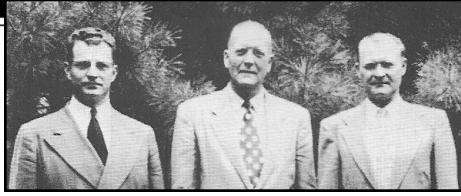


HISTORY of WOODLAWN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



1924 – Pastors of the Mission Board explore the idea of starting a new mission in the area of National Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue (now known as 92nd Street).

1927 – Lots are purchased at 2174 S. 96th Street for a chapel, school and parsonage. Total cost is \$17,000.

1928 - Woodlawn's first resident pastor, Rev. Harry Shiley was installed and conducted his first service with 12 adults and 15 children present. The Christian Day school opened on September 4 with an enrollment of 35 children in 8 grades. Pastor Shiley was the first teacher.

1929 - Woodlawn Formally organized on July 13 as a mission congregation with seven charter members.

1930 – Mr. Arnold Meyer became Woodlawn Lutheran School's first full time principal. Mr. Meyer was later ordained as a pastor after he left Woodlawn.

1940 – Pastor Harold Schwertfeger was installed as Woodlawn's second pastor. Mr. Martin Rauschke began his duties as Woodlawn Lutheran

School's second principal.

1943 – Mr. Melvin Schultz was installed as Woodlawn Lutheran School's third principal.

1947 – Mr. Robert Kolander became Woodlawn Lutheran School's fourth principal.

1949 – Woodlawn's third pastor, Rev. Reinhard Schoeneck was installed.

1954 – Woodlawn became self-supporting, free of financial help from the synod.

1955 – Woodlawn congregation purchased three acres of land at South 99th St. and West Lincoln Ave., our present property.

1958 - Rev. Adalbert Schultz was installed as Woodlawn's fourth pastor.

1960 – Ground was broken for the new school and lower level temporary chapel where services would be held for the next 11 years.

1962 – Rev. Reuel Schulz was installed as Woodlawn's fifth pastor.

1964 – The last of the 96th Street property is sold and a new, modular parsonage is constructed next to the church on 99th Street.

