

**Old Trondhjem News**  
**Trondhjem Community Preservation Society**  
**P.O. Box 259, Lonsdale, MN 55046**

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## **Marilyn Sellars to perform at Old Trondhjem's Valentine's Day Fundraising Concert** Sunday February 11, 2007 at 2:30 PM and 6:30 p.m. at the old church

A Valentine's Day concert is planned by the Trondhjem Community Preservation Society to be held Sunday, February 11, 2007 in the Old Trondhjem Church near Lonsdale. The concert will feature Marilyn Sellars and there will be two performances, at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A true country girl, Marilyn grew up in a small farming community near Northfield, MN. She studied classical voice at St. Olaf College while singing gospel song with her family in the tiny Dundas Methodist Church. One of Marilyn's most well known songs – "One Day at a Time", recorded in 1974, and charted nationally for forty-three weeks. Marilyn's favorites are 30's and 40's standards, Broadway, classic country, and down home gospel. Marilyn and her husband reside in the Twin Cities area.

Cost per ticket is \$15. and may be purchased from the Preservation Society's board and committee members or from ticket chairperson, Ramona Pumper at 507-645-8358; Ramona may also be contacted via e-mail at [erlis@charter.net](mailto:erlis@charter.net). Coffee and bars will be served following each concert. Proceeds from the concert will be used to continue the preservation and maintenance of the Old Trondhjem Church.



*For further information, contact:  
Joyce Pflaum: 651-423-5857, or  
Millie Johnson: 507-645-5172*

## **Christmas Eve Worship at the Historic Church**

Trondhjem Lutheran Church will again celebrate Christmas Eve at the historic church with an 11:00 pm worship service. There will be special music, the singing of carols, traditional candle lighting, and Holy Communion. Last year the pump organ was played, and is likely to be played again this year.

It is nice to see our beautifully restored sanctuary used for worship. Trondhjem Lutheran Church invites everyone to share Christmas with them at this special worship service on December 24.

## **A Note from the President:**

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pastor Clifford Johnson, the first president of the board of Trondhjem Community Preservation Society. He was 95 years old and very young in spirit and enthusiasm. Cliff was always an enthusiastic booster of all efforts to preserve and restore Old Trondhjem. He spent his career in service to God and to his parishioners, to Augsburg College and many other institutions. We last saw Cliff at Old Trondhjem at our Syttende Mai celebration in May. He and his beloved wife Ruth were there with all the joy and love of life that they are so well known for. Cliff was a strong supporter of the fund appeal we have underway to build a new reception hall and museum. He deeply believed that it was the right thing to do, and took the initiative to write a letter to the board of directors, advising them to go forward with this project.

***“One faces the future with one’s past”***  
– Pearl Buck

In our historic church and in the Trondhjem history museum, we have a tangible place to visit and learn the stories of our community. Anyone descended from immigrants will find here the photos and

artifacts of early immigrant farm life in Minnesota. Anyone with family roots in this community is likely to find photographs of relatives on display. For people in the Lonsdale community, this is a place to learn how we got to the present. Until we know our history, we don’t really know who we are. TCPS exists to help people know who they are and where they came from.

### ***How the Historic Building Gets Used***

Over the past year, the old church hosted four weddings, two baptism ceremonies, three family reunions, and one funeral. In addition the church was filled for two holiday concerts with Marilyn Sellars last November, the Christmas Eve Service last Christmas, Syttende Mai Celebration in May, and the Ice Cream Social in July. There have been occasional visitors and tourists from around the country and from Norway who are always pleased to visit this site.

From the entire board of directors of Trondhjem Community Preservation Society, here’s wishing you a happy Thanksgiving and a joyful Christmas.  
***Merle Fossum, President of the Board***

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## **TCPS Capital Campaign tops \$150,000**

The Trondhjem Community Preservation Society is raising \$450,000 in a Capital Campaign to replace the fellowship hall with a new social hall and museum facilities. Pastor Howard White, who with his wife Janet is co-pastor at the Trondhjem Lutheran Church, has volunteered his time and skills to run this campaign. We already have raised more than \$150,000 in gifts and pledges, of which more than \$100,000 is now cash in hand.

More than 100 individuals or households have made donations. The latest donations came in memory of Pastor Clifford Johnson, the only “son” of the Trondhjem congregation who became a pastor.

The TCPS Board has set a goal of reaching the needed donations in the next five years. We are happy to receive annual pledges spread over five

years, or one-time gifts. If you have not made your contribution to the Capital Campaign, please consider doing so. With a tax-deductible gift this year you can make a difference for historic Trondhjem and also gain a deduction when you file your income taxes.

Another way to give is to remember the Trondhjem Community Preservation Society in your will. Other historic organizations are fully endowed through the estate gifts that have come from their benefactors.

We hope that as you consider your will, you will keep the historic Trondhjem church in mind. Perhaps one day we will receive the kind of bequest that will enable us to go forward with the building project and also have funds for the programs that tell the history of the Trondhjem Community.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MUSEUM & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

By Joyce Fossum Pflaum

We are still in the midst of the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trondhjem Lutheran Church. Not only is our old church on the National Register of Historic Places, but the cemetery is also on that register. Johannes Fossum donated 1 acre of land for that purpose. The first burial on record was Thor Nielson who passed away on July 7, 1877. Another early burial was Ane Fossum, the young daughter of Johannes and Maren Fossum. Ane passed away on October 21, 1879 at the age of 13 years. An early tradition was for church members to bring a picnic lunch and gather at the cemetery on Memorial Day. On this day, they would clean up the cemetery and decorate the graves as a group.

**WEBSTER COOPERATIVE DAIRY** in Webster, MN was a large creamery that churned butter and sold it to locations as far away as New York state. The Creamery had four skimming stations that would collect milk from area farmers, skim other cream from the milk at these facilities, and then haul the cream to Webster to be used for churning butter. These skimmings were located in Hazelwood, Eidsvold, Little Chicago, and Trondhjem. Each year annual meetings and other events were held that would bring out entire communities and families for a social gathering. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917 the creamery held a twenty-fifth anniversary picnic at Kiley's grove. (This location was later known as the Webster Ball Park at Frank Rezac's farm just east of Webster.) To quote a news item: "A program of speeches and sports is being mapped out that should bring a monster crowd of the weatherman is kind and furnishes the right brand of weather. Eidsvold and Union Lake will cross bats in a ball game scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock. (Note: No names are mentioned but Eidsvold had a team of Fredrickson brothers and Union Lake had a team made up of Quinnell brothers. I wonder if they were playing ball that day?) Following the dinner there will be a program of speeches by representatives from the State Agricultural College and the State Dairy and Food Department.

Featuring the sport program will be a tug of war between Webster and Trondhjem and one between Eidsvold and Little Chicago. There will be foot races, sack races, and a half-dozen other varieties of races for boys, girls, men, and women. The Webster Brass Band will furnish the music. (The Brass Band consists of several men who were members of St. John's Lutheran Church near Webster.)

Hope to see you at Old Trondhjem's Valentine's Day Concert at the Old Trondhjem Church on Sunday, February 11!!

And remember to visit us  
on the web at:

[www.trondhjempreservation.org](http://www.trondhjempreservation.org)

• **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2006 RECEIVED AFTER THE APRIL NEWSLETTER**

35. ARDIS WILSON-In Memory of MARILYN KOLSTAD HAGEN
36. REINHOLD & LORRAINE LEMKE-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM'S 94<sup>th</sup> birthday
37. CHARLES & HELEN HILL-In Memory of PERCY JOHNSON
38. CYNTHIA BLAHA & KEITH GOETZ- In Honor of BEV HUSSEY'S birthday.
39. BARBARA BERG-In Memory of RALPH BERG AND DONALD BERG
40. GUDMUND & RUTH JULSETH-In Memory of GUSTAV & INGEBORG JULSETH
41. VAL KUCERA-
42. ALLAN (BUD) KINDSETH-In Memory of ORDELLA (STARK) KINDSETH
43. LILLIAN SJULSTAD-In Memory of LENA & OLAF WALSTAD
44. RALPH & SELMA BAUMARTNER
45. MARCUS & KRISTIE STROM -In Honor of CLIFF & RUTH JOHNSON
46. BRENDA PFLAUM & MARY ANN WATTERS-In Memory of DUANE PFLAUM
- 47., LENORA HAUER-In Memory of MARILYN HAGEN
48. DALLAS & MILDRED BERG-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
49. CAROL JOHNSON-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
50. RALPH & LYLA ARNESON-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
51. REV. CLIFFORD & RUTH JOHNSON-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
52. RAMONA & ELMER PUMPER-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
53. SANDRA VALEK-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
54. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-in Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
55. MERLE & MAVIS FOSSUM-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
56. JOYCE PFLAUM-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
57. NORMAN & ELLA HALVERSON-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
58. ALVIN & EUNICE JOHNSON-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
59. MILDRED JOHNSON-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
60. ARVID & GLORIA BOYUM-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
61. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
62. DARRELL & ARLYS WIESE-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
63. LUIS SANTAELLA-In Honor of STEVE JOHNSON
64. HARRIS & RUBY HAGEN
65. CHRIS NELSON
67. LYLE & ELAINE PAULSON-In Memory of Rev. ELDOR & Myrtle EVENSON
68. MAURICE & CECILE MARCHAND & FAMILY-In Memory of DORIS SAXERUD
69. WARREN VELENCHENKE-In Memory of ALFRED THORNBYS
70. CURTIS SAMUELS-In Memory of LOIS SAMUELS
71. DONALD & YVONNE PAVEK-Building Fund
72. DALLAS & MILDRED BERG-Building Fund
73. MERLE & MAVIS FOSSUM-Building Fund
74. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In Memory of REV. TORBJORN & HANSENA HANSEN AND EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
75. ELVAH FOSSUM-In Memory of RAY FOSSUM
76. DAVID & JUDY SAXERUD-In Memory of their Parents
77. SANDRA VALEK
78. MILDRED JOHNSON-In Memory of PERCY JOHNSON & In Honor of HELEN HILL'S 91<sup>st</sup> birthday
79. CLIFFORD & RUTH JOHNSON-In Memory of TED & HELGA JOHNSON and PASTOR LUDVIG & MARIE PEDERSEN
80. MYRTLE PEDERSEN-In Memory of her niece ELLEN STROM
81. SHELDON BERG
82. RALPH & LYLA ARNESON-In Memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON & Brother GORDON HALVERSON

83. DALE & BETTY QUIST
84. JACK & JOANN GASSNER
85. SEDONA MILLER-In Memory of BILL & VERNA QUINNELL
86. JAMES & BEVERLY ALMQUIST
87. RUSSELL ANSETH
88. JOE & LORNA DOCKEN
89. CAROL JOHNSON-In Memory of FLOYD JOHNSON
90. DARRELL & ARLYS WEISE-In Memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
91. DIANE & JERRY GEHLER-In Memory of GORDON HALVERSON
92. BEVERLY & R.M. MCGILL
93. JANICE & PETE RAPPE- In Honor of NAOMI QUINNELL & ARLENE (GIRLIE) BENSON
94. JUDITH CHRISTENSEN
95. MAXINE HALVERSON -In Memory of GORDON HALVERSON
96. BETTE QUINNELL-In Memory of HUNTS QUINNELL & in Honor of NAOMI QUINNELL
97. LINDA STORLIE
98. DAVID & ARDIS ASP
99. ESTHER BARSNESS
100. CAROL THOMSEN-In Memory of EDITH THOMSEN
101. REV. FRANK & ELIZABETH ANDERSEN
102. BEVERLY HAMBLIN-In Memory of LEE FOSSUM
103. CAROL FOSSUM-In Memory of LEE FOSSUM
104. ARVID & GLORIA BOYUM-In Memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
105. ALAN & WINNEFRED GREENE ALBERG
106. EDYTHE & ORVILLE PETERSON
107. JOYCE PFLAUM-In Memory of DUANE PFLAUM & ANDREW PLFAUM
108. ROBERT & BERIT ANFINSON
109. ERLING & JOYCE KINDEM
110. O.G. & EVELYN HORWATH
111. VIOLA NELSON
112. BURTON PAULSEN
113. JUDITH KUYPER
114. ALVIN & EUNICE JOHNSON
115. FLORENCE HOVLAND & CHUCK LUNDER
116. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-Donated a new piano in memory of HAROLD & ELAINE HEGLUND and EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
117. ARDIS WILSON- For JAKE GEORGE CHANDLER'S Baptism
118. SHARON & GEORGE BETTS-For JAKE GEORGE CHANDLER'S Baptism
119. DOUGLAS & PATRICIA FOSSUM-Capital Campaign
120. NORMAN & AREN VINNES- Capital Campaign
121. REV. JANET TIDEMANN & REV. PAUL a. TIDEMANN
122. CAROL JOHNSON-Building Fund
123. RONALD & KATHLEEN HALVERSON-In Memory of GORDON HALVERSON on Father's Day
124. BEVERLY & LEE TOPP-In Memory of LOIS SCHONNING
125. MILDRED JOHNSON-Building Fund
126. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In Memory of LUCILLE SCHMIDT
127. JOYCE PFLAUM-Capital Campaign
128. CAROL JOHNSON-Capital Campaign
129. ORVILLE & EDYTHE PETERSON- Capital Campaign
130. ADAM WERNICK & THYRA FOSSUM-Capital Campaign
131. RUSSELL ANSETH-Capital Campaign
132. RICHARD & ROXANNE SIMON-Celebrating D & S CEMENT 20<sup>th</sup> year in business

133. REUBEN & ARLET KVIDT
134. JOYCE PFLAUM-In Memory of IRENE CHRISTIANSON
135. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In Memory of IRENE CHRISTIANSON
136. BURTON & HELEN PETERSON- Capital Campaign
137. MARIAN AAKER- Capital Campaign
138. DARIN PAVEK-Capital Campaign
139. VAL KUCERA-Capital Campaign
140. BRETT & BONNIE QUINNELL-Capital Campaign
141. ELSIE & PALMER BERG-Capital Campaign
142. REV. JANET TIDEMANN & REV. PAUL TIDEMANN-Capital Campaign
143. MARY ANN JOHNSON - Capital Campaign
144. MARY & LLOYD YOUNG-Capital Campaign
145. BERTON & GLORIA HOLST-Capital Campaign
146. GERTRUDE & EDWIN CHAMBERS-Capital Campaign
147. MRS. INES TREBESCH-Capital Campaign
148. CURTIS SAMUELS-Capital Campaign
149. BEN & PATRICIA REZAC-Capital Campaign
150. STEVE & SANDY LEE-In Memory of DUANE PFLAUM
151. CHARLES CANNONS-In Memory of MARY I.CANNONS
152. WARREN VELENCHENKO-In Memory of VERNON FOSSUM & Capital Campaign
153. DOROTHY GRONWALL-Capital Campaign
154. REV. MORRIS & BONNIE VAAGENES-Capital Campaign
155. ALLEN & SHIRLEY LAVANGER-Capital Campaign
156. KAY JOHNSON-Capital Campaign
157. NAOMI QUINNELL-In Memory of JOHN MILLER
158. DON QUINNELL- In Memory of JOHN MILLER
159. JAN & PETER RAPPE-In Memory of JOHN MILLER
160. ARLENE & LES BENSON-In Memory of JOHN MILLER
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165. CAROL JOHNSON-In Memory of JOHN MILLER
166. RALPH & LYLA ARNESON- In Memory of JOHN MILLER
167. JUDY FOLLUM MATHERN-Capital Campaign
168. GREG & GERALYN PUMPER-Capital Campaign
169. ARLENE WILLIAMS-Capital Campaign
170. MILDRED JOHNSON-In Honor of ERIC & HEATHER JULSETH Wedding
171. THRIVENT FINANCIAL
172. DARRELL & MARGUERITE OTTE-Capital Campaign
173. ERICH & KARISSA ROELLER-Capital Campaign
174. WILLIAM JOHNSON-Capital Campaign
175. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In Honor of BING & JOAN QUINNELL'S Golden Wedding Anniversary
176. CLAYTON & PATRICIA MELBY-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
177. DALE STROM - In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
178. JUDITH JOHNSON-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
179. WILLIAM & DIANE THORKILDSON-In Memory of CLIFFORD JOHNSON
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189. JEAN & MYRL WELCH JR.-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
190. DAVID & JUDY SAXERUD-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
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198. ERNEST &JEANNE LINDSTROM-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
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200. ELVAH FOSSUM-In Memory REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
201. DAVID & ARDIS ASP-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
202. RALPH & LYLA ARNESON-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
203. VERNON & DORIS GLIDDEN- In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
204. ILENE BROUSSEAU-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
205. LILLIAN KNAFLA-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
206. RHODA & RICHARD SCHAFFER-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
207. DARRELL & ARLYS WIESE-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
208. MAXINE HOWE-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
209. MAXINE HALVERSON-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
210. ARVID & GLORIA BOYUM-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
211. LUVERNE WARNBERG-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
212. SANDRA VALEK-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
213. LORRAINE & RICHARD UTTERBERG-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
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216. JAMES & MARILYN GULDSETH-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
217. CLARENCE& MARY FRANCIS-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
218. REV. FRANK & ELIZABETH ANDERSEN-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
219. CAROL JOHNSON-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
220. OWEN & ARLENE THOMAS-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
221. DALE & DEB SIMON-In Memory of Rev. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
222. GLADYS MOHN-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
223. MARIAN MILLER-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
224. AL & BARBARA LENTSCH-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
225. ELAINE JOHNSON-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
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231. BEVERLY & RON MCGILL-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
232. ALICE KLINE-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
233. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In Memory of RODNEY OLSON
234. RUTH & DOUGLAS PFLAUM-In Honor of JOYCE PFLAUM'S birthday
235. ELEANOR SEMINGSON- In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON

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