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cost of the project was about \$60,000.

The pastor at the time, the Rev. H.E. Bartsch, said a new structure was necessary because of increased membership and additional activity, it was reported in a news story published in The Daily Journal. Sunday worshippers, he said, were frequently turned away because there wasn't room.

Later that year, St. John's Lutheran Church of Loman merged with the St. Paul Lutheran Church. The pastor during that time was the Rev. E.F. Schlade.

During Schlade's ministry, attendance increased for Sunday worship services, a senior choir was organized and a men's club was established.

In 1966, the congregation started a Wednesday evening worship service in the summer and continues today.

"There is a lot of history packed into 100 years," Morrison said paging through old documents and a scrapbook of photos.

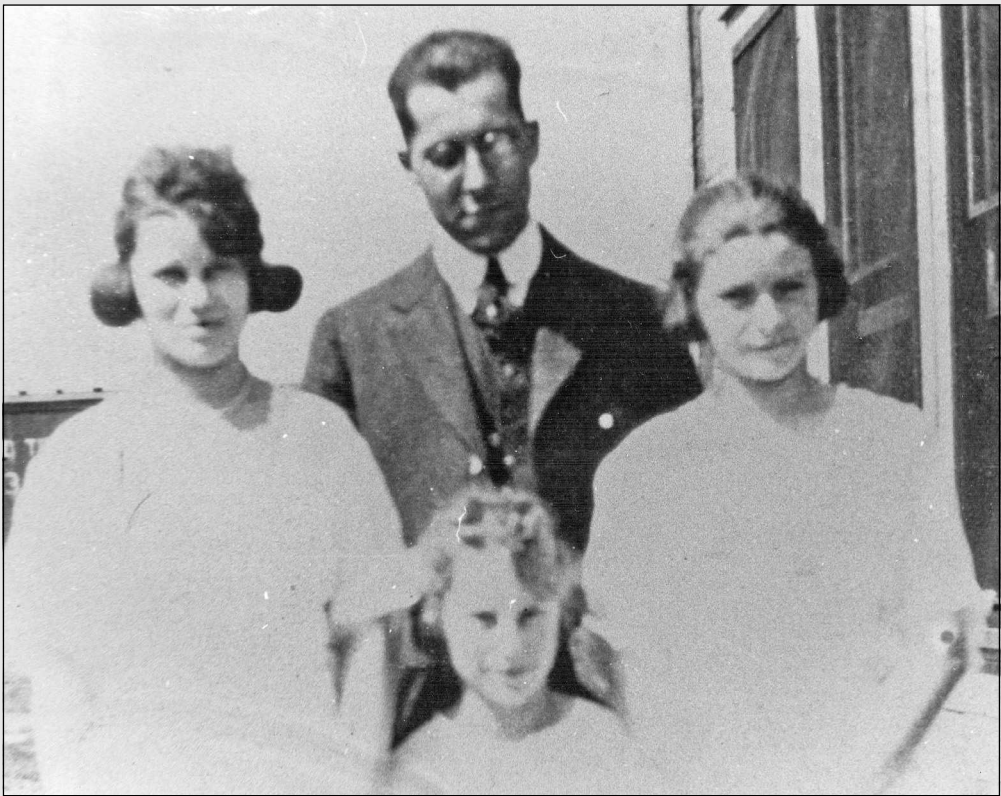
The church went through many transformations including a new addition built in 1993 on the east side of the structure to add meeting rooms and a kitchen area. Later in 2001, a new parking lot project with sidewalks, steps, handrails and landscaping began.

The former church building was razed in 2012, but Quast says pieces of it will be included in the current building.

"The original stained glass windows were saved and will be installed in this building hopefully this spring," he said. "They will be put in as we redesign our west wall."

BEHIND THE SCENES

Throughout its existence, the church's Ladies Aid group has played a key



The congregation's first confirmation class poses for a photo on June 13, 1920. Pastor H. Mayor, pictured in the back, stands with Mabel Ungermann, left, Lucille Ungermann, center, and Alicia Olson.

role in the congregation's operations.

"They are a tremendous part of the main mission work of the church," Quast said.

From bake sales, to harvest suppers, to ice cream socials, the group of women has taken on several efforts to fundraise for the church.

Church history written by the late Pauline Hartje said when the new parsonage was built in 1952, the Ladies Aid agreed to make the \$100 per month payments.

"She wrote that ice cream sundaes were only 25 cents," Houska said. "Every little bit raised helped with that payment."

Although the Ladies Aid is active, Quast said there is a strong dedication from the entire congregation, especially to mission work both locally and internationally.

"We have strong connections to congregations in Haiti and for a long time have supported a pastor's mission work in Sudan," he



Glen Crooks, who was a church member for many years, helps with the construction of the new St. Paul Lutheran Church building in 1952.

said. "Not every congregation is like that, but this one is very strong on missions."

NEXT UP

As the church looks forward to the next 100

years, Quast said big things could happen in the near future.

"Our congregation is in formal discussions with The Church of the Lutheran Hour in Fort Frances about becoming a joint international parish," he said. "That would allow me to officially be the pastor of both congregations at the same time...Right now, I'm only temporary (at St. Paul Lutheran)."

Quast said the congregations haven't ratified anything, but he is hopeful the notion will move forward in the near future because he enjoys serving the St. Paul Lutheran Church and its people.

"This church has a strong dedication to the clear proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said. "As a church body, it is something we've always been very diligent about...I think that is what makes us rather unique as a congregation and a church body."

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list, and believe me, it was long and getting longer," he said he is glad Congress reached agreement.

"This was really starting to affect people financially," he said. "People who live paycheck to paycheck were having a tough time living, and we've got a lot of folks like that here."

And now, said Ward, he looks forward to a budget deal that will continue operations into 2014.

"I'm really excited for January when hopefully they will figure out the entire thing so we don't have to go through this again," he said.

The shutdown occurred Oct. 1 when Congress failed to reach agreement by a midnight deadline. At issue is the GOP-led U.S. House of Representatives' efforts to defund or delay the healthcare-reform law known as the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, a condition of passing a funding bill. Those efforts stalled in the Democratic-controlled Senate, and President Barack Obama pledged to veto them even if they passed. The federal government shutdown was the first in 17 years.

Following the late-night 285-144 House vote affirming the bipartisan agreement to fund the government and end the shutdown, Minnesota 8th District Congressman Rick Nolan said in a statement he was "relieved we have come to a common-sense deal that ends this reckless, unnecessary shutdown, averts a catastrophic default on our debt, and gets people back to work."

Nolan said the spending priorities in this agreement include funding levels he does not support, "but I was willing to vote in favor of the bill in order to get us back to the work we were elected to

do, and to stop potentially irreparable harm to our economy, our government services and to the people and jobs these services support.

He urged negotiation of a long-term agreement that will "reinvest our money in education, infrastructure, research, and human development while making wise cuts to reduce our deficit."

U.S. Sen. Al Franken also expressed relief over the agreement, which said will "let the world know that the U.S. will pay its bills on time. Now we must focus on the work we were sent here to do. I look forward to having a serious discussion about how we can continue to spur our economic recovery while addressing the long-term sustainability of our debt."

Franken said he understands and feels the frustration Minnesotans have with Congress "I hope those members of Congress who caused this shutdown learn that the American people don't want us to govern by lurching from crisis to crisis," he said in a statement. "I hope we are able to return to working on the issues we should be focused on: putting people back to work, educating our kids, and strengthening our economic recovery."

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar Wednesday released the following statement after the Senate reached an agreement on a deal that would end the government shutdown and prevent a default.

"Today the Senate came together on an agreement that will open the government, pay our bills on time, and set up a framework for a larger, long-term budget deal. I worked hard with a bipartisan group of senators to help forge a solution and put a stop to the political blame games that caused this crisis."

NERCC

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code, and without the state bonding money, local taxpayers will have to foot the bill for the renovation.

Pavleck said that main facility was built in 1938 during the Workers Progress Administration,

known as WPA. Despite the many years that have passed, he said it remains a working model for housing nonviolent offenders. He said about 95 percent of the crimes committed in Koochiching County do not involve violence. Those housed at NERCC have been convicted of crimes involving alcohol, domestic

abuse and forgeries.

Prison guards are called crew supervisors at NERCC, he said, adding that the lack of fences provide opportunity for escape, but those incidents are few.

Pavleck said NERCC is owned and operated by the five counties, which he said is also a unique aspect. However, he said like

all correctional facilities, NERCC must pass inspections. "And at this point, we're having difficulty," he said. "We need to bring it up to date."

Pavleck said the needs are many: "major construction, from buildings to boilers." Little renovation has gone on at the main NERCC facility in the past, while

buildings that house classrooms and trade courses, recreational facilities and a slaughterhouse, have been added.

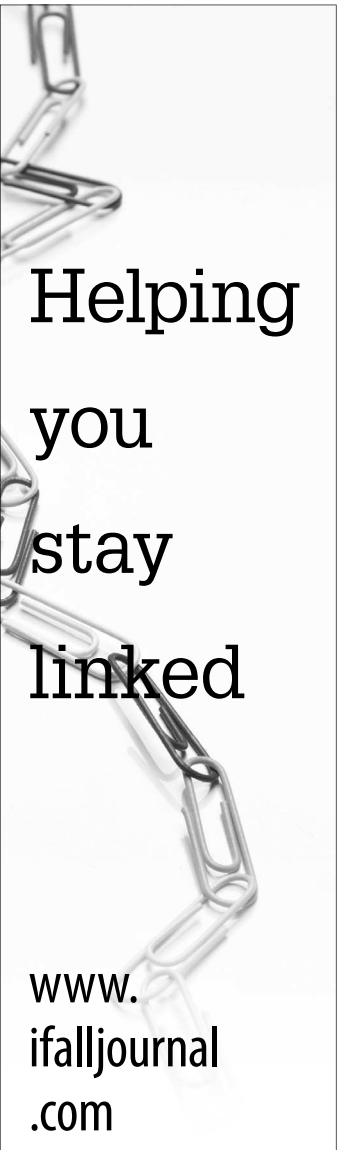
The slaughterhouse, he explained, is a part of NERCC's effort to produce most of its own food.

Pavleck credited local probation officers and District Judge Charles LeDuc

for supporting NERCC.

And, he said, participation in the NERCC agreement has saved all five counties money as they share expenses and liability.

Koochiching County can not afford to build its own facility," he said. "We could rent space from other counties, but transportation and rent costs are prohibitive."



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