's resignation.

Pastor William Tinge of Henderson became the pastor in 1958 and served Immanuel with energy and forcefulness for four years. He gave his farewell sermon on June 24, 1962.



1958-1962

In June of 1962, Vacation Church School began. It also was a time of repairs for the church and parsonage. The church was re-wired, with new fixtures installed. The interior of the church was re-decorated and a new garage was built south of the parsonage. The old barns were removed making the grounds look neater.

Immanuel's first ever ordination service was held for Rudolph Inselmann of Avoca, Minnesota. He was installed as pastor of Immanuel on August 19, 1962. He continued to preach in German twice a month and English every Sunday. He served the congregation until 1966.



1962-1966

October 23, 1966 brought a big change to Immanuel. Pastor Paul Hesterberg of Gillespie, Ill was called to be the new pastor. Immanuel was accustomed to having older pastors who were able to preach in German, but since Pastor Hesterberg was only out of seminary a few years, there would now be no German services. Most of the older people continued to worship regularly, but a few joined

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1966-1971

another congregation where they could still worship in German.

In 1966, changes were made at the parsonage in the form of a remodeled kitchen and bathroom.

Some of the other changes during this time were: Introduction of a new Service Book and Hymnal; a part-time secretary; new office machines in the church office. Monthly and weekly envelopes for contributors was initiated as well as monthly mailings to all members.

For Immanuel's 75th Anniversary, June 18, 1967, two identical services were conducted by Rev Gerald Augustine, the only "son" of the congregation to go into the ministry. Several former pastors also were present. An anniversary dinner was held in the church basement and at the New Auburn Village Hall.

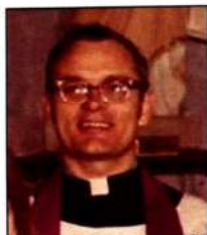
The purchase of four and one-half acres of land was made in 1970 with the intention of adding an Education Wing, Pastor's office and new entryway. The new Education Wing was completed in 1973, at a cost of \$90,000, and was dedicated July 1, with Ruth Youngdahl Nelson as guest speaker for the dedication service.



Rev Gerald Augustine



The Education Building was dedicated on July 1, 1973



1971-1974

Rev Marvin Rothfuz was installed as pastor in 1971 and was followed in 1975 by Rev Robert Krueger, who served Immanuel



1975-1978

until 1978.

During Pastor Krueger's tenure the parsonage was insulated and new siding added.

The Church Constitution was ratified giving all members over 19 years the right to vote.

The 85th Anniversary of Immanuel was celebrated in 1976 with former Pastors' Hesterberg and Rothfuz as guest speakers. A lamb and cross were added to the front of the Education Building, matching the lettering on the name of the church.

In 1977 a "cook book", a first for the women of the church, was sold for \$3.50.



1978-1981

Upon Pastor Kruegers' retirement from the ministry Pastor Axel Kordahl was the spiritual leader, until 1981. During his tenure many church decorating changes took place, in the form of carpet, paint and new shingles.

January of 1982, brought Pastor Robert Maland to New Auburn from Odin, Minnesota where he served until 1990. The winter months were spent working to update the basement with paneling, paint and carpet.



1982-1990

On July 10, 1983 the mortgage for the education building was burned.

In 1988 a new Allen organ was purchased and installed in the church at a cost of \$15,000.

The name of the Women's group of the church was changed from ALCW to WELCA (Women of the Lutheran Church of America). The women of the church have made good use of the basement for quilting, meetings, clothing drives and many other uses. They also go to area nursing homes and host birthday parties.

In 1990, following Pastor Maland's retirement, Pastor Thomas Boe was called to be the Pastor and served until 2001.



1990-2001

On July 21, 1991, Immanuel celebrated its' 100th Anniversary with Pastor Axel Kordahl of Mora preaching at the 8 a m service and Pastor Hesterberg, of St Paul, preaching at the 10 a m service. A confirmation reunion was held with guest speakers being Pastor Maland of St Peter and Pastor Rothfuz of Glencoe. Greetings were also given by Pastor Augustine, Richland Center, WI.

On April 18, 1993 - a vote was taken concerning putting in an elevator. The vote was 67 for an elevator and 14 for a chair lift. However, in 1995, due to the increased cost of putting in an elevator, the April 1993 vote was rescinded and it was decided to put in a chair lift, which was installed in 1995.

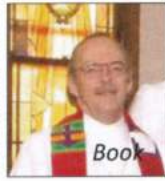
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Most Recent Interims and Pastors



Pastor Lance Holthusen became Interim pastor and served Immanuel from 2001-2003.



Pastor Peter Harrington was called to serve as pastor in August of 2003. This also became a time for a change in hymnals, from *Service & Hymnal* to *Lutheran Book of Worship*. He served until 2006.



In 2006 — Pastor Bill Nelson became interim pastor, and served until 2007, when Pastor Craig Nehring was called.

Pastor Nehring served Immanuel from 2007-2010.



Pastor Dan Buendorf served as interim Pastor in 2010 and 2011.



Pastor Brad Danielson answered the call to serve Immanuel beginning in 2011. During his time at Immanuel, the old education building was demolished; Construction of the new Fellowship Hall began in 2014 and was dedicated in 2015. Pastor Danielson retired in 2017.

Presently serving Immanuel is Interim Pastor Keith Ainsley



Volunteer Spotlight

A TRIBUTE TO RAY MEYER

December 5, 1932 - June 24, 2018

By Rommie Petersen

Ray passed away in June. He had been our treasurer for many years, watching our spending closely.

Ray had many talents. His son delivered a wonderful eulogy at his funeral and told of his Dad's many projects; gardening, building, farming, electronics, landscaping, sawing lumber, TV repair - which he worked on through the years, with Gisela, his wife of 63 years. He taught his kids to "make things, fix things, grow things. He taught them to have fun as well; swim, shoot, hunt, catch and throw."

He was an expert on the computer and helped solve problems for me often. He made the newsletter mailing labels from the member database and helped put the newsletter together for stamping and mailing.



Rommie & Ray, running our newsletters through an old wringer washer to flatten them before mailing.

He noted when the heating bill was unusually high compared to the year before. If the sheet of mailing labels was not full, he used the balance next newsletter. Frugal!

Ray and Gisela planted a variety of hostas and flowers in the area disturbed when the new addition was built. We had estimates as high as \$7,000 to landscape that area and do plantings.

Ray gave me a detailed printout of the monthly financial statement. He was a meticulous bookkeeper.

The sheet metal, heating/cooling ducts in the attic were not made to step on.



Al Rostberg, Rommie Petersen, Chuck Lundgren, and Ray, working in attic.

Ray engineered plywood coverings so they didn't get damaged as we moved stuff around in the attic.

Some years ago we purchased Microsoft software for a new computer. It was in a plastic case. Ray and I passed it back and forth; neither of us could get the dang thing open. We took a screwdriver and pried it open. Two geniuses! Opening a foldout case with a screw driver. Then Sharon Shimota comes along and opens it easily. Don't you just hate when that happens?

Ray was fun to work with through the years. He did a lot for SCHS. And we miss him.

Gisela Meyer

We also want to say thanks for the many wonderful things that Gisela has done for SCHS. Over the years she has put on programs, dinners, and fair exhibits. A very talented gal and always so willing.

We could always look for some special food items when Ray & Gisela came to our Porch Parties. Thanks for the memories!



Rommie & Gisela preparing food for a Porch Party!

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

We had good attendance at our first "genealogy research" meeting, Sunday, August 19th at the museum. If you missed it, be sure to let us know if you are interested so we can send you details of any events we have in the future.

SCHS member from St. Peter, Joyce Rohloff Gardner was our guest speaker and she is a very knowledgeable *volunteer at the:*

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No charge or fee is involved when using familysearch.org, but you must first register for a **free** account with a sign-in name and password to view any records on the website whether you use it at home or at a FHC (Family History Center). This is to protect the site from hackers, etc. If you have used familysearch.org at home and want to do more research at the History Center in North Mankato, (or any other LDS History Center nationwide) be sure to bring along your user name and password. You will not be able to use familysearch.org at any Family History Center unless you have the password. You can, however, set up a new one if you don't already have one. They will help you to do that at the Center.

Microfilms are no longer available to order at FHC. Records are now being digitized and are being added online and indexed on *familysearch.org* as fast as possible. You will still be able to access the microfilms SCHS has; they can be copied to a flash drive like other records.

Here are the headings that you can search online, worldwide:

- ◆Records
- ◆Family Tree
- ◆Genealogies
- ◆Catalog
- ◆Books
- ◆Research Wiki

The only charge at the FHC is if you want to make copies, so bringing a flash drive and downloading your information directly to it will save you money.

We have more of the information Joyce shared with us at the museum so if you are interested we would be happy to share with you.

There are a variety of ways you can learn to do your own family history. You might try and take one of over 150 free lessons at familysearch.org. And even more on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FamilySearch/>

Another source of information is WEBINARS. A webinar is a class taken over the internet. Anyone interested in the topic can attend right from home. Here is one website you can check out:

Website: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars.

Our newly remodeled research room at the museum in Henderson also offers many resources: We have microfilms of Gibbon and Henderson newspapers, immigration, census and naturalization records, surname files of past and present Sibley County residents, and more.

We also have two collections of pictures that might be of help to you.

- * Ostrom Studio Photos, Winthrop
- * Williams Studio Photos, Gaylord

The Ostrom studio pictures are not all identified yet, but Becky Briggs continues to work on that project. They have been offered as Mystery Photos in some of the county newspapers. We much appreciate the help of the Winthrop News, Fairfax/Gibbon Standard Gazette and Lafayette Ledger newspapers in helping bring the pictures to those who are willing and anxious to identify them.

The Williams Studio pictures are a collection of Gaylord area photos from the early 1950's to about 1995. We hope to have these pictures available to offer in the near future.

We invite you to come in and check out these resources, but **PLEASE** call first, 507 248 3434. We want to make sure someone is there to meet with you. Research helpers are available most Thursdays from 9-3 or by appointment, but don't forget to call to be sure.

2018 Sibley County Fair in review



Once again the County Fair is history with lots to report about.

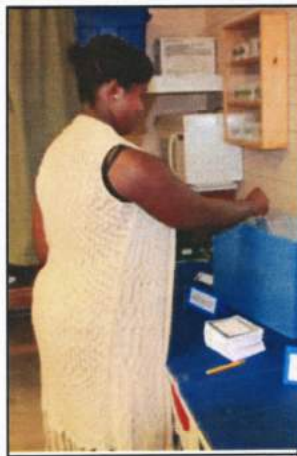
A very well done display on Food Preservation was prepared by Eldrene Ebert. Assisting her with added items for the display were Arlene Busse, Ruth Ann Buck, Fred Lobitz, Judy Loe-we, with Joy Cohrs adding several items, including the colorful 2 quart jar of peaches.

We gave the exhibit a "blue" ribbon.

Special thanks to Liliann Nakijoba, one of two Community Development interns who have been helping at the museum this summer.

Liliann prepared the ballots for our voting booth at the fair and was helpful in many of our other projects this summer, including helping make centerpieces and doing marketing for the Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Liliann is a student at Minnesota State University at Mankato, in her first year in the field of Urban and Regional Studies. She is originally from Uganda and arrived in the US in August of 2017. She will resume classes on August 27th. We wish you well in your studies.



The voting booths, which were a gift to the museum from New Auburn Township, were the inspiration for the idea of voting for the "favorite City" of Sibley County. Visitors had to sign a Voter's Registration Book and then were allowed to vote for their favorite Sibley County town. Even kids were allowed to vote if they wished. The genuine blue ballot box was on loan from Washington Lake Township. Results of the voting were:

Arlington	99	Green Isle	31
Henderson	66	New Auburn	29
Gaylord	54	Winthrop	28
Gibbon	39		

Write in votes: Rush River 1-New Rome 1=337 voters

We had over 600 visitors register in our SCHS guest book. Thank you to all who stopped and visited us. There were guests from all over the USA and even from Canada.

Mystery Items are always a big draw.

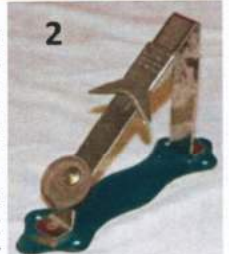
Mystery item #1 was a probe for soil testing and there were several people who had it correct. **Mystery item 2** was a jar opener with a larger number guessing it correctly. (winners next page)



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A drawing from those with the correct answers has been made to determine the winners. They will be notified by mail and will receive a 1-year membership to the Sibley County Historical Society that entitles the individuals to free attendance at the museum, 4 newsletters per year and discounts on books published by SCHS.

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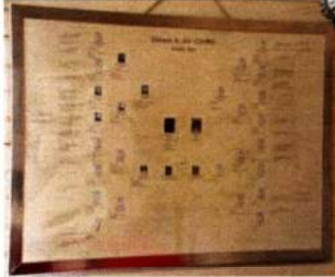
Mystery items were provided by Joy Cohrs & family.

A pickle canning demonstration was given on Saturday by Julianne Shaw. Unfortunately the rain spoiled the first session.
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More Sibley County Fair 2018

Part of our genealogy section at the fair was this well done, large, framed Family Tree shared by SCHS Board Member Joy Cohrs including thumbnail pictures of many family members.



We have many visitors who enjoy reading about various communities of Sibley County from our

collection of area town history books.



SCHS Board member Dale Ericson and his wife Patricia are handling visitor registration duties. Meanwhile, Board Vice-President, Vicki Stock visits with fair visitors (below).



Thanks to the many volunteers who spent time at the County Fair greeting visitors. We welcomed over 600 visitors this year.

Mystery Price Winners

The following winners were drawn from the correct guesses of mystery items by fair visitors and will receive a one-year subscription to the Sibley County Historical Museum.

Mystery item 1: Glenn Johnson, Annandale
Mark Strobel, Arlington

Mystery Item 2: Bonnie Hartman, Gibbon

Fair Feedback!

(Comments from our members)

I read in the (Henderson) Independent that you had a successful event. I liked the idea of voting for your "favorite town in the county" and then that town being featured at next years fair. How clever!

L.R New Ulm

I just wanted to compliment you on the wonderful job you all did on displays at the fair. The Food Preservation exhibit was especially well done.

M K, Glencoe

World War I Annual Meeting Program

The videotape we made of the Annual Meeting held in April, was not viewable in its original format but has now been made into a very nice PowerPoint program. It includes the pictures and explanation of them by Mr Doug Bekke, our speaker, sharing his personal slides with the story of his uncle and great uncle who fought in France in World War I. Also included are pictures of items he has collected while making two trips to France researching World War I. Anyone wanting to see the program can call the museum for details.

This PowerPoint program was prepared as a 4-H Citizenship project in Anoka County. It received a grand champion ribbon and a trip to the state fair. Well done, Ella! The judge was pleased that she chose to use this SCHS program connecting her citizenship with that of SCHS members.

Following the annual meeting in Winthrop in April, we found a car key tucked into our video camera bag. If anyone is missing a key for a Ford car with a Mankato car dealer tag on it, please call the museum 507 248 3434. with your phone number and/or address.

That Was Us

A little house with three bedrooms,
One bathroom and a car on the street
A mower that you had to push
To make the grass look neat.



In the kitchen on the wall
We only had one phone,
And no need for recording things,
Someone was always home.

We only had one TV set
And channels maybe two
But always there was one of them
With something worth the view.



For snacks, we had potato chips
That tasted like a chip.
And if you wanted flavor
There was Lipton's onion dip.



Store-bought snacks were rare
Because my mother liked to cook
And nothing can compare to snacks
In Betty Crocker's book

Weekends were for family trips
Or staying home to play
We all did things together
Even go to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips
Depending on the weather,
No one stayed at home because
We liked to be together
Sometimes we would separate
To do things on our own,
But we knew where the others were
Without our own cell phone.

And then there were the picnics
at the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees
And never need a reason.



Get a baseball game together
With all the friends, you know,
Have real action playing ball –
And no game video.



Remember when the doctor
Used to be the family friend,
You didn't need insurance
Or a lawyer to defend
The way that he took care of you
Or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and strived
To do the best for you.



Remember going to the store
And shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it
You used your own money?
Nothing that you had to swipe
Or punch in some amount,
And remember when the cashier person
Had to really count?

There was a time when mailed letters
Came right to your door,
Without a lot of junk mail ads
Sent out by every store.
The mailman knew each house by name
And knew where it was sent;
There were not loads of mail addressed
To "present occupant"

There was a time when just one glance
Was all that it would take,
And you would know the kind of car,
The model and the make
They didn't look like turtles
Trying to squeeze out every mile;
They were streamlined, white walls, fins
And really had some style



The music that you played
Whenever you would jive,
Was from a vinyl, big-holed record
Called a forty-five
The record player had a post
To keep them all in line
And then the records would drop down
And play one at a time.



Oh sure, we had our problems then,
Just like we do today
And always we were striving,
Trying for a better way.
A simple life we lived
Still seems like so much fun,
How can you explain a game,
Just kick the can and run?



This life seemed so much easier
Slower in some ways
I love the new technology
But I sure do miss those days.

With all today's technology
We grant that it's a plus!
But it's fun to look way back and say,
Hey look, guys, that was us!

—Shared by Ruth Ann Buck—

NEW* AND RENEWED MEMBERS

- *Glenn Johnson, Annandale Mystery item 1
- *Mark Strobel, Arlington Mystery item 1
- *Bonnie Hartmann, Gibbon Mystery item 2
- *Edward Bardon, St. Paul
- *Nanette Hartman, Green Isle,
- *Lynelle Brandt, Providence, MD
- Carrie Johnson, Poolesville, MD
- Linda Cancio, Sacramento, CA
- Lawrence and Phyllis Crawford, Gaylord
- Lowell and Carol Pogatchnik, Finlayson
- Myron Lindeman, Redwood Falls
- Wayne Jarvis, Cedar Falls, IA
- Leo Fischer, Gibbon
- Alvin and JoAnn Heinz, Henderson
- Barbara Judd, Owatonna
- Joe & Yvonne Mullen, Minneapolis
- Steve and Gail Herschman, Gibbon
- Charlotte Doudell, San Jose, CA
- Beverly Christensen, Chanhassen
- Barb Herryly, International Falls
- Marie Renneke, Minneapolis
- Steve and Becky Briggs, Eagan
- William Mickelson, Columbia, SC
- David and Lynn Sefcovic, Virginia
- Lois and Ken Ahnholz, Ankeny, IA
- Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN
- Darrell & Marjorie Amberson, Henderson
- Harold and Bonita Pettis, Gibbon
- Donna and Bill Grunwald, Apple Valley
- Ed and Dorothy Kruse, Apple Valley
- Robert Fahey, Belle Plaine
- Pat Keating, Oconomowoc, WI
- Robert Wieman, Saint Paul,
- Dwight and Pat Grabitske, Arlington
- Rich and Sandy Weckwerth, Gaylord
- Delano Quast, Le Sueur
- Eugene and Jeanette Bening, Hutchinson
- Ruth and Leo Soukup, Bemidji
- Vicki Stock, Arlington



Memorials

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Membership Form

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Address _____

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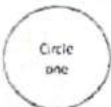
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507 248 3434. Research on Sundays is

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Country Schools Book reprint now Available

The reprints of the Country School books arrived just in time to take them along to the county fair. It's a very satisfying feeling when we hear good comments at the fair and at the museum about this great book. One of our members drove from Owatonna this past week to pick up five books. Another bought for his three sons at the fair and then came back last week and bought one for his granddaughter.

This is a special book because of the tremendous amount of history in it. And it is history that will never change because those days are gone forever. So if you know someone who likes history, it makes a great gift.

Christmas Hint!

By county fair time next year we hope to have a DVD ready to sell with memories from the many videos of the interviews we did when we wrote the book. We think there are families that will enjoy seeing their parents and grandparents tell about their memories of Country School. *Funny stories about the teacher who punished a student by making him sit under her desk only to find that he ate her lunch while there. Or serious stories about seeing airplanes flying very low over the school and not knowing if they might be enemy planes because many of their family members were serving overseas in the armed forces in those years. Or being snowed in at school during the Armistice Blizzard of 1940, and stories about the games they played at recess and how they got to and from school.*

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We'll keep you posted on the progress of this project. And we may be contacting some of you for permission to use your memories in the DVD. Dorothy Peterson, Editor



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