

Even Pedersen and Ragnild Loberg Lundemoe, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Even Pedersen Lundemoe was born in the Horg Parish, Melhus, Søndre Trondhjem, Norway on November 23, 1838. His parents were Peder Roaldsen Samdal and Golla Nielsdatter. They lived and worked on the Lundemo farm.

On June 1, 1869, Even married Ragnild Pedersdatter Loberg in the Horg Parish. Ragnild was born on December 29, 1840 in the neighboring municipality of Støren to Peder Johansen Loberg (1808-1879) and Gollough Larsdatter Sortømme (1806-1878).

Their first child, Hilda, was born in 1870 in Norway and came with them to America the same year. They came first to Yankton, South Dakota prior to joining Ragnild's brother, Lars Petersen Loberg in Section 33 and 34 of Arctander Township, Kandiyohi County in 1871.

Even and Ragnild had three additional children after arriving in Arctander.

- Johann Peter was born October 26, 1872 and baptized on December 1 by Rev. Lars Markhus at Norway Lake. He died on July 15, 1873 and was buried July 18. No record of his grave has been found.
- Peter Evenson Lundemoe was born December 8, 1874 and baptized at Norway Lake on March 21, 1875. Peter was confirmed at East Norway Lake Lutheran on May 16, 1889. A single man, he farmed with his father and brother John until his death on March 7, 1936. He is buried in the First Lutheran Cemetery.
- John E. Lundemoe was born on September 2, 1877 and baptized on October 7 at East Norway Lake. On July 2, 1907, John married Alma Minnie Skindelién (1887-1924) at First Lutheran. They had five children
 - Helen Ruth Elice (1907-1992) who remained single;
 - Clarence Elvin (1909-1987) who married Minnie Norgren and moved to Oregon where they are buried;
 - Alice Marion (1911-1987) who married Leonard Nelson and lived in the area all their lives. They are buried at Crow River Lutheran;
 - Arnold Bernard (1913-1996) who married Esther M. Swanson and moved to California where they are buried, and
 - Joel Arthur (1915-1977) who remained single and farmed the land once homesteaded by Even Petersen Lundemoe.

John E. Lundemoe died Sept. 24, 1946 and is buried with his wife Alma in the First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake cemetery.

Ragnild Lundemoe died in late April of 1885 at the age of forty-four. A funeral service was held on April 26, 1885 but her grave site has not been determined.

On August 2, 1887 Ragnild's and Even's first born, Hilda, died. A funeral was held on September 1 but her grave has not been located.

Even married Annie M. Johnson (1848-1930) and they continued to live with John and Alma.

Even died on April 11, 1916 and was buried in the Church of God Cemetery in Section 23 of Arctander Township. Annie likely served as mother to Even's and Ragnild's children who were young when Ragnild died. Annie died in 1930 and is buried with Even in Arctander Township.

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