

A History of Churches in Far North Omaha

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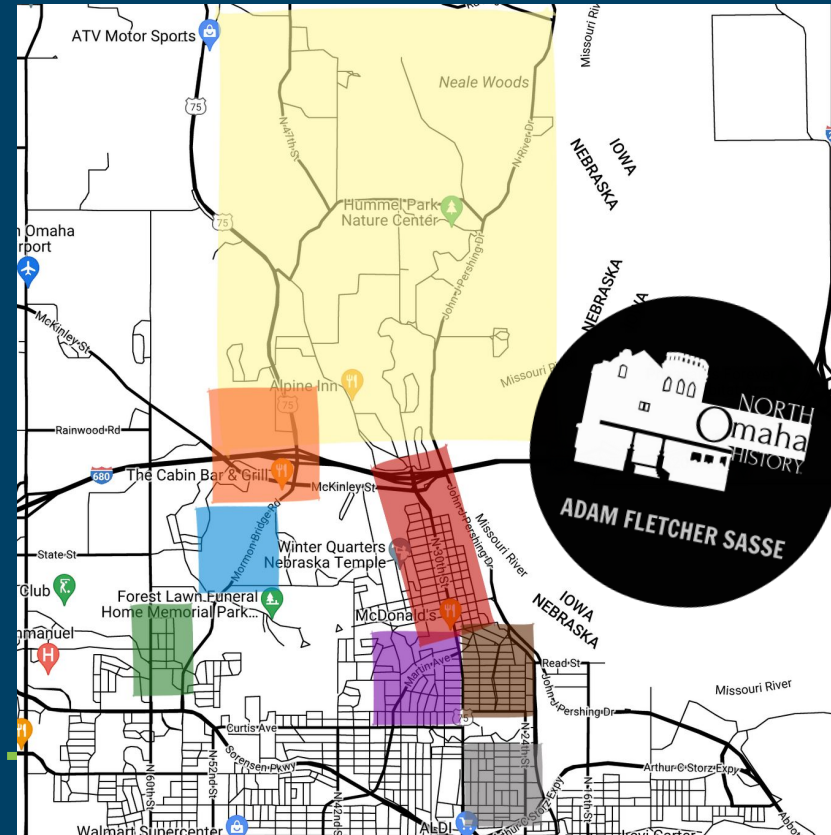
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- **246,000:** Views at the website this last year
- **138,000:** Total visitors in 2022
- **133,000:** Number of people who found the website through Facebook in 2022
- **7,300:** Number of likes North Omaha History posts got on Facebook in 2022
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- **11:** Number of citations in the media this year
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Basics of Far North Omaha

- **Location:** Sorenson Pkwy/Storz Expwy to Washington Cty, N. 72nd to the River
- Includes...
 - Miller Park Neighborhood
 - Minne Lusa Historic District
 - Florence Field Neighborhood
 - Florence
 - Ponca Hills and Briggs
 - DeBolt
- **1812:** First Occupied by Europeans
- **1846:** First group was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Cutler's Park



Florence Presbyterian Church (1856-Present)

- 1856: Established
- Rev. Eben Blachly, 1st missionary
- 50 members
- 1857: 1st church built at 31st & Bluff Street
- 1897: 2nd church built
- 1880s-90s: Church worshipped in the 2nd floor of the Florence City Hall
- 1950: Current church built
- 2023: Church continues



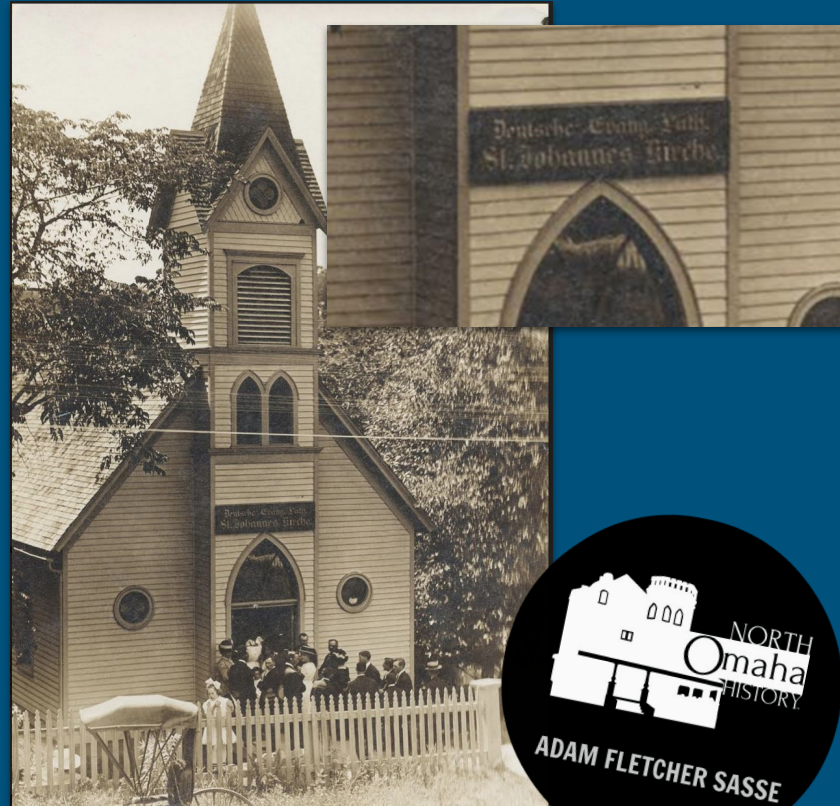
First Presbyterian Church, Florence



St. John's Lutheran Church (1900-Present)

- **1902:** Congregation was established as Deutsche Evangelisch Lutherische St. Johannes Kirche
- Located at 11120 Calhoun Rd.
- Rev. H. Erck, 1st minister
- Originally a German Lutheran congregation
- **1918:** Switched to English-only
- Built for the old town of Briggs
- **2023:** St. John's Lutheran continues today

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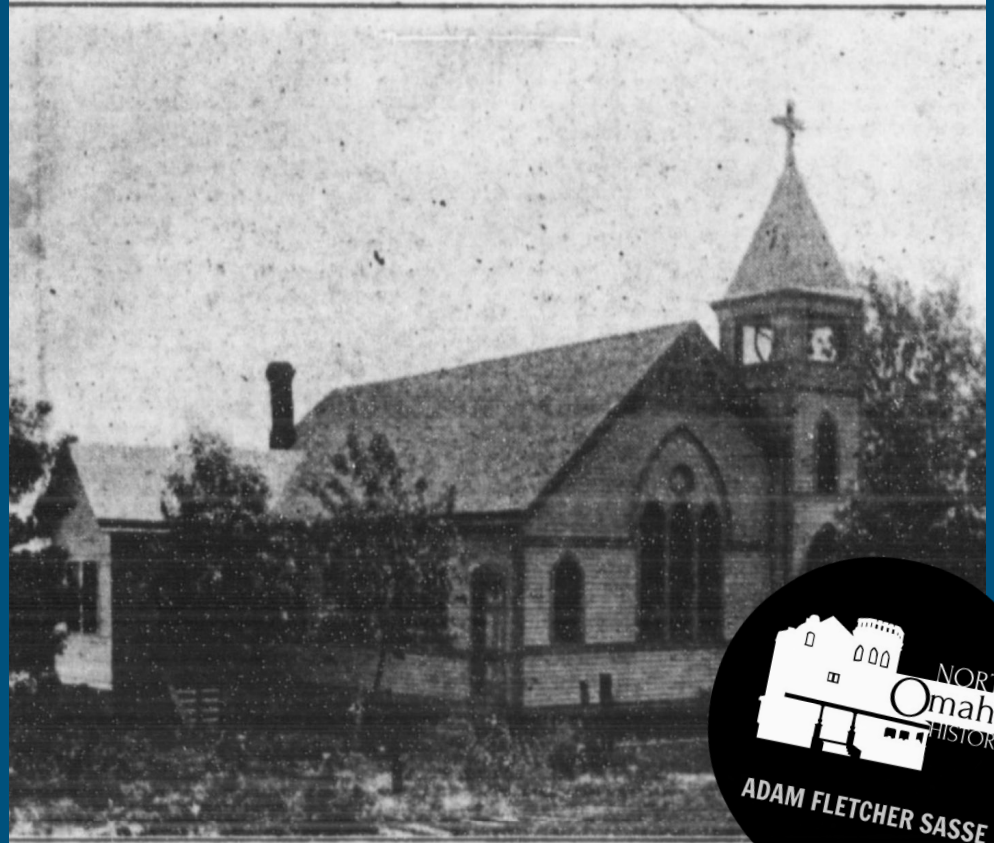
St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1891-1983)

- **1857:** Florence Episcopal church started as St. James, closed in a year
- **1880:** New Florence church started, closed by 1883
- **1880:** Rev. William Pearson
- **1890:** St. Mark's was built with funds from Bishop Worthington
- **1923:** New building at N. 31st & Young
- **1964:** Built new at 6221 Girard St.
- **1983:** Closed
- **2023:** Today its Community Baptist Church



Florence Methodist Episcopal Church (1857-1927)

- **1857:** Congregation established
- Rev. Isaac F. Collins, 1st circuit rider
- **1857:** Church was built on lot number one on Bluff Street opposite of Presbyterian Church
- **1857:** Acted as the first school in Florence
- **1857:** Methodists could not maintain their building and were forced to give it to creditors
- **1927:** Congregation lasted until 1927, merged into Hirst Memorial, became Ames Avenue M.E.



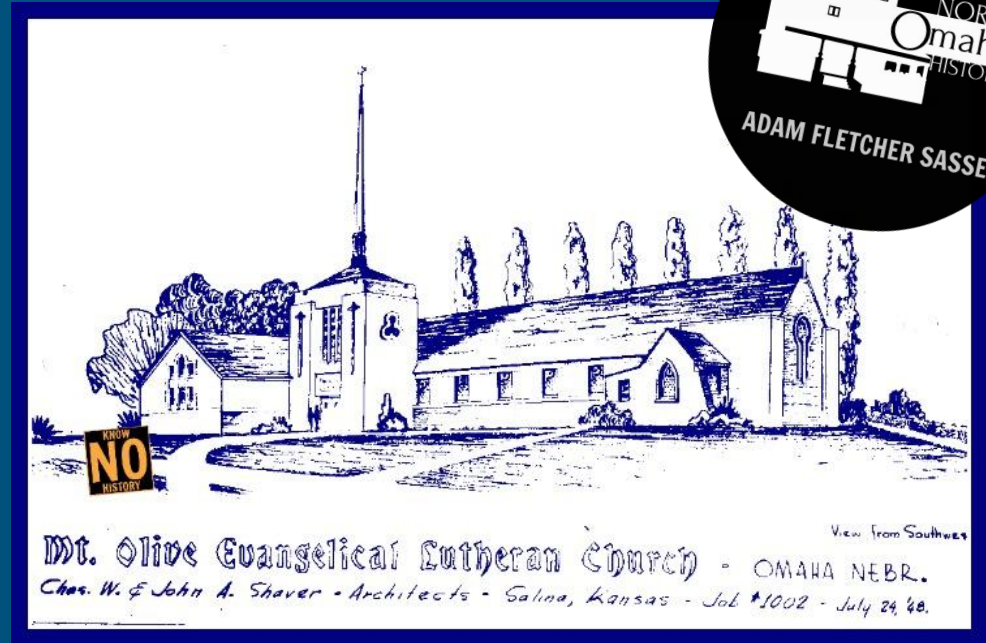
St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (1904-Present)

- **1904:** First church opened at N. 31st and Grebe
- **1922:** Parish school opened
- **1953:** New church built at N. 30th and Grebe
- **1958:** Original church and school demolished and replaced
- **2014:** Merged with Blessed Sacrament Parish
- **2023:** St. Philip Neri Parish continues operating today



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (1927-Present)

- **1927:** Founded as an outreach by St. John Lutheran Church to worship "in town"
- 1st services held in the basement at Florence Community Center, then Florence City Hall
- **1928:** First church building at 30th and Mormon purchased
- **1950:** Present church opened
- **2023:** Mt. Olive Lutheran continues today



Special thanks to Jill Clausen!

Tri-Community United Methodist Church (2007-Present)

- **1887:** Trinity M.E. established
- **1888:** Building at N. 20th and Binney
- **1890s:** Pearl Memorial M.E. established
- **1920s:** Asbury M.E. established
- **1954:** Trinity moves to Fontenelle Blvd
- **2007:** Trinity, Pearl and Asbury merge, form Tri-Community UMC
- **2023:** Tri-Community continues today



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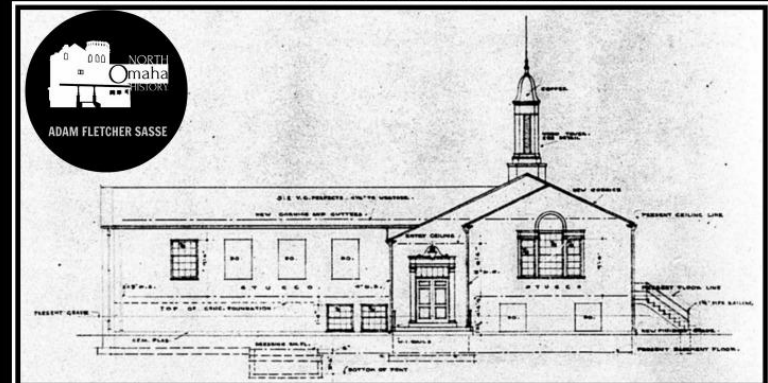
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- **1857:** Church built opposite of Presbyterian Church
- **1857:** Acted as the 1st Florence School
- **1957:** Could not maintain payments and were forced to give it to creditors that same year
- **1927:** Congregation lasted until 1927, merged into Hirst Memorial, became Ames Avenue M.E.



Second Advent Church of God in Christ (1999-Present)

- **1934:** Built as the Omaha Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints at 5960 N 30th St
- **1974:** Became home to the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
- **1990:** Became home to the Zion Wheel Missionary Baptist Church
- **1999:** Became home to Second Advent Church of God in Christ, continues today

Second Advent Church of God in Christ
5960 North 30th Street (built in 1937)



Trinity Lutheran Church (1916-Present)

- **1890s:** Congregation started in Saratoga
- Founded as a “child church” of the once-massive Immanuel Lutheran Church
- **1915:** Ebenezer Lutheran merged
- **1922:** Church constructed near Miller Park
- Originally had many Swedish members
- **1936:** Zion Lutheran merged
- **2023:** Trinity Lutheran continues today



The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection (1922-Present)

- **1878:** St. Philip's Episcopal Church established
- **1887:** St. Philip's new church built
- **1949:** St. Philip's new church built
- **1922:** St. John's Episcopal opened at N. 30th and Belvedre Blvd.
- **1986:** St. John's and St. Philip's merge to become the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
- **2023:** Church of the Resurrection continues today



Florence Christian Church (1895-Present)

- **1895:** The Christian Church of Florence established
- Church located at 8424 N. 29th
- **1960:** Florence Christian Church moved to 7300 North Ridge Drive
- **1960:** Original building became the Florence Bible Church of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church
- **1969:** Became the Foursquare Gospel Calvary Church
- **2004:** Became the Supreme Council of the House of Jacob



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (1919-Present)

- **1919:** Blessed Sacrament parish established
- Started in a wooden building that originally served as a church at Fort Omaha
- **1921:** First permanent church built on the new site at N. 30th and Curtis Ave.
- **2014:** The parish merged with St. Philip Neri



Olive Crest United Methodist Church

- **1908:** First Evangelical United Brethren Church opens in Kountze Place, renamed Hartford Memorial
- **1956:** Hartford Memorial EUB merged with Briggs EUB Church and builds new as Olive Crest EUB at N. 60th and Girard St.
- **1968:** Evangelical United Brethren Church merged with the Methodist Episcopal Church to form the United Methodist Church, became Olive Crest UMC
- **2023:** Olive Crest UMC continues today



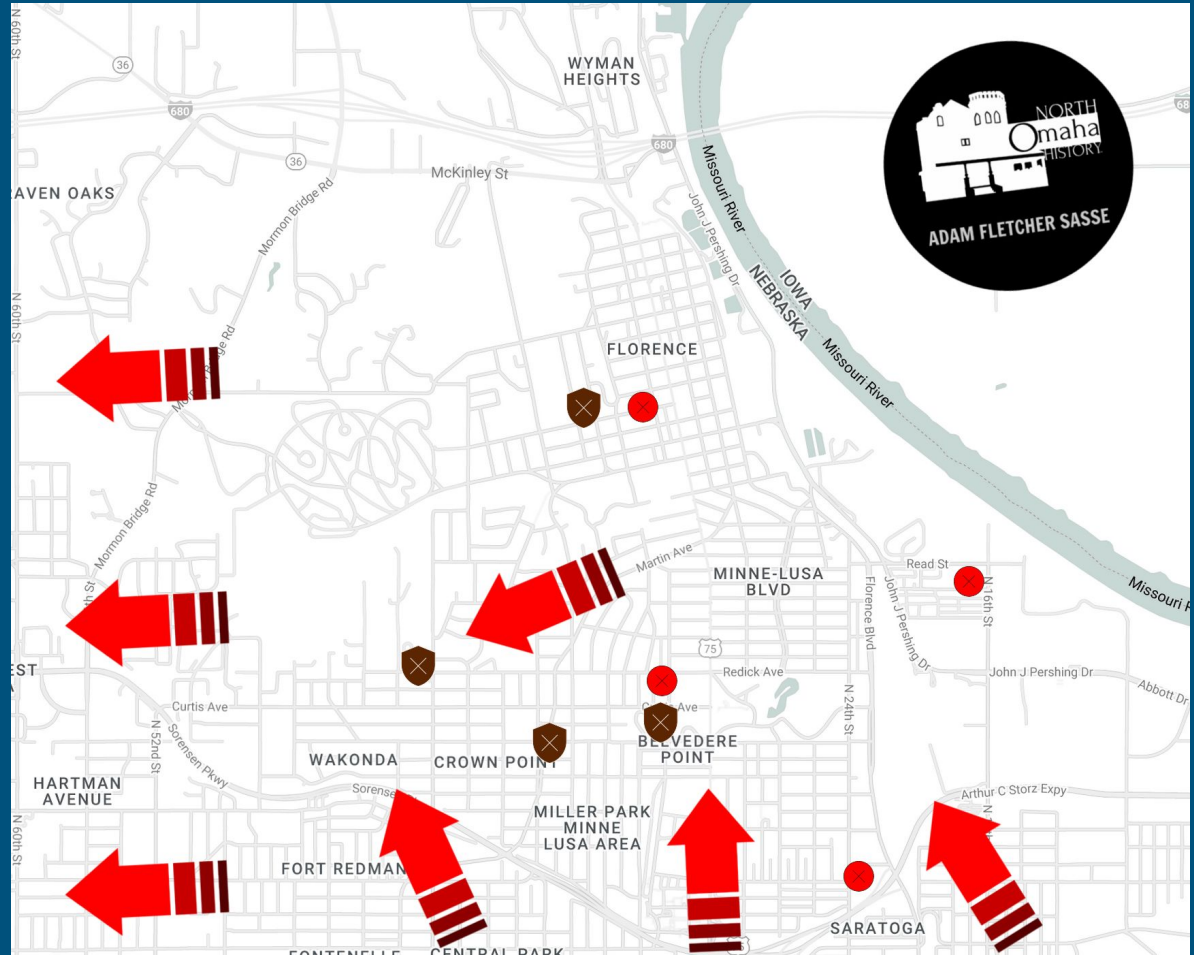
Ebenezer Lutheran Church

- **1903:** Church established in a building at 4th and Washington St.
- Swedish immigrants
- Rev. C.E. Elving, 1st minister
- Church building moved from Omaha and rebuilt on site
- **1915:** Church merged with Trinity Lutheran Church



White Flight

The phenomenon of white people moving out of urban areas, particularly those with significant minority populations, and into suburban areas.



Churches in Miller Park

- ❑ Power House COGIC, Browne St. and North 25th Ave.
- ❑ Tabernacle of Faith GOGIC, N. 24th and Fort St.
- ❑ Gethsemane COGIC, North 24th and Himebaugh Ave.
- ❑ Second Advent Church of God in Christ, 5960 N. 30th St.
- ❑ Christ-Love Unity Church, N. 29th and Ellison Ave.
- ❑ Mount Carmel Baptist Church, North 27th and Camden Ave.
- ❑ Pearl Memorial UM Church, 2419 Ogden Ave.
- ❑ Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, N. 30th and Belvedre Blvd.



Churches in Minne Lusa & Florence Field

- ❑ Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 7301 N. 28th Ave.
- ❑ Miller Park Presbyterian Church, 3020 Huntington Ave (1923-2007). Today, it is the Launch Church International
- ❑ Parkside Baptist Church, 3008 Newport Ave.
- ❑ Trinity Lutheran Church, N. 30th and Redick Ave.



Churches in Briggs and DeBolt

- ❑ St. John's Lutheran Church, 11120 Calhoun Rd.
- ❑ Cutler's Park Mormon Meeting, Young St. & Mormon Bridge Rd.
- ❑ Briggs United Brethren Church, North 58th and McKinley
- ❑ Olive Crest United Methodist Church, N. 60th and Girard
- ❑ Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 6201 N. 60th St.



Churches in Florence



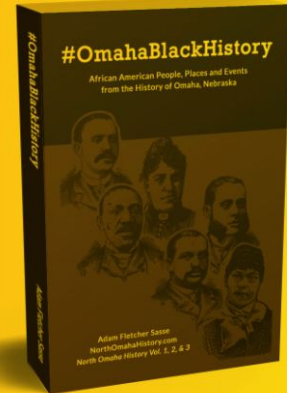
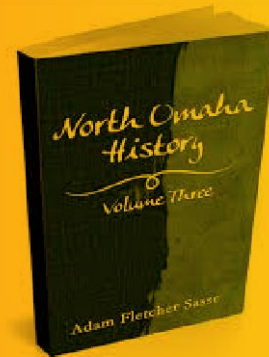
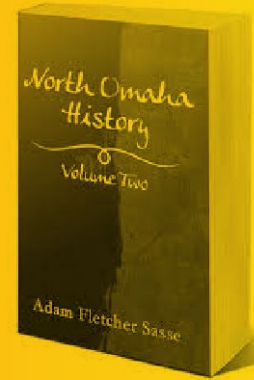
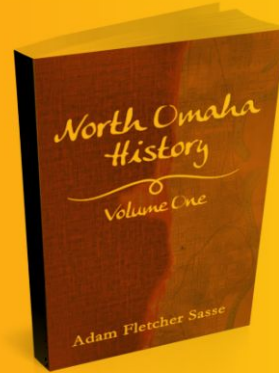
- ❑ St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 8019 N. 31st St.
- ❑ St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Church, 8200 N. 30th St.
- ❑ Florence Alliance Christian Church, 8702 N. 30th St.
- ❑ Florence Methodist Church, 31st and Bluff St.
- ❑ Florence Church of Christ
- ❑ Florence Methodist Church, 31st and Bluff St.
- ❑ Florence Christian Church, 7300 Northridge Dr., 8929 North 29th Street
- ❑ Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints, 8283 N. 34th St.
- ❑ Florence Presbyterian Church, 8314 N. 31st St.
- ❑ St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church, 8202 North 31st Street
- ❑ North Metro Bible Church, 2864 State St.

More Churches in Far North Omaha



- ❑ Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses, 5465 Fontenelle Blvd
- ❑ Intercessors of the Lamb, Inc., 11811 Calhoun Road
- ❑ Omaha Gospel Hall, 11510 N. 69th St.

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