

Rev. P. A. Thoreson pioneer pastor

Philip A. Thoreson was born in Trondhjem, Norway, April 28, 1861. At the age of 18, he went to Orebro, Sweden where he studied theology for three years. In 1882 he came to America to complete his course at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn.

Mr. Thoreson was married to Julia Sletten, Kenyon, Minn. Sept. 8, 1888 and with her went to Dazy, N.D. to accept his first call as pastor. For 32 years he organized the Lutheran congregations at Hannaford & at Mabel (near Sutton). He also took over the churches at Osterold, near Finley and Beaver Creek, near Halton, N. Dak. & served at these two places for ten years.

Rev. & Mrs. P. A. Thoreson lived in Dazy for three years, and then took up a homestead. In 1902 they moved to Hannaford where they made their home for eleven years. In 1910 they moved to Mabel where they made it their home until in 1920 when it became necessary for Rev. Thoreson to give up his pastorate at Mabel congregation. He then moved to Fargo. At Fargo he served the First Lutheran Church for two years.

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and move to Fargo. At Fargo he
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Church and acted as missionary pastor
when there was need. He assisted
in the work of the Lutheran Children's
Home. He was chaplain at St. Luke's
Hospital for many years.

children were born to Mr. & Mrs. Thoreson
namely: Esther (Mrs. of Los Angeles Cal.)
Marcus ~~of Los Angeles~~; Philip (deceased)
Harold of Wash. D.C. Edna (Mrs. Jake Hinkleson)
of Harwood; Walter of Butte, Mont. ~~Oliver~~
Jack of Bismark; Lydia (Mrs.) of
Hillsboro; Dorcas (Mrs. Sverre Oftedal) of
~~Hollywood, Cal.~~
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Rev. Thoreson passed away March 12,
1926 at Fargo.