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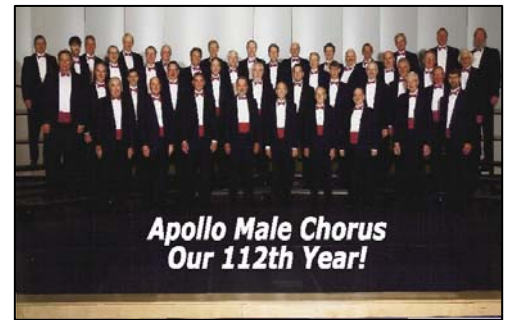
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Greetings from
∪ **Old Trondhjem!** ∪

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007

This year's Christmas concert is going to feature the Minneapolis Apollo Male Chorus under the direction of Dr. Roger Satrang Hoel, an alumni of St. Olaf College and founder of the Music Association of Minnetonka. The Chorus is accompanied by Nadia Johnson

The Apollo Male Chorus is one of the oldest continuously performing choruses in the United States and has one of the largest libraries of men's choral music in the world. They have performed at Presidential Inaugurations, the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, the Worlds' Fair, Governor Pawlenty's Inauguration, and at the Olympics of Choral Competition-the International Eisteddfodd in Langollen, Wales, in both 1982 and 2000; placing in the top ten on both occasions.



The Sunday, December 9th concert will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Old Trondhjem Church. Tickets are available from Ramona Pumper, at 507-645-8358 and her email address is erlis@charter.net.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this outstanding concert in the unparalleled acoustical atmosphere of our restored sanctuary!

Christmas Eve Worship at the Historic Church

Trondhjem Lutheran Church will again celebrate Christmas Eve at the historic church with an 11:00 p.m. 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 on Monday, December 24.

IN THIS EDITION OF THE OLD TRONDHJEM NEWSLETTER:

- Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007: The Apollo Male Chorus
- Christmas Eve Worship at Old Trondhjem
- Capital Campaign Update, from Pastor Howard White
- News from the President, Merle Fossum
- News & Notes from the Museum & Historical Committee, by Joyce Pflaum
- Recent Contributions to Old Trondhjem

Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign continues to receive small contributions. We also expect to receive larger contributions in the next weeks as people fulfill another year's commitment on their 5-year pledges. Total gifts and pledges are approximately \$165,000 and more than \$115,000 of that total has been received.

The TCPS Board of Directors still has high hopes that we will be able to raise \$400,000 to create the new fellowship hall and museum. We have such a treasured heritage to pass on to new generations. Here is what it will take to approach the \$400,000 goal:

- 10 new gifts of \$5,000
- 50 new gifts of \$1,000
- 50 new gifts of \$500
- 50 new gifts of \$250
- 100 new gifts of \$100

This will not get us all the way to \$400,000, but it will sure help, and we can "borrow" the additional funds needed.

The other possibility is just to wait and hope that someone will leave us \$200,000 in their estate. We do not know when or if that will happen.

As you consider giving to your favorite charities at the end of this calendar year, please include the TCPS Capital Campaign in your consideration. Please give generously so that we might preserve the heritage, history, and memory of the Norwegian settlers who were the Trondhjem community and founded Trondhjem Lutheran Church.

A Note from the President-

After a very dry summer in southern Minnesota, this fall suddenly turned wet. We went from a severe drought in July and early August to a situation in which farmers are struggling to get their machinery into wet fields for harvest. The church yard and cemetery are looking lush and nice.

Many events used our facilities this summer and fall. There were weddings, showers, family reunions, baptisms, and birthday parties held here. The Trondhjem Lutheran Congregation held a heritage Sunday and picnic in the old church in August. Our Ice Cream Social in July was a fun event with excellent food and a large bake sale. We sold delicious baked items contributed by many of you members. The net income for the event that day was about \$1300.

In early October the museum committee with Joyce Pflaum and Millie Johnson organized a community tour of the three local buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Landmark School in Lonsdale, Historic Trondhjem Church, and Christdala Church. At our church, Dallas Berg was there in his costume dressed as his great grandfather, Daniel Berg; I was dressed as my great, great uncle, Johannes Fossum; and Jim Hansen was dressed as his grandfather, Rev. E.M. Hansen who was minister at Trondhjem from 1905 to 1911. Elna Hansen played hymns for the visitors on the pump organ and Joyce and Millie gave guided tours of the building. Orv and Edie Peterson and Mavis Fossum served coffee and cookies and Paul Fligge manned the guest book. We had an enjoyable time and by the end of the day we logged a hundred visitors.

Last spring Elna Hansen and David Saxerud chose not to run for re-election to the board when their terms expired. After many years of service, they each had personal reasons why they could not run for re-election. We were all concerned about how we would replace their key positions. Fortunately, Deb Simon was elected at the annual meeting in May and the board appointed her to be treasurer at its next meeting. Also the board recruited Bonnie Pavek and she accepted a three year term as Secretary. Ramona Fossum was appointed to be Vice President again and I was appointed to be President for another year. As it turned out, we are happy at this time to have a very strong and energetic board working on the business of TCPS. We normally meet every third Tuesday night of each month and all members are welcome to attend.

-Merle Fossum

Merle Fossum, President

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Submitted by Joyce Fossum Pflaum

A LETTER TO OLE B. BERG – Ole Berg served in the Army during World War I, serving time in France and being “shell-shocked” during his tour there. I want to share with you a letter he received while serving in France. Lonsdale, Minn. April 27, 1918

Dear Ole,

Received your welcome letter a few days ago. Many thanks for. Was glad to hear from you and to hear that you are enjoying the best of health.

You must surely be busy moving around, as I see you are in the Artillery now, suppose you got a little heavier work now then, also it might be better work anyway.

If it hasn't been so far I would have jumped on my bicycle and take a spin over to see you, probably I could make it in a day, “ha-ha”. Am afraid it would take me about two years and then some.

We have been busy tiling home here now for a while. Tile that small meadow by Johnson line close to the road. Certainly fine tiling this spring as its so nice and dry, never seen the roads in a better shape than they have been this spring. Haven't had any rain to speak of yet. Had a nice little shower last night.

All the young stock (Note: young people) around here were invited down to Ed Meehl last night. Quite a bunch were there. But around one o'clock it started to rain so we had to beat it home again. Bennie, Joseph & Christ (Fossum) and Henry Johnson went down on their bicycles so they had an awful job to get home again. Joseph and Henry had to leave their bicycles in the machine shed over at Leaders as they couldn't get home any further. And then Harry got out and hollered “Who in the world is this? Get out of here.” “We are friends” Henry Johnson said. “No you ain't.” Harry said. But when Harry found out how it was, he laughed. Guess he thought some one was stealing his Ford car. Would have been a joke if Harry would have started to run after them. He was only in his underpants, Joseph said.

Suppose you heard that Herman Fisher is pretty near ill. You know he broke the bone in his leg that day he was to leave for Camp Dodge. A horse stepped on him. The Doctor claims the bone didn't grow hardly a tall yet. They had tree doctors there the other day and they claim he got heart leak now, so I suppose that will be the last of him.

As news is scarce and every thing about the same as usual, so will close for this time. Hoping to hear from you some time again.

With Best Wishes and Greetings from all of us to you.

Your friend, Albert Fossum

(**NOTE:** Albert Fossum entered the Army on September 5, 1918. He died of the Spanish Influenza at Camp Hancock, Georgia on October 7, 1918. He is buried in the Trondhjem Cemetary. Ole Berg returned to the area after being discharged from the Army. He spent his life doing tiling and odd jobs for area farmers. He died as the result of a car and milk truck accident on October 10, 1960, and is also buried in the Trondhjem Cemetary.

We continue to have groups visit our historic church. If you know of a group that would like to tour the old church, have them contact Ramona Pumper or Sandy Valek, or contact any board member for information on making arrangements.

We would like to receive your stories of the early history of Trondhjem or the surrounding area, or your family stories of years gone by. We may use them in our newsletter. We would also like to have you join our Museum and Historical Committee. Please contact any board or committee member.

2007 CONTRIBUTIONS

1. NAOMI QUINNELL–Capital Campaign
2. EDYTHE & ORVILLE PETERSON-Capital Campaign
3. RUSSELL ANSETH
4. L.G. or C. GEMSEY-Capital Campaign
5. REINHOLD & LORRAINE LEMKE-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM’S 95th Birthday
6. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM’S 95th Birthday
7. RALPH & LYLA ARNESON-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM’S 95th Birthday
8. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In Honor of ELMER & RAMONA PUMPER’S 50th Anniversary
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14. ELDON & BARB FOSSUM-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM’S 95th Birthday
15. SUSAN & RAY SCHWARTZ-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM’S 95th Birthday
16. LISA & ROBERT OLSON-In Honor of ELVAH FOSSUM’S 95th Birthday
17. MARCUS STROM-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
18. CURTIS SAMUELS-In Memory of LOIS JEAN SAMUELS
19. GUDRUN & WM. JOHNSON
20. WARREN VELENCHENKO-In Memory of ADOLF & OLEA THORNBY
21. STEVE & JUDY SWANSON
22. DAVID & ARDIS ASP-In Memory of LUDVIG & JULIA SOLBERG LAVANGER
23. JO ANN MEINKE-In Memory of RICHARD MEINKE
24. BEN & PATRICIA REZAC
25. RON SLABA
26. VAL KUCERA
27. RUSSELL ANSETH-Capital Campaign for New Fellowship Hall
28. RUTH JOHNSON-In Memory of REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON
29. STEPHAN & SANDRA LEE-In Memory of DUANE PFLAUM
30. ARDIS BERG WILSON-Capital Campaign
31. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-Capital Campaign in Memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON and REV. TORBJORN & HANSENA HANSEN

32. DALLAS & MILDRED BERG-In Honor of GRANDCHILDREN-RACHEL, ERIKA, SUNNI, SOREN, CARTER & BLAKE
33. JAMES & MYRLENE LEGROS-In Honor of SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN
34. NORMAN & KAREN VINNES-Capital Campaign
35. LYLA & RALPH ARNESON-In Memory of EDDIE, HELEN, GORDON & BARBARA HALVERSON
36. JANICE RAPPE-In Memory of EMIL & CLARA QUINNELL
37. DARRELL & ARLYS WIESE-In Memory of EDDIE, HELEN, GORDON & BARBARA HALVERSON
38. CAROL JOHNSON-In Honor of Her CHILDREN
39. MILDRED JOHNSON-In Memory of PERCY JOHNSON
40. MAXINE HALVERSON-In Memory of GORDON HALVERSON
41. DORIS HUSBYN-In Memory of MENS & EDNA BERG
42. MERLE & MAVIS FOSSUM-Capital Campaign
43. DAVID & JUDITH SAXERUD-Capital Campaign
44. JOYCE PFLAUM-Capital Campaign
45. SANDRA VALEK-In Memory of BERAUG & ELLEN THARALDSON
46. ELVAH FOSSUM-In Memory of RAY FOSSUM
47. MR. & MRS. DALE QUIST
48. JOE & LORNA DOCKEN
49. ARLET KVIDT
50. DALE & DEBRA SIMON-In Honor of SPC AMIE RUDD
51. DONALD & YVONNE PAVEK-In Honor of SPC AMIE RUDD
52. CAROLL & JOANN HALL
53. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In Memory of LOVED ONES
54. DALE & NANCY SNESRUD
55. MR. & MRS. LYNN DRAHEIM
56. FRANCIS & JOANN MILLER
57. GLORIA & ARVID BOYUM-In Memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
58. JOYCE PFLAUM-In Memory of DUANE PFLAUM
59. L.G. or C. GEMSEY
60. RUSSELL & KAREN JOHNSON
61. ERLINE & JOYCE KINDEM
62. BURTON & DONNA PAULSON
63. O.G. & EVELYN HORWATH
64. RICHARD & ROXANNE SIMON-In Memory of FLOYD JOHNSON
65. WALBERT & NORDIS MEINKE
66. PALMER & ELSIE BERG-Capital Campaign
67. MILDRED JOHNSON-Capital Campaign in Honor of HELEN HILL'S 92nd Birthday
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Hope to see you at the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9!!

And remember to visit us on the web at:

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