

OLD TRONDHJEM CHURCH

Historic  
Trondhjem:  
Telling a Story,  
Preserving a  
Treasure.

Autumn 2011

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## Winter Concert at Historic Trondhjem Church

Winter Concert to Feature

**Apollo Male Chorus**

**February 12th, 2:00PM**

We are pleased to announce Historic Trondhjem's Winter Concert will again feature the Apollo Male Chorus of Minneapolis.

The Apollo Male Chorus is one of the oldest continuously performing choruses in the United States and has one of the largest libraries of men's choral music in the world. It is made up of about fifty members. They have performed at Presidential Inaugurations, the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, the World's Fair, and Governor Pawlenty's Inauguration.

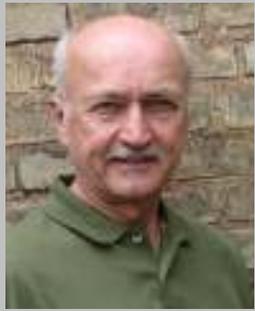
Tickets are only \$15.00 and can be purchased at Personal Touch Office Services, 307 Division Street, Northfield, MN - telephone: 507-645-8811 or from any TCPS board member.

The Apollo Male Chorus has performed for us in the past and tickets have always sold out, so make sure you don't miss out this year! Treat yourself to a wonderful concert and get your tickets soon!



*It is an extraordinary experience to hear this chorus  
in the acoustics of the restored church!*

## From the President



MERLE FOSSUM

### A note from the President...

This has been a good summer and fall for Old Trondhjem. The board of directors meets monthly and was busy putting on the Syttende Mai celebration in May and the Ice Cream Social

in late July. Both were well attended and helped to raise funds for the care and maintenance of the building and to add to our treasury for the long term plans for a new museum and reception hall.

We were sorry that John Fossum had to leave the board for other duties in his life when his term was up. But then we were blessed to have Patti Halverson Murry join the board with her energy and talents. As a special bonus, her husband Tom is like a board member attending all our meetings and pitching in on the maintenance committee and volunteering in any way he's needed.

Our annual TCPS Board and Committee Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8:30a.m.—2:00p.m. All interested members of TCPS are invited to attend. We have a fun day together, talking about the work of TCPS and brainstorming and planning future projects. Lunch is provided for everyone. So please let us know if you can join us that day.

-Merle Fossum

## Christmas Eve

### Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th, 11:00PM

Trondhjem Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve at the historic church with an 11:00pm worship service.

There will be special music, singing of carols, traditional candle lights and Holy Communion.

Trondhjem Lutheran Church invites you to share Christmas with them at this special worship service.



## TCPS Board

### Board of Directors

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# Memories

-By Joyce Pflaum

Our family moved into the house located on the back street (Prairie Avenue) in Webster in October 1943. We moved the day after my 11th birthday, and this was "home" until 1982. My brother and I had just complete 2 months of school in a one room country school known as the Knowles School, located about 3 miles east of Lonsdale. There were only about 10 students in that school, two girls and 8 boys. They all talked Bohemian except our family and the teacher. The teacher told them everyone had to talk English during the school day. We did become good friends with the other pupils and enjoyed our time together. However, it was good to get back to the school in Webster, District 127, which we had attended since we began grade school. That school, also a one room school, had been built in 1913, and was a nice brick school with a large classroom, and a large basement. We usually had over 20 students per year.

Moving to a large house meant a change in my life. I was now 11 years old and that meant I was expected to take on more responsibility. The house had four bedrooms, a storeroom, and a large hall upstairs. It was my job to clean the upstairs EVERY Saturday. No, there was no vacuum cleaner and carpets. It meant picking up all the throw rugs, all handmade, and shaking them GOOD! Some days they were carried down the long stairs and hung out on the clothes line to freshen up. All the beds had to be made and all the furniture dusted. Then the floors were swept with a broom, followed by dusting the floors with a dust mop. I had to make a trip outside to shake the dust out of the dustmop after each room was dusted. Then all the clean, throw rugs were laid back down. This was all followed with dusting around all the spindles of the long hallway railing, and then dusting each step in the stairway with a dustrag, and each corner had better be cleaned out good. My only "perk" was that I could turn on the radio downstairs loud enough so I could hear all the hit songs of the 1940's upstairs. When I got done it was usually lunch time, and there were dishes to wash -- never just a few dishes as mother had spent the morning baking bread and other goodies, and there were always at least six people for lunch. I also felt it really wasn't fair that I had to do all this cleaning alone, as my two good friends were sisters

and they had only a small house to clean together. They were always done much sooner than I was and would be out in the yard waiting for me to come outside to walk around town, play ball, go watch the "dinky" train go through town, or do whatever we could come up with. There was no planned entertainment for us.

Saturday evening radio always had my favorite radio program on, "Hit Parade".

One winter my uncle Stanley built a toboggan. It was about 24 inches wide, and longer than a regular one. He had a big hill out in his pasture. We loved to go out to his farm that winter to ride that toboggan. We would pile onto the toboggan, ride down the long hill, and then Stanley would follow us down the hill with his tractor and pull the toboggan back up the hill. At other times we would take our sleds and skis to the smaller hills on the edge of town to slide. I learned to ski on the skis my dad had used as a kid. We did not get nice, shiny, new winter equipment to play with. Oh, by the way, Webster was a town that was only two blocks square and there were hills all around town. Ice skating was done on a creek that ran through town or on ponds located on farms near town.

We could always find something to do to have fun. The main thing was to gather all our friends and do things together. We were not bored with life. We enjoyed it.

## ANOTHER "UNCLE STANLEY" MEMORY

If you ever have a down day, just go visit Uncle Stanley and Norman Halverson. They will share a cup of coffee and a goodie with you and within a few minutes you will be laughing. Your "woes" will be forgotten.

Stanley Nelson celebrated his 97th birthday in October. When he was a very young man, there were very few birthday gifts to be had. He does remember one October, though, when he received a gift. It was a pair of heavy work gloves. He was so proud of this pair of gloves. However, there was a reason he received this gift. The corn was shocked and all the corn had to be picked (shucked) out of the husks by hand. This job required wearing a pair of gloves. By the time all the corn had been shucked, his gloves were worn out.

# The Trondhjem Boyhood of Norman Halverson

-Written by Nancy Halverson Norton

My father, Norman Clifford Halverson was born on May 7, 1922, the second of three children born to Richard Carl Halverson and Thea Lavanger Halverson on the rented Skauge farm in Webster Township. Richard was a life long member of Trondhjem, who was raised on the farm just north of the current Trondhjem cemetery, the home place of his parents, Edward and Rekken Halverson.

Edward and Rekken Halverson immigrated from Norway, losing a baby, Karlot, on the way. Dad believes that baby was likely buried at sea, but there is a small headstone on the southern most edge of the Trondhjem cemetery for him. They lost another son, Gilbert (Guttorm), also buried in the cemetery, but raised Olla, Emma, Helga, Richard and Eddie into the Trondhjem community. While Rekken passed away when my Dad was only 8, Grandpa Halverson lived until 1949- to age 97!

My grandmother, Thea Lavanger Halverson, was born in 1888 in a sod house on the wide open prairie, near Aneta, North Dakota. She saved enough money from her job cooking for a thrashing crew to travel to Minnesota to see her sister, Annie, who had met and married Ole Docken and was now living in the Trondhjem community. Her father urged her not to go, saying “then you will be stuck there in the ‘brush’ too”! But she went, and married Richard Halverson to raise 3 children on a farm over the hill from Trondhjem Church: Ernest, Norman (my Dad) and Myrtle (see the family picture, with their dog, “Carlo”).

Norman loved to tag along with Richard, his “Pa”, who had a great sense of humor and fun. They often walked the half mile to visit his sister, Olla Fossum, whom he loved to tease. Having just baked a lovely cake, she would prod her brother, “wasn’t that cake pretty good?” And he would finally answer, “ya, it was alright, but nothing to offer com-

pany” and she would laugh! As kids, they used to walk past Olla’s to school. Anticipating one day that she would come out to quiz the passing kids about some event, Pa told my Dad to say “Pa said it ain’t nice to pump the kids”. Sure enough – on their way past she came out to question them, and my Dad delivered his line “Pa says it ain’t nice to pump the kids” and as always, she had to laugh!

While Richard’s family often walked to Church on Sundays, there would be horses tied outside Trondhjem Church, covered in blankets in the winter. Olla played the pump organ, and Reverend Sundahl came on the train from Eureka Center to Lonsdale to preach at Trondhjem and Christiana. The men sat on the right facing the organ, and the women on the left facing the stove for the all-Norwegian service. If it was too cold to start heating the Church on Saturday,

the service would sometimes be held in a home. Dad remembers a time the service was at his home, and that Rev. Sundahl stayed with them. Thea had to find a spittoon for the tobacco-chewing pastor, as Pa only chewed outside. Elna Halverson Hansen and Myrtle Halverson Homeier were in the last class he confirmed at Trondhjem.



Olla and Anna Husby ran the Sunday School. Dad remembers them lining the kids up to sing, and he was instructed to stand by Naomi Quinnell (she and Dad are the oldest Sunday Schoolers still around!). “Stand closer to her – she won’t bite!” How he hated the Christmas Program and having to get up and “speak [his] piece”! Even then he preferred to be a sidelines observer, where we often find him today.

Like many families, the Richard Halversons really suffered during the Depression. Pa suffered a heart attack, and couldn’t physically farm, falling behind on the farm debt. Not wanting to take the farm from a “widow and her kids”, the farm owner reclaimed the farm two weeks before Richard Halverson died. Eddie Halverson rented the farm back from the owner to keep Richard’s devastated family in their home for a time, but eventually they were split up to go live

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## Trondhjem Boyhood

with and work for various relatives – a necessary but traumatic situation for all of them.

For his Confirmation (after Pa died) my dad wore a suit belonging to Rev. Sundahl's son. As he stood before the congregation during the service with his brother Ernie, and his cousin Alvin Johnson, he felt warm and faint, and was taken to lie down behind the altar. He remembers Sundahl saying "Ain't that boy coming back soon?" "They never got enough out of me!" says Dad with a twinkle in his eye. And yet, nothing gives him more satisfaction than coming back to Trondhjem to visit and talk with the folks who share memories and the rich history of Trondhjem.

## Technology

### Electronic Newsletter

Would you like to receive your Old Trondhjem Church Newsletter and other notices by email? You can help save on postage and the environment!

To sign up for a pdf email version, send an email to [kim.smisek@gmail.com](mailto:kim.smisek@gmail.com).

We're on the Web! Visit us at [www.trondhjempreservation.org](http://www.trondhjempreservation.org) and check out the "Old Trondhjem Church" Fan Page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/).

## Trondhjem Store

In the 19th century the Trondhjem Store stood in the village of Trondhjem. Now the Trondhjem Community Preservation Society has opened a little store filled with unique and wonderful items. We are featuring a Christmas ornament dated 2011.

Available for purchase are:

Trondhjem Christmas Ornaments	\$10.00
TCPS Mugs	\$10.00
Norwegian Flag Pins	\$4.00
Trondhjem Notecards	6 for \$6.00 or 12 for \$10.00
Small Flags	\$2.00— American Flags and Norwegian Flags
Trondhjem Ladies Aid Cookbook from 1978	\$15.00—includes recipes for Norwegian goodies
DVD of Winter Concert 2011	\$10.00— "Janet and Friends"
Photos of church	



The Christmas ornament can be mail ordered for \$10.00 plus \$5.00 for packing and shipping. Make a check to TCPS and send to Dawn Raadt, 709 Bonner Ct. SE, Stewartville, MN 55976.

Items can be purchased at Old Trondhjem Church or at Personal Touch Office Services, 307 Division Street, Northfield, MN - telephone: 507-645-8811. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

These would make treasured Christmas gifts!

## Museum Committee

We need your help to work in the museum with us. We have all learned on the job, and we will give you on the job training, too. We have a lot of fun as we work together on the third Thursday every month.

# Brave Norwegian Immigrants

-Written by Irene Johnson Harris in 1963

Almost one hundred years ago in a beautiful country far north across the Atlantic Ocean in the land of midnight sun, there lived a man and his wife with their four children. The names of the father and mother were Johanna and Joe Johnson. Johanna and Joe Johnson were my grandmother and grandfather and great-grandparents to some of you, even great great grandparents to some of the children here today. They were happy in this pretty country of Norway but poor and they had heard so much about our great country America, and what a wonderful country it was and they began to think they might like to come to America. People were poor in Norway in those days as Norway, though beautiful, is very mountainous and very little of the land could be used to grow food on and America was so rich in land to be bought and made into farms. So Johanna and Joe made great plans and preparations as they had to bring all their own food and it had to be food that would keep without refrigeration on their long journey across the ocean. Grandpa Joe was a carpenter as well as a shoemaker so he made the chests in which to put their food and clothing.

Finally the day came they were to leave Norway which was April 30th, 1870. Their four children were very small, Sigri age 5 years, John 3 years and the little twin baby girls age six months old. They had to carry all their belongings onto the ship themselves—now in our time it is all done by the ship's crew. The only way the mother Johanna could carry her two tiny girls was in her apron tied around her waist. The ship they sailed on was a sail ship and it went very slowly. They were tossed about by storms and winds and were often seasick and frightened. Now we can come across the ocean the way they came, in about one week and maybe less but it was seven long weeks before they arrived in Quebec, Canada. From Quebec they proceeded by train to the United States and had three more children born to them, the first one a boy who died when only seven months old. I often heard my grandfather telling

my mother about the train on which they traveled. It was like a freight car with planks for seats along the sides and how John their eldest boy fell asleep under the seat one day and rolled along the floor and almost rolled out the door. His father caught him just in the nick of time. They lived on a farm in Wisconsin for eight years and your great aunt Sigri remembers herding the cows on the prairie and busied herself knitting stockings while herding the cattle. There were no fences in those days. Your aunt Sigri is still living in Canada, is 99 years old and to this day enjoys knitting stockings.

After living eight years in Wisconsin, Johanna and Joe decided to move to Minnesota and they came all the distance by covered wagon. It took them three weeks, a distance which we would travel today in a few hours. They had little to move because while living in Wisconsin, their home burned with all the things they brought with them from Norway.



Your aunt Sigri as the oldest of nine children tells of how she had to work to help support the family. Often she would ride horse back, side saddle to get the mail. The trail took her by a large Sioux Indian encampment and her heart pounded with fear as they Sioux Indians were on the warpath. But usually

they were friendly toward her and scolded their dogs for barking at her. Another incident she remembers well is cooking dinner for General Miles and his staff. General Miles was a captain during the Civil War and later became an Indian fighter and for fifteen years directed the campaigns against the hostile Indians. He had been sent west to put down the Indian uprising after the Custer massacre.

Well, Johanna and Joe settled down on a farm near Northfield, Minnesota near a little village called Little Chicago and lived there the rest of their lives. There their children grew up, got married and had children—all large families—so Joe and Johanna had many grandchildren. We were their closest neighbor on one side and I remember them well. Grandpa Joe was a short roley poley man and wore little silver spectacles on the tip of his nose and read the bible

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# Brave Norwegian Immigrants

and Ben Hur hour after hour sitting in a high back swivel chair. Grandma was thin with silver hair and long lovely hands. She often wore a black kerchief on her head. As she became older she loved to sit in a rocking chair and rock and rock and her eyes had a faraway look. No doubt she was often in Norway in her thoughts. They both lived to be past ninety years old and have been gone for many years but they were delightful to have known and that is why we want you to know a little about them and why we get together each year to honor them.

## Children of Joe and Johanna Johnson

Sigri (Sarah) Johnson	Married Ole Moe
John K. Johnson	Married Ingeborg Julseth
Pauline Johnson	Married Ole Peter Moe
Anna Johnson	Married Henry Solberg
Paul Eddie Johnson	Died in 1872
Paul Eddie Johnson	Married Julianna Olson
Johana Julia Johnson	Married Hogan G. Romo
Otto Louis Johnson	Married Petra Tharaldson
Charlie Nicolie Johnson	Married Elsie Rowe
Julious Theodore Johnson	Married Helga Halverson

## Recipe Corner

This is the lefse recipe used by the families of Helen Fossum Halverson, Leif Fossum and Ray Fossum.

### LEFSE

5 cups boiled, mashed Idaho Russet potatoes  
1/3 cup butter  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 scant tablespoon salt (If you are on a low salt diet, use 2 teaspoons salt.)  
1 cup flour

Mash or rice boiled potatoes and while still hot blend in butter, sugar and salt. Set aside to cool. When cold add 1 cup of flour. Make into small balls and roll very thin on floured board.

Bake on top of electric grill set at about 400 degrees until nicely browned, turn only once.

(If your griddle is not hot enough, the lefse will dry out while baking.)

Some hints I have learned to use to make good lefse.

1. Idaho Russet potatoes are a dry potato and make a better dough to work with.
2. While potatoes are cooling, cover them with a cloth dish towel. If you cover them with plastic wrap the potatoes will become too moist.
3. I start with a scant cup of flour. You can always add another tablespoon of flour if needed.
4. Use butter rather than any other shortening. If the mixture is too dry when you are making the balls,

you can add another 1/2 teaspoon of butter to make the dough the right consistency.

5. You will learn to know if you have the right amount of flour and butter by the consistency of the balls when you are rolling them in your hand. Use about 1/3 cup mixture for each ball.

6. Your mixture should be cool to touch, but not "refrigerator cold". I take the bowl of potato mix out of the refrigerator about 2 hours before I add the flour and make the balls.

7. The dough rolls out best on a well-floured cloth covered board.

8. A lefse rolling pin covered with a rolling pin cloth works best. Turn the lefse one or more times as you roll them out thin.

9. Use a lefse stick to move the lefse from the board to the griddle, and turning the lefse once while browning.

10. Prepare a place for the baked lefse on a table or counter top. Place a towel under the lefse. Cover the baked lefse with a towel to absorb the moisture and keep the lefse soft. Place no more than three lefse on a pile before you place another towel on top. You can then place another pile of three on top, covering this pile with another towel. If you pile too many hot lefse on a pile without towels between them, they will become too moist and stick together.

Good Luck! With experience you can make good lefse.



# 2011 Summer Fun

## Ice Cream Social

July 24<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day at the Old Trondhjem Church. After many weeks of extremely hot temperatures, the humidity finally broke and the weather was just gorgeous for our annual Ice Cream Social. Over 200 people attended to enjoy the delicious meal, buy baked goods from the incredible bake sale, bid on items at the silent auction, purchase items from our Country Store and listen to the beautiful gospel music performed by Cheryl & Company. To top it all off, this year we had a special treat. Lee Topp offered horse drawn carriage rides up and down Garfield Avenue. People, young and old, enjoyed riding in the carriage pulled by the beautiful horses.

What a fun way to spend a summer Sunday afternoon.



## Syttende Mai

Our annual Syttende Mai celebration was held on May 15 this year with music provided by The Lost Norwegians. They sang for our first Homecoming / Syttende Mai celebration in 1988 when Cliff Johnson was president. Since that first annual event, they've performed for us on several occasions and as always they put on an entertaining program. Afterward, wonderful array of Norwegian treats was laid out on the table in the reception center for all to enjoy. The museum committee launched it's digital slide show of historic photos and invited anyone who has photos of families and activities in Old Trondhjem to submit them for scanning and adding to our collection. Many old friends renewed their acquaintances and new friends of TCPS joined our Society.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event! It is so nice to see so many people come out to support TCPS. Thank you also to everyone who participated in putting on the event. A lot of long hours are put in preparing for and working at these events and because of the wonderful volunteers we have, things run so smoothly and everybody has a great time!

## WANTED ! Your Stories & Pictures

For our museum, we would love to have you send us type-written stories of your own memories, or family stories that were handed down from one generation to another, or pictures of family, armed service personnel, farm, home, school or church activities. We are in need of pictures of Union Lake pavilion and store, logging camps at Union Lake or in the Big woods area, or any human interest picture of the area. Sit down today and go through your old pictures or write down the family stories. (My granddaughter and I just wrote a book of Docken and Gunderson family stories that were handed down for several generations. We enjoyed working together on this project.)

We have pictures of some of the charter members of Trondhjem Church, but we would like photos and stories of each charter member family, and all of the

other early members.

If you would like to bring your photographs to us and take the originals along home right away, bring them to the Historic Trondhjem Church on the 3rd Thursday of the month and we will scan them. We are usually there for a work day then from 9:30am until 1:30 pm, except for December and January. We would also like to collect as many original photos as we can. We are working on a special project where all original photographs in our possession will be scanned and entered into a library on the internet for anyone to access.



Contact Joyce Pflaum, Tel. [651-423-5857](tel:651-423-5857) or Email [joycep651@charter.net](mailto:joycep651@charter.net) or John Lindell at [jrlindell@visi.com](mailto:jrlindell@visi.com) for more information or to verify we are having a work day.

# Trondhjem Church Turns 135 Years Old!

Trondhjem Church organized May 15, 1876 at a meeting held at the home of Jens Nyhus. Twenty seven men signed the Constitution that day. Since that time church members have celebrated many important anniversaries.

On July 25, 1916 the East Ward of Trondhjem celebrated the 25th anniversary of their organization at the home of the president, Mrs. L. O. Hauge. Many guests attended this Sunday afternoon event. Dinner was served, followed by a program of speeches and music. At the close of the program, ice cream and cake were served.

The West Ward of the Ladies Aid met at the Ted Johnson home on Sunday afternoon, June 24, 1917 to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their organization. "Rommeregrot" was among the refreshments served.

The West Ward of the Trondhjem Ladies Aid Society had a picnic at the A. Storlokken home on July 4, 1919. Dinner was served which was followed by a children's program and a sale. A large crowd attended.

Trondhjem Lutheran congregation celebrated its golden anniversary on Sunday, May 30, 1926, an event that attracted hundreds of present and former members, and the church was filled to overflowing at the services. Present at the festival were ten pioneers who took part in the organization of the church 50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Ole Berg, Mr. and Mrs.

Lewis Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Henrick Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Skauge, Mrs. Martha Mathson, and Mrs. Ildri Storlokken. The first church, a small frame structure, was erected in 1878. This was replaced in 1899 by the present attractive church.

The Trondhjem Ladies Aid Society observed its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, August 26, 1928 at the home of Theodore Johnson. A short service in the forenoon was conducted by Rev. E. M. Hanson of New London. Dinner was served to about 200 people. A program was held in the afternoon. Cake and ice cream were served following the program.

The members of Trondhjem celebrated the 75th anniversary of the congregation at festive services on Sunday, August 26, 1951. Rev. Clifford Johnson, a son of the congregation, preached the sermon at the morning service. Dinner was served at noon by the Ladies Aid to about 300 people. An afternoon program was held. In the evening a confirmands reunion was held, with a roll of classes from 1882 to the present time. Those attending were reminded of the good old days and with a deep feeling of gratitude to the pioneers who left such a precious heritage. A social hour followed and lunch was served.

A centennial celebration of the 100th anniversary of Trondhjem Church was held with several special events taking place during the week of June 13 to June 20, 1976. It was a special festive time and will be covered at another time.

By Joyce Fossum Pflaum

## 2011 Ornament

The 2011 Historic Trondhjem Church Christmas ornament is now on sale.

This collectable ornament can be mail ordered for \$10.00 plus \$5.00 for packing and shipping. Make a check to TCPS and send to:

Dawn Raadt  
709 Bonner Ct. SE,  
Stewartville, MN 55976  
Telephone: 507-533-8165



## Ole & Lena Humor

- Lena called the airlines information desk and inquired, "How long does it take to fly from Minneapolis to Fargo?" "Just a minute," said the busy clerk. "Vell, said Lena, "if it has to go dat fast, I tink I'll just take da bus."
- The judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena, who had charged non-support. He said to Ole, "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, Judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks, myself."

# Support TCPS

## Please Give to Support TCPS

Your gifts to the Trondhjem Community Preservation Society are very important for our programs and our future. Through your gifts we are able to maintain the treasure that is the historic church. You enable us to continue to tell the story of Trondhjem, both the town and the church. We are able to connect the 19<sup>th</sup> century settlers and their descendants with all of us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

You may designate your giving to our general fund for our programs and the regular upkeep of our building. Or, you can designate your giving to our capital fund which will be used to build our planned Museum and Reception Center.

Thank you for your gifts to TCPS.

## Have You Included TCPS in your Will?

The Trondhjem Community Preservation Society is ready to receive bequests from people who treasure the memory of the historic church. Other preservation groups like ours are able to fund their special projects because of very generous bequests. We have plans for a \$400,000 Museum and Reception Center. While we have some money on hand, we do not have enough yet to proceed. Even after we complete its construction, it will be good to have reserve funds for its maintenance and for the maintenance of the historic church.

You might wish to designate in your will a certain dollar amount to be given to TCPS. Someone might even choose to designate a percentage of their estate to be given to TCPS. The Trondhjem Community Preservation Society is a unique name and is easily stated in a will or a codicil to a will. If you need help with anything in this regard, please be in touch.

Thank you for your gifts to TCPS.

April 2011 – October 2011

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