

From the local history book in Winner Township, North Dakota

"Bethesda Church (Winner Township, North Dakota)"

" The Bethesda Congregation was organized in June 1905. Charter members were Gudor Loken, Severt Oie, Peter Solberg, Bernt Solberg and Andrew berg. The first baptism was for Myrtle Jorgensen in 1906. The first Confirmation was for Pauline Loken and Olga Berg in 1907. The first burial was for Kjersti Solberg.

The Bethesda Church was built in 1915 on land donated by Peder Fiones and his mother Ingeborg. Serving on the building committee were Gudor Loken, Martin Olson, and T. L. Quie. Lumber for the church was hauled from Williston with horses and



wagons. In the new church the first baptism was Stanley Anderson in 1925, the first confirmation was for Berilot Thorstad, Martin Loken and Hiram Walstad in 1916. In 1917 Gudor Loken was buried. The first marriage was in 1937 of Margit Thorstad and T. C. Walstad.

The following pastors have served through the years: C. Jorgensen, O. T. Oudal, Albert Johanson, W. N. Sjovangen, L. C. Johnson, J. S. Sunde, H. D. Halvorson, E. G. Bagley, P. C. Oas, S. C. Simundson, A. S. Bue, M. J. Larson, James Sorenson, David Egeland, Rev. Coral and Neil Hendrickson."