SEPTEMBER OPEN HOUSE

On **Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m.** the **Plymouth Historical Society** will have an **OPEN HOUSE**. The guest speaker will be Arthur L. Finnell, speaking on "**Adventures on the Family Tree**". He has 35 years experience in helping people to get started on finding more about their family's history. He can provide information on how to look for artifacts, historical information, public resources, etc. to help sort it out into meaningful information about your family.

We have included a sample *Pedigree Chart* to get you started. Fill it out and bring it along to the meeting to ask questions on how to go about filling in the missing information.

Remember to bring your friends, neighbors and anybody interested in geneology on September 27th!

MUSEUM DONATIONS

* Home shoe repair kit, consisting of a set of shoe lasts and two stands made of wrought iron.   Donated by Francis J. Bauer

* Butter churn and stand, made of wood.   Donated by Fred Mengelkoch

* Old manual operated jigsaw.   Donated by Jim Manual

* Washing machine, converted from manual to gasoline to electric.   Donated by Eailor R. Melberg

* Seventy-five Road Overseers Land Tax Pass Books, noting paid and delinquent taxes on properties along the Plymouth Township roads from 1897 to 1901.   Donated by City of Plymouth

* Black and white photo print enlargement of the old stone bridge over Plymouth Creek near the Old Town Hall, taken in 1917.   Donated by Marion Bauer

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN PLYMOUTH

It's not to early to plan ahead and mark your calendar for the **Third Annual** *"Old Fashioned Christmas in Plymouth"* **Sunday, December 10th,** co-sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Society and Plymouth Park and Recreation Department. It will be bigger and better than last year so watch for future announcements.

MAILING AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

All of the people who have previously signed our guest book have been added to the mailing list. You will have to pardon us if we didn't get your name or address exactly correct. If you have any additions or corrections, please call Gary Schiebe at 473-4889.

If anyone would like to become a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, please feel free to call Jack or Mary Malmstedt at 473-4493. The annual dues are Individual $5.00, Family $7.50 and Lifetime $100.00.

CHURCH RESTORATION

The original Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Medicine Lake on County Road 9, Plymouth is being restored with a grant from the ONAN Family foundation in memory of Geraldine ONAN Smith. The restoration will exceed the grant and the church is looking for any additional help they can get to defray the costs.

The picture below is representative of the paintings that were discovered on the walls and will be restored in the restoration process.

The church was built in 1880 and a history has been compiled by John W. Matson. The following is his information on the early history:

1850's - The settlers in this area were served by missionaries who came a few times each year to conduct services. One of the first missionaries who conducted services in the Medicine Lake area was Pastor Rakcopp, who would walk from Osseo and carry a bundle on his back. The word of his arrival was spread by word of mouth and several families would gather in one home for services.

1854 - In the year 1854, Horman Sandhoff homesteaded in the Medicine Lake area. His children, Ed and Ida Sandhoff, recalled having services in their log house by the lake. On these special occasions there would always be a big dinner after the services. Later on services were held in the little brick schoolhouse of School District Number 51. There was some objection to this procedure so services were moved into the home of Christopher Sandhoff. His home was located just east of the schoolhouse on land which he had purchased in 1866 from Francis Jowett.

1871 - Christopher Sandhoff died on April 2, 1871, and he was the first person buried in the present cemetery, which was once his land. Just before his burial, the cemetery was dedicated. Later when the cemetery was surveyed, it was found that the actual grave was on land owned by August Sandhoff, who then gave a narrow strip of land to the cemetery so the grave would not have to be moved.

1978 - On June 12, 1878, a German Evangelical Cemetery Association was formed by the adoption of articles of incorporation.

1880 - In 1880 provision was made to build a church ediface on the property owned by the cemetery association. It was in the same year that a house was built on property across the road, and currently this house is used for the parish house of Mt. Olivet Congregation. The church was organized as a local congregation and it took the name of Immanuel Evangelical Church of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of North America. The ten charter members of the congregation were: Horman, August, August Ed, and William Sandhoff, Henry and John Fitzor, William and Henry Schmidt, Henry Proohl and one more. Services were conducted in German and all records were kept in German until the early 1900's.

1831 - There were eight in the first confirmation class, which was conducted by Rev. Floor in 1881 (Rev. Floor was pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church in Minneapolis). The confirmands were Mrs. Elizabeth Roggoman, Dora Fitzor, Bertha, Minnie, Adolph, Mary, Anna and Fred Sandhoff.
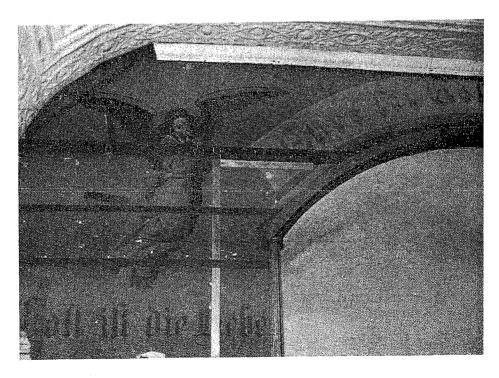
1881 - 1952 - During this period, the church was served by pastors from St. John's Evangelical Church in Minneapolis. Those pastors were: 1881 - R. Henschel; 1885 - L. Mack; 1888 - Al. Thiele; 1893 - George Meyer; 1905 - E. Sans; 1921 - T. J. Horrmann; 1930 - C. F. Sturm, Jr.; 1955 - William J. Riemann; 194? - Samuel Schick; 194? - Paul Meyers. Rev. Paul Meyers became ill and was unable to continue to conduct services at the church. During this illness students were obtained from Northwestern Lutheran Seminary in Minneapolis to conduct services. Among the students who served the congregation were Michael Furney, Federick Opom, and Otto Sotnok. After many meetings, the congregation voted to reorganize and to become a Lutheran church.

1952 - On August 1, 1952, the congregation became a sister congregation of Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church of Robbinsdale. The Rev. Harvey C. Soobach became pastor of both congregations at that time. On November 2, 1952, the congregation, with forty-nine charter members,, adopted the name Mount Olivet Evangelical Lutheran Church of Medicine Lake and it joined the Northwest Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

1953 - The first class of students instructed in the Lutheran faith was confirmed on June 7, 1953. The members of this class were Bruce Broman, Richard Huston, Evelyn Roggemann, and Karen Schulz. On December 21, 1953, the cemetery association disbanded and turned the church building and the cemetery over to the congregation. The congregation began to grow under the leadership of Rev. Seebach and the student assistants who worked under him. The church school outgrew the quarters provided for it in the church and it was decided to purchase the house, the garage, and 3-1/2 acres of land across the road.

1954 - In the fall of 1954, the 3-1/2 acres of land across the road from the church was purchased from Mission Farms. The house was redecorated and it was named the Mt. Olivet Parish House. This house has been the meeting place for all the organizations of the church and it houses the Sunday church school. In 1955 there were 71 pupils enrolled in the Sunday School.

PEDIGREE CHART

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 27, 1989
7:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER
ARTHUR L. FINNELL

"ADVENTURES
ON THE FAMILY TREE"

**LOCATION: PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL BUILDING
3605 FERNBROOK LANE
PLYMOUTH, MN**

MUSEUM OPEN - REFRESHMENTS SERVED

MR. FINNELL IS AN EXPERT WITH 35 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN GENEALOGY.
BRING ALONG ANY INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON HOW
TO SEARCH FOR YOUR FAMILY HISTORY (BOTH IN-LAWS & OUT-LAWS).
HE WILL HELP US GET STARTED AND PROVIDE TIPS ON HOW AND WHERE
TO LOOK FOR ARTIFACTS, HISTORICAL INFORMATION, ETC.