

## Places of Worship

There have been 5 places of worship located in the Como neighborhood over the years. Four of them are pictured on this page (the old chapel at 29<sup>th</sup> & Talmadge Ave SE is not pictured).



The tiny clapboard Glencar Chapel at 25<sup>th</sup> and Talmadge Aves. SE served as chapel and Sunday school for Lutherans from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. While attached to University Lutheran Church of Hope at 6<sup>th</sup> St. and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, the chapel was run by Luther Seminary students. Glencar Chapel was renovated in 1947 but demolished finally in the late 1950s when more families used cars to get to church.

The Dar Al-Farooq mosque on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE is the most recent addition to Como's religious community. Opening in the 1990s in a historic former factory, it provides a place of worship for part of the growing Muslim population in Minneapolis.



Southeast Christian Church has a long and peripatetic history in Southeast Minneapolis. Its earliest years were in what we call the Dinky Dome at 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and University Ave. SE, and in various Dinkytown locations. In 1963 the church demolished the Way mansion at 960 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. to construct the new church, which was dedicated in 1964.



As a religious group, the Como Avenue Congregational Church was established in 1882, while the church building at 1037 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE was completed in late 1886. For many decades it was the only religious institution in Como and long served as Sunday school for Como children of other Christian faiths. Significant modifications were made to the building in the 1950s: the bell tower was removed, the brick façade was stuccoed, etc. Como Church ceased to be Congregationalist in 1985 and today is the Como Evangelical Free Church.



*Upper left photo of Glencar Chapel, Church of Christ at 2503 Talmadge Ave SE: 1936, Minneapolis Public Library, Minneapolis Collection*

*Middle left photo of the sign for the Dar Al-Farooq mosque located at 983 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.: J. Gisslen Lee, 2005*

*Lower left photo of the Como Evangelical Free Church: 2003, U of M "Historic Building Conservation" course (Arch 5672)*

*Lower right photo of the groundbreaking for Southeast Christian Church at 960 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.: 1963, Southeast Christian Church*