St. Paul’s Lutheran Church to Celebrate 125th Anniversary

This Sunday St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Cascade will begin a yearlong celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. "Our Heritage Sunday" on Oct. 14 will have a worship service with communion. The Rev. J. F. Boeger, son of a former pastor, will be the guest speaker. Former members are invited to attend. It will be followed by a German style dinner, hosted by the Ladies Guild. The public is invited, and serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The second celebration, "Our Present Sunday," will be held April 21, 1991, with Rev. Edward Westcott as guest speaker. A brats fry hosted by the Mission Circle will be served.

In October 1991, "Our Future Sunday" will be observed. The Rev. Edwin Suelhoff, president of the South Wisconsin District, will be the speaker. The dinner will be served by the Youth Group.

St. Paul's Congregation is growing steadily with 561 baptized souls of which 468 are confirmed members. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 56 students.

The present pastor, the Rev. Richard Biedinger, was installed in July 1988.

Since that time a new church entrance has been completed, the church library was enlarged, and video equipment was purchased to record the Sunday service for rebroadcast on cable television. A computer and printer were added to the office equipment.

In September 1990 a preschool for three and four year old children was started with 18 children enrolled.

St. Paul's has a long history that dates back to 1886, when Rev. J. List of Sherman Center started to conduct church services for a small group of Lutherans in the Cascade area. The first services were held in the local school building and then later above the Bullhorn Harness Shop.

In 1870, Rev. Phillip Wambasganus, also of Sherman Center, conducted the worship service every two weeks. Reading services were also held on alternate Sundays. In 1874 the first church building was erected west of the present church site, where the Cascade Firemen's Hall now stands.

In 1879, Rev. John Herzer of Plymouth took charge of the fledgling congregation, conducting services every two weeks. Charter members were W. M. Kunde, W. Fiebelkorn, Carl Otto, Fred Fiebelkorn and Edward Plaster. There are many descen-

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