



# ***North Sidney Messenger***

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No. 36**

This is Newsletter No. 36. North Sidney Messenger is sent to you once a year to bring you news since last Memorial Day to present time. If you are a first-time reader of the letter, we say “**WELCOME**”. Thank you to long-time readers for your continued support and interest.

North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association is registered with the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization. Our purpose is to take care of the church and cemetery and to preserve it for future generations. Membership can be either by paying dues yearly of \$2.00 per year after the first fee of \$10.00 is paid or life membership of \$50 per person and is a one-time fee which is much easier. Dues are used for newsletter, postage and other general up-keep expenses. Cemetery up-keep is partially paid from the Perpetual Care Fund. If a lot has no perpetual care fund, a special fee is paid. If your lot is not under perpetual care you might want to consider it, one payment and you are done.

Please check out the North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association website [www.northsidney.com](http://www.northsidney.com). There are links to other sites as well as information on how to purchase books and become a member. The newsletter will also be posted so if you have an email address and would like the information from the website instead of mailing the letter please let us know. If you have ideas on how to improve it or information that could be added, just send Krista a note. Also, if you have any news or information that you would like to share for next year's newsletter just send us a note or email.

If you know of someone that would enjoy the newsletter and currently doesn't receive it, let one of the officers know and we will make it happen. Also, if your address has changed, make sure we get updated information so our postage expenses aren't wasted with returns.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, during a thunderstorm, the Church was hit by lightning which caused a window to be blown out, the electric meter blown off and quite a bit of siding destroyed. Estimates for the electrical and siding came to almost \$1,400. There is no insurance to cover the costs so as you can tell, donations are extremely important. There are pictures hanging in the entry.

Over the last year we have lost the following loved ones: Anne Carlson, Wanda Christensen, William Mathisen, and Grant Tiesner were buried in the cemetery. Thank you to everyone who sent donations to North Sidney in memory of your friends and loved ones. Donations were received in memory of:

*L. Corfixsen in memory of Oscar & Emma Corfixsen*  
*Elton & Wilma Baldwsin in memory of Harriet & Clarence Olsen*  
*Carol Maxfield in memory of Ferris Christensen*  
*Carl & Grace Smith in memory of James & Louella Poumade*  
*Ruth Reed in memory of Harriet Olson*  
*Dixie Lee Christensen in memory of Aaron & Jane Christensen*

#### COOKIN' CORNER

**Applesauce Cake** (from Cooking Favorites of North Sidney by Ellen Anderson)

½ c. shortening	½ tsp. cloves
2 c. sugar	½ tsp. nutmeg
1 ½ c. applesauce (unsweetened)	½ tsp. allspice
2 ½ c. sifted flour	½ c. water
1 ½ tsp. soda	1 c. raisins
1 ½ tsp. salt	½ c. nuts
1 tsp. cinnamon	

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs and blend with applesauce. Sift flour before measuring. Sift together flour, soda, salt, and spices. Add alternately with water, add nuts and raising. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes. Makes large loaf pan. Topping: 2 c. brown sugar, 6 Tbsp. milk, 4 Tbsp. butter. Bring to a rolling boil and boil for about 1 minute. Remove from heat and add 1 tsp. baking powder and 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat or stir about 5 minutes then let stand until spreading consistency stirring occasionally.

Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 26th. Final plans will be made at the Annual Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Church. The Memorial Day Service will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Luke Dudenhofer has again agreed to deliver this year's message. Luke and his wife Melissa grew up in the Stanton/Sidney area and now live in Chicago. Luke is pastor of the New Life Community Church in the Bridgeport neighborhood and they have three children, Josiah Wesley, Titus Charles and Ethni Aniah Rose.

When you visit the Church please check out the "Heritage Wall". There are many pictures of previous year's services as well as from the past. See how many faces you recognize!

The *first school of Sidney* was a log structure built in 1858 by donated labor. The work was supervised by Joshua V. Noah. It was 16 by 24 feet, one story, covered with a split shake roof. There were four windows on each side. The windowsills were extended about a foot and a half and these served as the desks for the students. This school was located in the vicinity of Woods and Grow Roads. Martha Newberry was the first teacher. The pupils were: *Orange Ruth, Abbie and John Noah; Jane, Lucy, Adeline and Henry Gillmore; and Nelson, Nancy and Helen Vanness*. This school was turned over to District No. 2 four years later and a second building was built located at Sidney Center.

*Focus on the Family*

LEO CHRISTENSEN

Leo Christensen was born July 23 1902. He was the son of Alfred and Maren Sophia (Hansen) Christensen. Maren Sophia was better known by the name Fannie to her family. Leo married Alice Christensen, daughter of Lewis and Hannah Christensen. Alice was born July 7, 1908. Leo and Alice lived on the home place on Hillman Road, west of Sidney. They were members of North Sidney church and the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Alice was a member of North Sidney Ladies Aid. Leo was an upholster and did work at the North Sidney Church the last time the kneeling bench and pulpit were upholstered. They were the parents of Virginia Hannah and Aaron Christensen. Virginia married Robert Billings and their family consists of Harold, Bret and Brenda. Aaron Christensen married Jane Carol Frederick and they have three children, Dixie Lee, Aaron C., Jr. and Debra. The family were members of St. John's Church at North Sidney. This information and more can be found in the North Sidney Area book.

We still have copies of the North Sidney Area 1884-1984 book. There is much information on the Sidney area and families in the area. Contact Jennifer Thomsen or pick one up at the Church on Memorial Day. You can also print order forms from the website.

If anyone else has memories that you would like to share in the Newsletter please let me know.

The officers and their addresses are listed on the last page of this letter. Please send dues or donations to Jennifer Thomsen, Treasurer. Due to the increase in the cost of stamps receipts will no longer be sent if you pay dues by check. Donations will be recognized.

This past summer we were not satisfied with the quality of lawn care. We decided to hire Current Lawn Care from Crystal. I'm sure the lawn will look much better this summer.

Please remember and pray for all of our men and women serving in the military. May they all return soon. Flags are placed on the grave of Veterans each year. A special thanks to Sidney Township for furnishing the flags and John and Lillian Christophersen for placing them on the grave sites.

**The week prior to Memorial Day we are looking for volunteers to spend a few hours to keep the church open and greet visitors. Please let Jennifer Thomsen or myself know if you are willing to do this, so we can make sure the church will be unlocked.** Thank you to the members that volunteered last spring.

As I close for another year, I want to thank everyone who assists with keeping the Association running smoothly whether it is with donations, volunteering to help during Memorial Day week, bringing cookies to share or helping with clean up. Thanks to all who attend the Memorial Day Service and hope to see you Memorial Day.

*Marilyn Thomsen*  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Spring Meeting, May 14, 2014

Memorial Day Service, May 26, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Fall Meeting, September 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

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