Seventieth Anniversary Of Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Cascade Planned Sunday

Jubilee services in observance of the church's seventieth anniversary will be held Sunday, July 12, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Cascade, of which the Rev. J. F. Boerger, Jr., is pastor.

The morning service, beginning at 9:30, will be bilingual. The Rev. J. F. Boerger, Sr., of Racine will deliver the German sermon and the Rev. Edward L. Wittkopf of Marcus, Iowa, will preach the English sermon. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, an English service will be held in which the Rev. F. W. Hein of Chestnut, Ill., will preach the sermon. Dinner will be served in the parish hall at noon. The public is cordially invited to attend these jubilee services.

The history of the church as prepared by the pastor is as follows:

"It was in the year 1866 that the Rev. List of Sherman Center, a mission-minded minister, started to conduct public services for the little band of Lutherans in and around Cascade. The first services were held in a local public school building, and later on arrangements were made to conduct services above Ballhorn's harness shop.

"In the year 1870 the Rev. Philip Wambgsans of Sherman Center rendered spiritual aid to the little flock of Lutherans at Cascade, preaching every two weeks until February 1879. During his time the first house of worship was erected at Cascade in the year 1874 at the site of the present village hall. Early in March of 1879 the Rev. John Herzer of Plymouth then took charge of the little mission at Cascade, conducting divine services every two weeks. At this time reading services were also held by Edward Piaster, John Pampir, William Fiebelkorn, and William Koepeke. In a meeting held on June 2, 1879, a young man by the name of Wansel-Wenken was engaged to teach school in a building rented for that purpose, the congregation deciding on Nov. 16, 1879, that parents who sent children to school were to pay the rent for the building.

"In the year 1883, the later pastor of March, the Rev. Theo. F. Fink, took charge of the congregation as its first resident pastor, remaining there but three years until 1886. During the years of his stay he was helped by the Rev. J. F. Boerger, Sr., who continued to serve the church until 1893. In 1893 the Rev. J. W. Halboth was called as pastor, remaining five years until 1898, when he was succeeded by the Rev. J. H. Kartmann, who was followed by the Rev. J. F. Boerger, Jr., in 1898. The church now has a membership of 135, with 350 members and 560 baptized members. The officers today are as follows: Louis Liesring, president; Edward Laug, financial secretary; August Fiebelkorn, Elmer Weinholt, William G. Stennert, elders; Paul Kranz, August Krueter, and Edward Breitman, trustees."