

Members of the City Council

City of Swift Current.

April 30th, 1929

Gentlemen;

For the past year and a half the Ev. Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod has been conducting services in the City of Swift Current. Due to the fact that we are the first Lutheran Church of the Ev. Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America to conduct services in this city, our beginning has been marked by many obstacles and reverses. Chief of these obstacles has been and still is the lack of our own church building.

The Mission Board of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District to which the Swift Current Parish belongs, has now come to our assistance with a splendid offer which we are very much inclined to accept, providing preliminary consideration can well be met. The offer of the said Mission Board is briefly this: The Mission Board of its own funds will erect a chapel for us in this city providing we, the local Swift Current congregation, will consent to meet our portion of the obligation. This chapel is to take the form of a regular residence. The down stairs of the same is to be fitted out as the chapel, while the rear, or the up-stairs is to serve as the parsonage. The cost of the same is estimated at \$4000.00-\$5000.00. As soon as we assent our approval to meet our portion of the obligation the Mission Board will proceed to grant us the money necessary for erecting this structure.

The chief obstacle in our way and which prevents us from making our decision, is the fact that we do not possess any lots in this city. In view of our present small number of adherents, and in view of our obligations to the Mission Board in this matter, which will extend over a period of several years, we, the members of the Ev. Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod herewith [sic] come before the worthy members of the City Council of Swift Current with a humble request to grant us consideration in behalf of one or two lots for the site of the said chapel. We have made inquiry at the City Hall regarding a suitable location, and have found that lots 11 and 12 in Block 58, corner of Fourth Ave. E. and Cheadle St., E. would be a desirable location for our chapel.

With full assurance that the worthy members of the City Council will give our petition due deliberation, and firmly trusting that the noble purpose of which this parcel of ground is to be dedicated will motivate the Council to grant us generous consideration to obtain the ideal for which we earnestly strive. We wait with patience your resolution. Very respectfully submitted in behalf of the

The EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MISSOURY [sic] SYNOD

Chairman

Sec. Treas.

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Rev. R. C. Rein,

Chairman,

Ev. Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod, City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 30th ulto. Re. lots 11 and 12, Block 58, Original Subdivision was discussed by council at their regular meeting held on May 6th and I have been instructed to advise that council is prepared to sell the foregoing lots for the sum of \$300.00.

Kindly advise by return of mail if you are prepared to pay this price.

Yours truly,

City Clerk.