

CHURCHES OF SHERBURNE COUNTY

A SHORT HISTORY OF SOME OF THE PLACES OF WORSHIP WITHIN SHERBURNE
COUNTY, MINNESOTA



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Sherburne County, Minnesota organized in February 1856.

The people moving into the newly formed county organized places of worship - first in homes and eventually built structures for the community to gather. Organizing congregations and building churches provides a signal suggesting permanence to a community. Dating the construction of a church implies the congregation felt a desire to call this place home.

This exhibit does not encompass every structure or congregation within Sherburne County, it is rather a sampling of churches and places of worship in the area.



Religions in Sherburne County - 2010

Although not comprehensive, the diversity of religious denominations and the number of religious followers in Sherburne County provides interesting insight to the sense of community

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| Catholic Church | 11,722 |
| Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ | 5,486 |
| Evangelical Lutheran Church in America | 4,222 |
| The Christian and Missionary Alliance | 3,002 |
| Lutheran Church | 2,141 |
| The Evangelical Free Church of America | 1,403 |
| The United Methodist Church | 1,043 |
| U.S. Mennonite Brethren | 1,022 |
| Non-denominational | 862 |

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Baptist Churches

Baptist congregations organized in Becker, Big Lake and Elk River.



First Swedish Baptist Church, Becker, built in 1910

The First Swedish Baptist Church began in 1892 when people began meeting in homes for worship. Hymns were sung and the Scriptures were read and taught in the Swedish language. People gave testimonies and sang to the accompaniment of the guitar, in a revival style service.

A new church building was completed in 1980. All the 30,000 bricks used in the building, from the old Becker school, were hand cleaned brick by brick.

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Catholic Churches

**Christ Our Light Catholic Church
Zimmerman / Princeton**



**St. Pius X Catholic Church
Zimmerman**



**St. Andrew's Catholic Church
& School
Elk River**

**Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Becker / Big Lake**



**St. Marcus Catholic Church
Clear Lake**



**St. Joseph's / Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
Becker**



**Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church
Big Lake**

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Episcopal Churches



**Trinity Episcopal Church
Elk River**



Becker Episcopal Church – interior



Becker Episcopal Church

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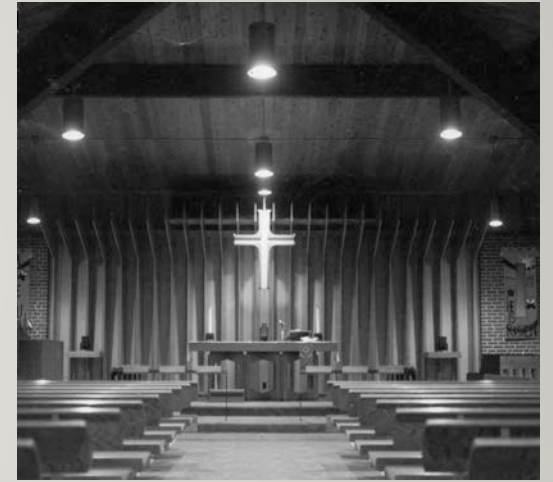
Lutheran Churches



Becker Lutheran Church



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Cable**



**Saron Lutheran Church interior
Big Lake**



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Elk River**

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Lutheran Churches



Eidskog Church
Interior – Easter 1928
Orrock



Orrock Evangelical Norwegian Lutheran Church congregation ca. 1898



Eids Kigen Kirke congregation log church Orrock - Eidskog ca 1900

Hope Lutheran Church Orrock



Our Saviors Lutheran Church Santiago



St. John's Lutheran Church Zimmerman

LIST OF KNOWN HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Although not comprehensive, the number of historic churches in Sherburne County are significant as another marker of the sense of community. The list of churches and the date of their organization include:

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| Becker Baptist Church | 1909 |
| Pleasant Valley Baptist (Becker) | 1867 |
| Union Congregational Church (Elk River) | 1875 |
| Saint Marcus Catholic Church (Clear Lake) | 1879 |
| Saint Andrews Catholic Church (Elk River) | 1890 |
| Orrock Evangelical Lutheran (Orrock) | 1896 |

MORE SHERBURNE COUNTY CHURCHES

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|---|-------------|
| Union Church (Big Lake) | 1884 |
| Holy Trinity Episcopal (Elk River) | 1858 |
| Trinity Episcopal (Becker) | 1884 |
| Svea Hill Community Covenant Church (Orrock) | 1894 |
| Snake River Free Mission Church (Becker) | 1891 |
| Zion Christian Church (Big Lake) | 1884 |
| United Christian Church of Elk River | 1875 |
| Eidskog Lutheran Church (Orrock) | 1873 |

MORE SHERBURNE COUNTY CHURCHES

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| Saron Lutheran Church (Big Lake) | 1892 |
| Becker Methodist Church | 1883 |
| Clear Lake Methodist Church | 1879 |
| Elk River Methodist Church | 1857 |
| Blue Hill Methodist Episcopal | 1901 |
| Living Water Pentecostal Church (Clear Lake) | 1888 |

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Within a year of the county creation, churches were organized and built in Sherburne County.

Their construction signaled a permanence to the settlements on the 1850s frontier of Minnesota.

By briefly exploring the development of Churches in Sherburne County we gain greater insight into the process of settlement of the county.



Becker Methodist Episcopal Church—no date