Church At Cascade Plans Observation Of Anniversary

Congregation Organized 80 Years Ago—Present House Of Worship Dedicated 40 Years Ago

Cascade, — Sunday it will be forty years almost to a day since St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church of Cascade dedicated its House of Worship. The congregation is combining this fourtieth anniversary with the eightieth anniversary of Lutheran church work here.

There will be three services. At 8 a.m. the Rev. J. W. Metzger, chairman of the home missions board of the Central Illinois District of the Missouri Synod, will preach the English service. This service will be almost immediately followed at 10:30 a.m. by a German anniversary service in which the Rev. H. L. Wittkopf of Mission Iowa, will preach the sermon.

Both pastors came from this congregation and preached here also in our seventieth anniversary.

Dedicated 40 Years Ago

The Rev. H. L. Neumann

In the 8:00 o'clock evening service the Rev. Arthur Halbeck of St. Mathias' Lutheran church in Milwaukee will preach. Mr. Halbeck was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Cascade from 1918 until 1927 when he was compelled to resign because of his failing health.

Since then Mr. Halbeck has been served by the Revs. J. F. Roeger, Jr., and H. L. Neumann, who accepted the charge last September after the Rev. Mr. Roeger had received a call to a congregation near Minneapolis, Minn.

St. Paul's congregation was founded by the Rev. J. List of St. John's Lutheran church of Sherman Center in response to a request by several families of that congregation living in and near Cascade. That was in the 1840's and since that time the church has grown steadily from its original small number of members to its present size of 413 members, of whom 411 are communicants and 161 voting members.

An anniversary booklet of the first forty years of the history of St. Paul's has been prepared by the Rev. Mr. Neumann, in which also the Rev. Mr. Waldbauer of Sherman Center as well as the Rev. John H. Harter of Plymouth are remembered for serving Cascade from their home field, and the history of the Cascade congregation is traced through the pastorates of the Rev. Theo. F. Fink, first pastor of the church and Rev. C. G. Stahnke, who served Cascade and also St. Paul's of Excelsior from the spring of 1877 until the late fall of 1910. Numerous pictures bring the book up to date.

Since the first services on the second floor of Fred Bakke's Cascade harness shop in 1848, members of St. Paul's have worshipped in its first church from 1877 to 1906. Thirty-one years before dedicating the cream-colored brick edifice, designed by Charles Hilbertsmie, of Sheboygan Falls, and built by William Ringe of Plymouth and dedicated to the service of God forty years ago next Monday. The Rev. Mr. Neumann and his congregation welcome visitors to join them in the festivities. Especially the neighboring congregations are expected to share the services and the chicken dinner.