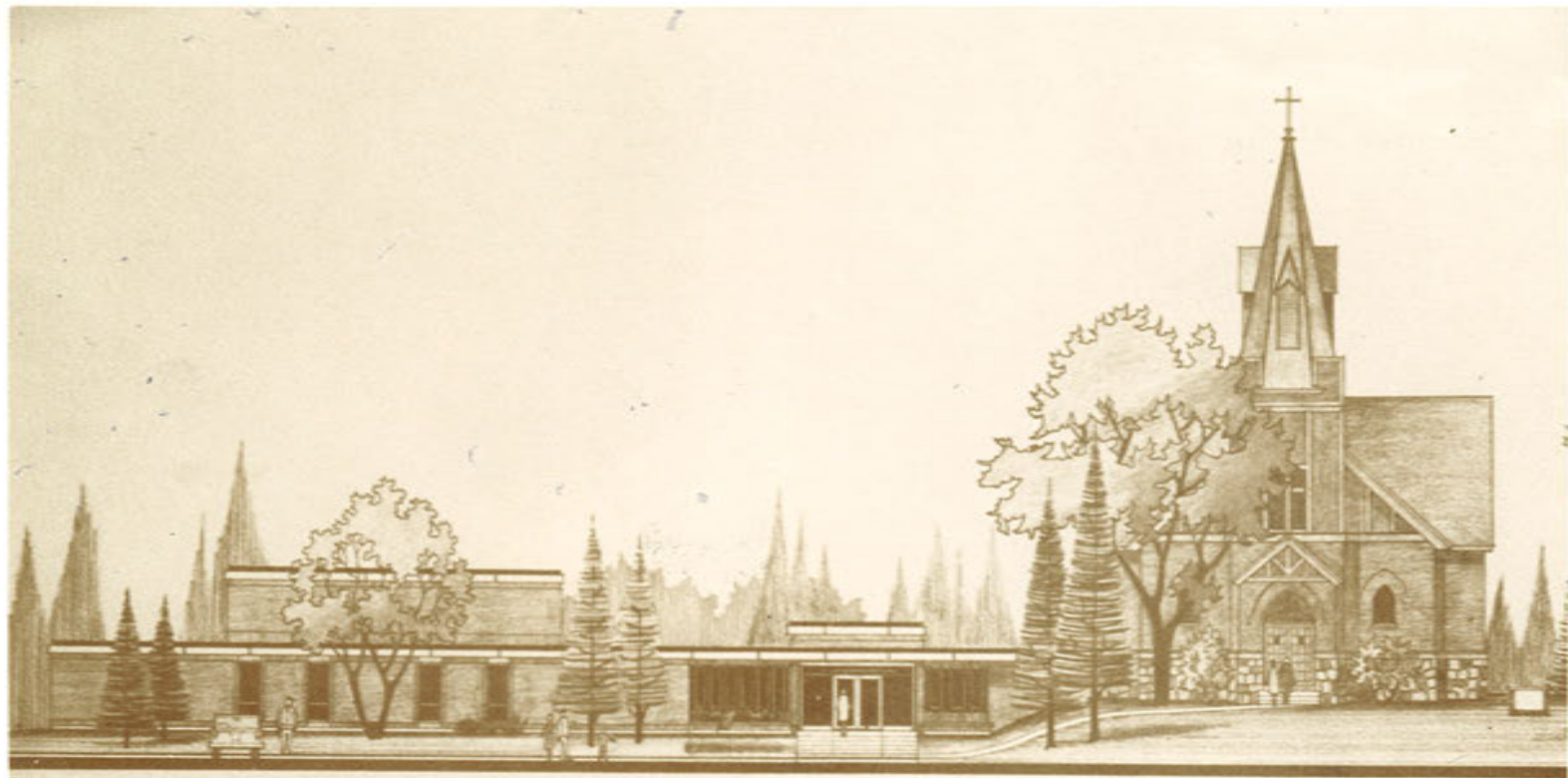


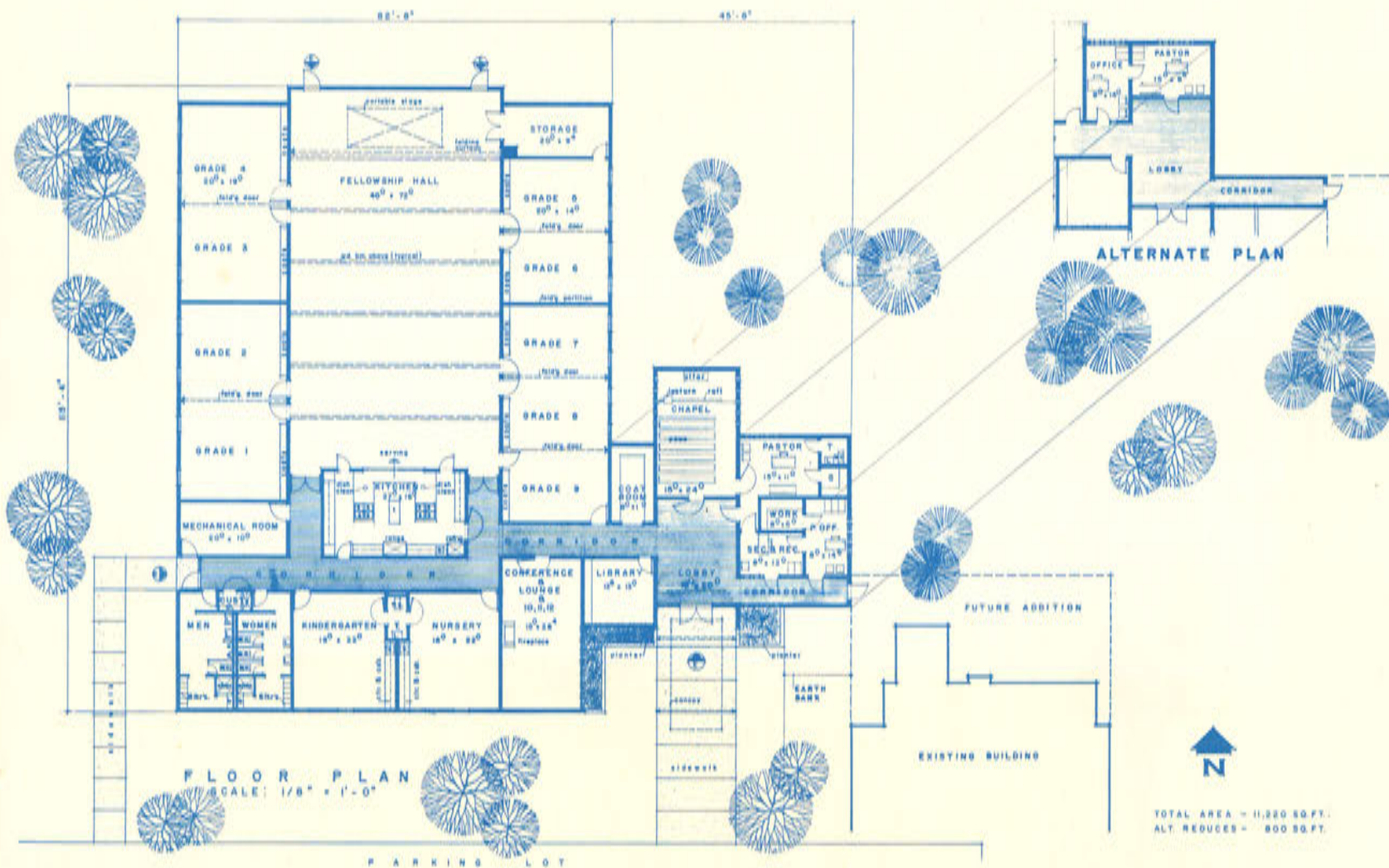


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SOUTH ELEVATION (VIEW FROM HIGHWAY)

Eksjo Lutheran Church
Lake Park, Minnesota



The Facilities

Our proposed new church addition embodies beauty, usefulness, and economy, and will be an edifice which will be to the Glory of God and a blessing to our children. The facilities to be provided are as follows:

- (1) A fellowship hall that will seat 275 persons for dining purposes and 400 for auditorium purposes.
- (2) The last bay of the fellowship hall will afford the second function of a stage by providing a folding curtain and a portable stage.
- (3) A large functional kitchen.
- (4) Nine grade rooms around the perimeter of the fellowship hall, which will be divided by folding doors or partitions.
- (5) A conference room and lounge room will have a secondary function as a meeting room for grades 10, 11 and 12.
- (6) A kindergarten and nursery will be provided with a separate toilet for this age group.
- (7) A library and separate coat room are provided off the entrance lobby.
- (8) A chapel seating 36 persons in pews is located off the entrance lobby.
- (9) The pastor's office, the parish office, and the secretary's office are located off the entrance lobby and the corridor for the future connection to the existing church building.
- (10) Included in the toilet rooms are lockers and showers for athletic purposes in the fellowship hall.

The Design

The contemporary design of the Eksjo Lutheran Church addition is intended to convey an ecclesiastical, friendly, and welcoming appearance. The design of this structure reflects dignity and simplicity. To take full advantage of the property and the beautiful site, the entire building addition is planned for one floor level. With this feature more flexible use of the rooms is permitted. All rooms are provided with natural daylight and ventilation, stairs are eliminated. The single level floor plan will be imposing in its setting, adding an impressive structure to the existing church building.

The Plan

The flexibility of the plan is fully envisioned in the classrooms which double up as assembly, committee and youth rooms and in the fellowship hall which may be used for a variety of events including those needing a stage which is to be provided (portable) at the north end. Also for dinners, the fellowship hall is conveniently served from an efficient up-to-date kitchen.

The chapel will serve the Eksjo Lutheran Church as an additional place for worship for small services, classes, and part of the counselling program.

A Message from Your Pastor

The mission represented by Eksjo Lutheran Church of Lake Park, Minnesota, is essentially the same as all Christian Churches strive to fulfill; to propagate, preserve and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of our community.

But in some respects our heritage and geography, as well as the present social phenomena changing the rural area of which we are a part, makes our challenge significantly unique. To be true to our mission, we must honestly interpret the facts surrounding our peculiar opportunities and take up the tasks and mission that is ours.

We have a heritage of which we are all thankful and proud. Eksjo Lutheran Church has been on its present location for nearly 95 years. The present church structure was built by pioneers some 65 years ago and stands as a monument to their stalwart faith in God and their hope for the generations that followed them in this abundantly blessed community.

Geographically we have been fortunate in that we find ourselves situated in a beautiful location on one of the main 4 lane artery highways of our nation, only 30 miles from a growing metropolitan area, Fargo-Moorhead. The area around us is rich in beauty and resources. Lakes, trees, and fruitful fields abound.

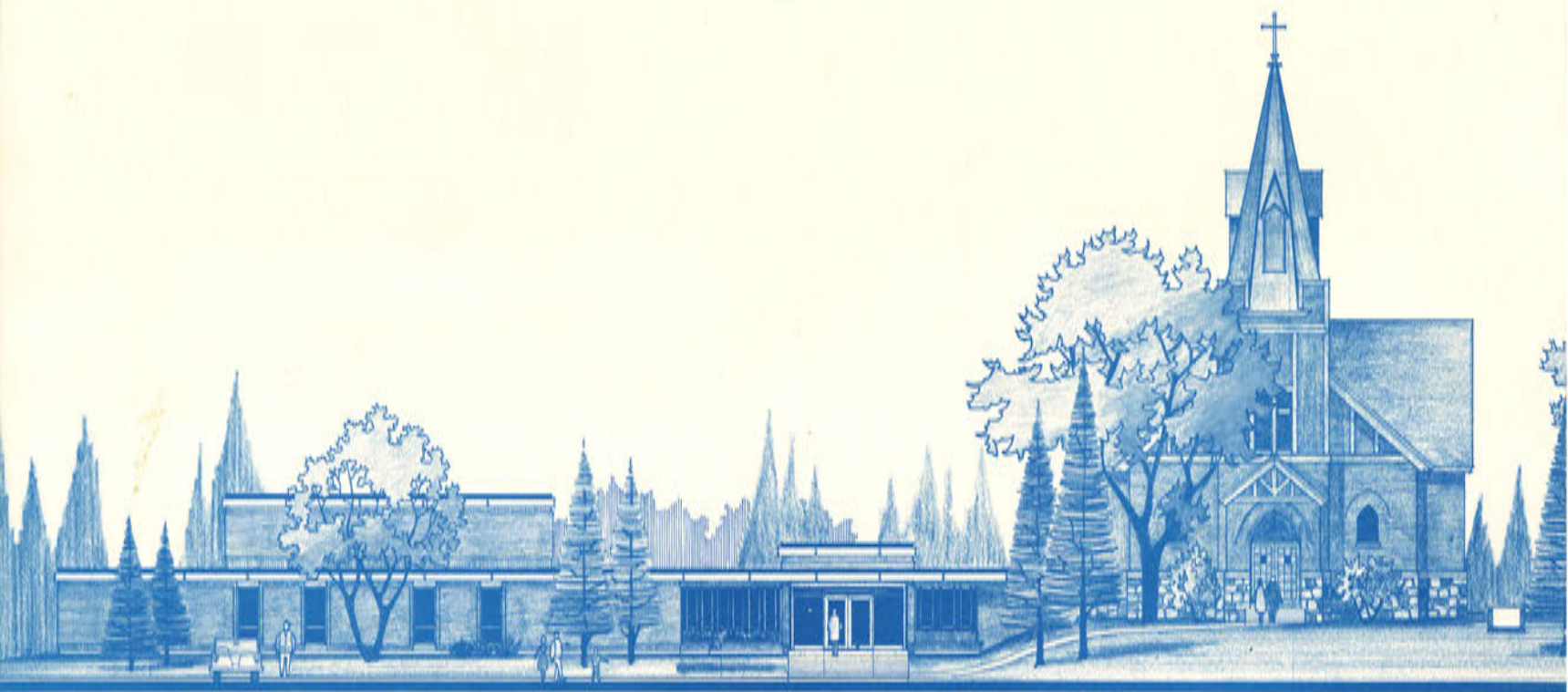
Rural life is changing rapidly. The structure, methods, and productivity of our farms have already changed greatly in the past few years. But we must understand that people are still living here and more are moving into our community, and more shall come in the years ahead. The mission of our Eksjo Lutheran Church is to serve these people with a vital Gospel-centered program to fit the present age.

It is with this in mind that the Building Committee and staff of your Church commend to you the plans for this Christian Education, Fellowship, and Administrative unit to be built at Eksjo as soon as possible. This is a first step toward establishing a facility capable of fulfilling the opportunity, privilege, and responsibility of our mission as members of Eksjo Lutheran Church. The building as here proposed is what our needs dictate and the Commission on Church Architecture of Lutheran Church in America have advised.

Now it is full time for us to respond, to pray, to give, to unite. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." God has blessed us richly in the past. Let us join together and accomplish this task confident that He shall provide and make our future abundant and fruitful for His Church and the souls of our neighbors and children.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

REV. VERGIL E. ANDERSON



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