SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6840 North 107th Street • Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-4306

Church: (414) 353-8141 School: (414) 353-8190 Fax: (414) 353-5819

#### Birthplace of the Wisconsin Synod

Pastor Daniel W. Simons 11034 W. Green Tree Rd Milwaukee, WI 53224 Parsonage: 353-8814 Pastor Mark S. Voss 6671 N. 107th Street Milwaukee, WI 53224 Parsonage: 353-7930 Principal Steven C. Carlovsky 8939 W. Hustis Street Milwaukee, WI 53224 Home: 358-3044



May 23, 2001

City Clerk ATTN: CLAIMS 200 E Wells St Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567

Gentlemen:

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Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6840 N 107th Street, (the claimant) hereby submits the following information in support of its claim for the cost of infrastructure repairs in the public right-of-way and for related damages on adjoining property pursuant to Section 893.80(1), Wis.

### A. Circumstances of the Claim

The city crew responding to our report of a major water line break in the 6800 block of N. 107th Street advised that it was not the city's responsibility to make the necessary repairs, even though the gate valve to shut off the water supply was located at the western edge of and in the sputhbound to adway opposite the break. They reasoned that such repairs were the responsibility of the adjoining property owner (i.e. Salem), because the break was in a branch lateral of the street main which appeared to be gushing from a point in the grassy area east of the northbound roadway presumed to be east of an assumed, but non-existent, street curb line. To our knowledge, no exact measurements were made to substantiate that fact. Consequently, we contracted for the subject repairs and for other services incidental to the break.

Then, as now, we believe the city of Milwaukee should have been the entity primarily responsible for the cost of repairs in this matter for the following reasons:

- 1. The gate (i.e. shut-off) valve controlling the failed lateral is not located anywhere near private (i.e. Salem) property or on the street lot line as normally installed, but in the west, the (southbound) roadway of N. 107th Street just a few feet more or less east of the west edge of the 24-foot wide pavement. Even though this valve is in direct east-west alignment with the break location, the city crew responding to our call could not readily locate it to shut off the water in a timely manner when they first arrived at the site.
- 2. The section or failure point of the lateral repaired is located wholly within the grassy area of the public right-of-way, approximately two or more feet west of the east line of N. 107th

Street, fifty-five feet north of the fire hydrant located next to Salem's driveway at 6814 N. 107th Street and 16 feet south of the first utility pole north of the break location.

- 3. The nature of the failure in the subject lateral when observed after excavation has been appropriately described not as a crack(s) or shear in the sidewall due to cold temperatures at the time, but rather as a discernible 1-inch wide "hole" caused by extreme internal hydraulic pressure.
- 4. The Water Department's Florist Avenue pumping station reportedly shut down one or more pumps for maintenance purposes and experienced some difficulty in establishing normal uniform pressure throughout the system January 31st through February 2nd. It may not be coincidental, therefore, that breaks occurred at weak spots in city mains at numerous locations within the service area, including that in the "grassy area" adjoining our property, when swings of over-pressurization/under-pressurization in the system were caused by standby pumps put online to control pressure drops occurring at this time.

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# B. Statement of Relief and Damages Sought

Salem Lutheran Church, 6814-6840 N. 107th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224, hereby respectfully requests that it be compensated fully for money damages in the specific amount of \$5,750 incurred by the claimant in connection with the incident described herein: \$5,400 for labor and materials to repair the subject water main break as quoted/billed; \$100 for topsoil and seeding the area excavated and otherwise damaged; and \$250 for the deductible portion of Salem's claim for water damage and cleanup services in and adjacent to its school buildings not reimbursed by insurance.

### C. Description of the Incident

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The subject incident occurred prior to 6:30 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2001, at a point within the east one-half of the N. 107th Street right-of-way located between the east edge of the pavement and the west line of the claimant's property at 6814-6840 N. 107th Street. Teaching staff arriving at that time saw a tremendous amount of water spewing from the ground, flowing north through the roadside ditch, then branching off to the northeast and southeast in separate streams, inundating the church/school parking lot, lower portions of the playfield and some classroom floors. School for the day and bus service were canceled because of the dangerous conditions created on and adjoing its property, and the city was immediately notified of the break. Teachers and other church members rallied to minimize additional water damage and infiltration caused by the incident, while the city crew responding to the emergency scoured the area to find, somewhat unsuccessfully at first, and to close the valve stopping the flow of water from the main. Taking the initiative in this situation, we contracted with local firms to repair the break and to clean up water- and mud-damaged areas.

## D. Additional Information Supporting Claim

- 1. Itemized estimate and proof of payment(s) for water main break and site restoration: \$5,500.00 (Heiden Plumbing Co., Inc.) Attachment "A"
- 2. Proof of reimbursement for break-related services: \$1.128.70 (Paul's Carpet & Furniture Cleaning, Inc.); for the amount of the non-reimbursable insurance deductible: \$250.00 (Church Mutual Insurance Co.) Attachment "B"
- 3. Claimant contacts during business hours:

Mr. Lee Miller, Trustee (414) 464-8371

Mr. John Balon, Vice President (414) 353-1906

4. Photos of N. 107th Street in the immediate vicinity of the break location April, 2001: Attachment "C"

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Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Balon

Vice President

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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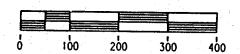
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6840 N. 107th Street

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Attn: Mr. Steven Carlovsky L



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# PLUMBING CO., INC.

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JOB LOCATION:

Water main break. 2/3/01:

Furnished labor & material to repair the water main break as quoted...\$5,500.00.

Thank you, we appreciate your business!!!

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SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

Claimant:

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SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Description of Loss:

WATER DAMAGE

Mail To:

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6840 N 107TH ST

MILWAUKEE WI 53224

02/27/01

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3000 Schuster Lane P.O. Box 342 Merrill, Wisconsii

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Payment:

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Deductible Applied:

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Paul's Carpet & Furniture Cleaning, Inc \$1,128.70

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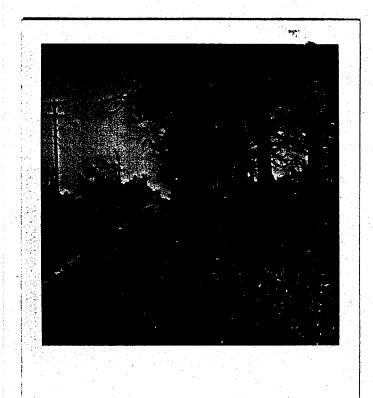
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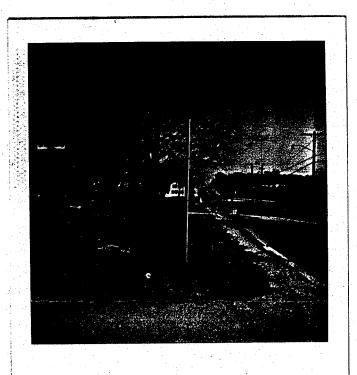
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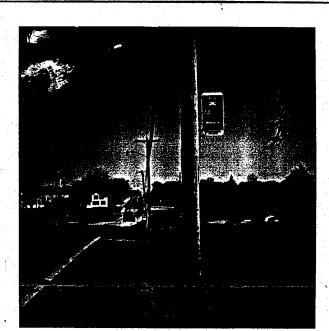
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View E/S 107th St. Looking South Roadway/Grassy Area and Break/ Excavation Pit 16' S. of Utility Pole and 55' N. of Fire Hydrant



View E/S 107th St. Looking North Roadway/Grassy Area N. of Fire Hydrant to Break/Excavation Pit, Utility Pole, and S. to Bus Stop in Church Parking Lot (6814)



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