St. Paul Lutheran plans 125th year celebration

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) in Cascade will begin a year-long celebration Oct. 14 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the congregation.

On that day, “Our Heritage Sunday,” there will be a worship service with communion. The Rev. J.F. Boeger, former pastor, will be the guest speaker. Former members are encouraged to attend this special service.

A German style dinner, hosted by the Ladies Guild, will be served after the service. The public is invited. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The second celebration, “Our Present Sunday,” will be April 21, with Rev. Edward Wendt as guest speaker. A bra fry hosted by the Mission Circle will be served.

In October 1991, “Our Future Sunday” will be observed. The Rev. Edgar Siefker, president of the South Wisconsin District, will be the speaker. The dinner will be served by the youth group.

The church dates back to 1866, the Rev. J. List of Sherman Center started to conduct services. In 1965, the church was rededicated, and a new altar, lectern, pulpit and pews were installed. In 1966, new carpeting and flooring were laid and a new pipe organ was ordered.

In 1968 Rev. K.R. Going was installed as pastor. The old church was torn down and the present educational building was erected and dedicated in April 1971.


The Rev. Robert A. Schmidt was installed as pastor in May 1979. The church was redecorated in 1981 and is ready for use on Good Friday.

The present pastor, the Rev. Richard Bidinger was installed in July 1985. The new church entrance has been completed, the church library enlarged and video equipment purchased to record the Sunday service for rebroadcast on cable television. In September 1990, a preschool for three and four-year-old children was started with eighteen children enrolled.

St. Paul’s congregation currently has a membership of 581, with 466 confirmed members. Eighty students are enrolled in the Sunday school.