

SIGNIFICANT CONNECTIONS

Altar painting (pictured above) was purchased in 1897. The painting was done by Sarah Kirkeberg Raugland. (1862-1960)

Grue Church Project group is working on placing a Historic Marker, to recognize the acclaimed international economist Mancur Olson Jr. (1932-1998) Mancur was a member of the church and is buried at the Grue Cemetery which is located just west of the church building.

Grue Church in Kirkenær, Solør, Hedmark, **Norway**, where the founders of this church came from and also referred to as the sister church.

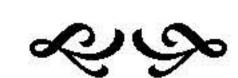
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SHORT HISTORY of Grue Church

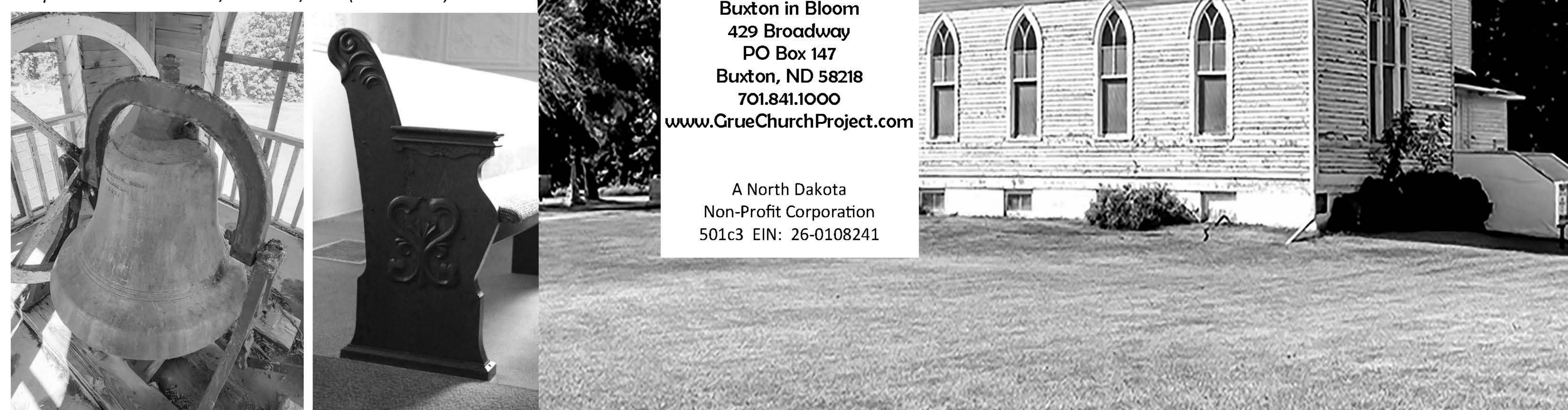
On March 17, 1879 sixty-three people met at the home of Knut Rauk to form Grue Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. For the next twelve years, they met in various private homes and schools, until December 19, 1891, when Jakob Evanson Fevold sold a portion of his quarter section in Stavanger Township for \$50 to the congregation. The building itself was built by Jorgen Faleide for \$3,000 and opened in the autumn of 1891. This Norwegian-American craftsman structure includes: handcrafted pews, altar and font, tinted lancet-arched windows, scalloped steeple with globe tip, and metalpressed wall and ceiling panels.

The baptismal font and altar were built by member Borre Mikkelson a member of the church. The steeple was built in 1903. Pressed metal interior wall panels were installed in 1913. In 1932 the building was lifted and a basement was built for a kitchen and dining room and a small addition to the northeast corner for stair access to the basement.

In 2020, Grue Church Project formed under Buxton in Bloom to preserve and transform the church building after hearing the news of the Grue Church Council voted to close the church.



Bell (pictured below) was bought by Ladies group which was formed in 1887. It was engraved in 1891 made by Stuckstede. The Henry Stuckstede Bell Foundry Co. operated in Saint Louis, Missouri, USA (1888-1931)





PRESERVE & TRANSFORM GRUE CHURCH

to celebrate heritage, culture & sacred space in the community



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THE PROJECT

The Grue Church Project is a non-profit whose mission is to preserve the 130-year-old Grue Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church building as a center to celebrate heritage, cultural and sacred space in Traill County, North Dakota. The Grue Church Project will be a home to special events for those connected to the site from around the globe, to friends and families in Norway, and to serve the wide rural community, and nearby residents and visitors with programming. Partnerships and cooperation with university programming, rural art and music programs, museums, historical groups, private services, lectures, panels, reunions, receptions and picnics will be a part of the future planned special events.

Friends and families of the church descendants, members from the community, preservationists and advocates for rural church restorations, historians, genealogists, Norwegian-Americans, friends from Grue Church in Norway, organizations and interested donors are invited to contribute.

Grue Church Project (formed in 2020) is a subsidiary of Buxton in Bloom's non-profit (established 2005) and is separate from Grue Church Cemetery Committee, with no co-mingling of any funds with either area.

The Grue Church Project is its' own entity. Please join us in saving this beautiful structure.

PROJECT COSTS

PHASE ONE	\$30,000
Steeple and bell tower repair, and rer	oofing.

PHASE TWO..... Window restoration, exterior siding repair, and exterior painting.

PHASE THREE.....\$80,000 New addition to include: enclosing front steps with new entrance doors, toilet room, and elevator for accessibility to both levels. There is rural water to the building, but a septic system will need to be constructed for the new plumbing system.

PHASE FOUR		\$35,000
Remove ou	ıthouse type structure	on the back
side and re	build the egress stair f	rom basement.
Remove ex	isting furnace in basen	nent & install
new heatir	ng and cooling system.	Upgrade
electrical s	ystem for current code	

PHASE FIVE\$40,000
Interior work to bring back original tin ceilings,
removal of old wood paneling, restore wood
floors, lighting upgrades.

PHASE SIX	\$40,000
Basement improvements.	

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