



cated intensified the problems that had developed within the membership that eventually led to a complete split of the congregation. Because of this and their other differences, many of the above mentioned men again met at Forsby in June of 1897, for the purpose of forming another congregation, this time the Swedish Evangelic Lutheran Congregation.

Consequently, the building of White Stone Hill Church was left to another group of Swedes who had settled in an area called Little Skane. These included the Carlson brothers, Johan, Jons, Andrew, and Nils; Petter Lindvall, Lars and Ole Ringdahl, Nils Johnson, Nels and Pete Martinson, Ole Nelson, A.E. Lindholm, Nels Hoganson, Carl and Jacob Peterson, Gust Holmgren, A.G. Anderson, and the widowed sisters, Elna Johnson and Johanna Holmgren. Most of these members remained with the church until their deaths as did J.F. Carlblom, who donated the land for the church and his father, Johan G. Carlblom.

Others who helped for a short time, but left the church very early, were Charles Sundquist, Swan Friberg, Johan Bjork, Hjalmar Edman, Otto and Albert Carlblom, Andrew Beckman, Fred Johnson, Carl F. Carlson, and S. Lindberg.

The White Stone Hill Church was built for a total of \$819.62 and completed in 1899. They platted a cemetery to the north of the church and, eventually, built a barn west of the church. Their first parsonage was located in Milnor. Later, they built a parsonage and buggy shed in Gwinner plus dug a well for the parsonage.

When the Gwinner church became a member of the Augustana Synod in 1912, the two churches shared a minister and the parsonage. This arrangement continued until Feb. 10, 1957, when Gustaf Adolf voted to become a one-church parish. On Apr. 8, 1963, the White Stone Hill Congregation was dissolved. The church was torn down in 1969.

A meeting attended by Nils Petterson; Johan G., Albert, Otto, and John Fred Carlblom; Andrew and Ole Johnson, Nils Lund, Swan Friberg, C.O. Goranson, Nils Bjork, Andrew Backman, Gustav Edman, and John Elk was held Aug. 5, 1889, in the Forsby School for the purpose of starting a Swedish Lutheran Church somewhere in White Stone Hill Twp. At this meeting they elected three trustees; Swan Friberg, J.F. Carlblom, and Nils Petterson. A couple of weeks later they met again to accept a constitution and elect three deacons; Andrew Backman, Gustav Edman, and Andrew Johnson. Having formed the White Stone Hill Congregation, they joined the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod. For the next eight years they met as a congregation in one or more of the various local schools.

In May of 1897, it was decided to build a church. Apparently the disagreement as to where it was to be lo-