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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH,

JOPLIN, MONTANA.

STATE OF MONTANA, ss.
C. S. OF HILL, ss.

FILED Oct. 4, 1916

9 o'clock A.M.

John H. Devine,
County Clerk

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OF MONTANA IN AND
FOR COUNTY.

vs.

Plaintiff

Defendant

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Frank W. Turcotte,
Chester, Montana

Attorney for

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County of Hill

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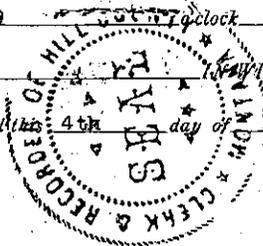
I, John H. Devine, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of the County of Hill and State of Montana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing, is a full, true and correct copy, and the whole thereof, of an original ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

"BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH", JOPLIN, MONTANA.

filed in my office on the 4th day of October 1916 at

9 o'clock A. M.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 4th day of October 1916



John H. Devine
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

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"BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH"

J O P L I N , M O N T A N A .

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KNOW ALL MEN: That we, the undersigned, the duly elected, qualified and acting trustees of the "Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church" have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of incorporating under the laws of the State of Montana, and in pursuance of the purpose for which we have been elected, as hereinafter set forth, a religious corporation to be known as "BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH".

AND WE CERTIFY, That the purpose for which it is organized and for which this corporation is formed, are: To establish a Lutheran Church in the vicinity of Joplin, in the County of Hill, State of Montana, and in connection therewith suitable and customary organizations, for the purpose of propagating the Christian religion, public worship, and religious training, according to the rules and discipline of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, to take charge of the church building, estate and property, and the affairs and temporalities thereof; and for the purpose of taking, holding and receiving by gift or devise or bequest personal property and real estate, and to use and dispose thereof for the purpose for which this corporation is formed and organized.

That this corporation shall have continual succession.

That the number of trustees who shall have the management of all trust fund for general or special purposes, or for holding legal title to real estate for the use and benefit of said church or congregation, as aforesaid, shall be THREE(3) and the names of the trustees elected and their respective terms of office are: Arvid Lars for one year from January 1, 1916, Armund Paulson for two years from January 1, 1916, and Peter Westerlund, for three years from January 1, 1916.

That the said trustees were duly elected at a meeting of the members of said church or congregation, duly convened and held at the old school house in Section ~~22~~^{one}, Township ~~32~~³² North, Range ~~117~~ East, Montana Meridian, for the purpose among other things, of electing trustees to take charge and management of its property, temporalities and affairs, and to form this corporation; that the said trustees were

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elected by the unanimous vote of all members present, as is more fully set forth in the certificate and verification by the officers who conducted the election, hereunto annexed and made a part of these articles.

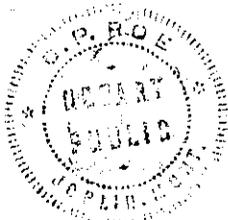
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 20 day of September, A.D. 1916.

... Asel E. Lear Seal.
... Armond Paulson Seal.
* ... Peter Westerlund Seal.

State of Montana)
County of Hill) ss.

On this 20 day of September, A. D. 1916, before me, O.P. Roe, a notary public for the State of Montana, personally appeared Asel E. Lear, Armond Paulson, and Peter Westerlund personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they each duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

... O.P. Roe Seal.
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Joplin Mont
My commission expires Feb. 18, 1916.



C E R T I F I C A T E .

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That at a meeting of the members of the "BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH" duly convened for the purpose hereinafter set forth, held in the old school house in Section One, Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Montana Meridian, on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1916, a majority of said members being then and there present, who voted at said election.

Rev. L. J. R. Larson presided and O. G. Larson acted as chairman. The meeting then proceeded to the election of three members as trustees, to take charge of the property, temporalities and affairs of the Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, and to form an incorporation

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under the laws of the State of Montana, in furtherance for which the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America is founded.

Motion was made and seconded that the members of the old board of trustees be chosen and elected as trustees of the new corporation called the "Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church" and that they each and respectively hold office and that their terms of office expire as before, and the names of the said trustees and their respective terms are as follows:

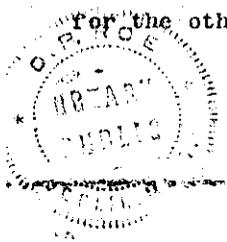
- Axel Lear for one year from January 1, 1916;
- Amund Paulson for two years from January 1, 1916;
- Peter Westerlund for three years from January 1, 1916.

L. J. R. Larson
Chairman.

Attest: Oscar G. Larson
Secretary.

State of Montana)
County of Hill) ss.

On this 16 day of September, 1916, before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. J. R. Larson and Oscar G. Larson, known to me to be the ~~secretary~~ chairman and secretary of the Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, respectively, and the persons whose names are subscribed to the above and foregoing certificate and each of them for himself and not one for the other, acknowledged to me that they executed the same.



O. P. Roe
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Joplin, Montana.

My commission expires Feb. 18, 1918

BE IT REMEMBERED, That at a special meeting called for that purpose, held at the old school house in Section One, Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Montana Meridian, on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1916, there then and there being present the following members: Peter Westerlund
Otto Amundson, P. O. Peterson, P. H. Peterson, ..
Ole Midthaug, E. C. Anderson, Lewis Bilden

Simon Anderson, Tom Madson, August Ternström
 Axel Olson, Ole Estenson, Theodor Estenson, U
 A. B. Anderson, P. H. La Valley, L. J. R. Larson
 O. G. Larson, L. M. Sargent, Amund Paulson

Member P. H. La Valley presented a certain resolution, and moved its adoption, and the recoupen member Axel Olsson seconded said motion to adopt said resolution, which motion being then and there put to a vote of the "Ayes" and "Nays" and the roll being called, said Resolution was unanimously adopted by the vote of all the members present, each of said members voting "Aye" and there being no votes "Nay", which resolution is in the words following, to-wit:

"RESOLVED, That the trustees of this congregation, or church, to-wit: Amund Paulson, Axel E. Lear and Peter Westerlund, the duly elected trustees thereof, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this church, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation as required by law.

..... L. J. R. Larson ..
 Chairman.

Attest: Oscar G. Larson
 Secretary.

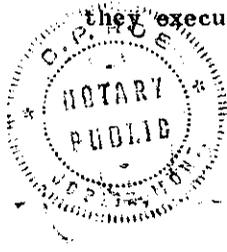
State of Montana)
County of Hill) :ss.

We, the undersigned, L. J. R. Larson, chairman of the Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Oscar G. Larson, secretary of the Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution and proceedings of the "BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH" had at a special meeting thereof on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1916; we and each of us do further certify that there were Eighteen (18) members present at said meeting and that the said resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of all the members present, each of said members voting "Aye" and there were no votes "Nay".

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L. J. R. Larson
Chairman.
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Oscar G. Larson
Secretary.
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State of Montana)
County of Hill) :ss,

On this 26 day of September, A. D. 1916, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. J. R. Larson and Oscar G. Larson, known to me to be the Chairman and Secretary of the Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, respectively, and the persons whose names are subscribed to the above certificate and each for himself and not one for the other, acknowledged to me that they executed the same.



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O. P. Roe
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Joplin, Montana.
My commission expires Feb 16, 1918