90th Anniversary For St. Paul's At Cascade

CASCADE—The St. Paul Lutheran Church of Cascade will observe its 90th anniversary of organization and the 50th of the church building in special services on Sunday, July 8, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Guest speaker for the morning service will be the Rev. Henry Naumann, former pastor of St. Paul Congregation. The Rev. Naumann is now serving Zion Lutheran Church in Sharon, Wis. The Rev. Reuben Otto, present pastor of the congregation, will conduct the afternoon service.

The congregations in the area, St. John, Random Lake; Emmanuel, Adell; St. Stephen, Batavia; Immanuel, town of Scott; St. John, New Fane; Pilgrim, West Bend; St. John, Fredonia, and St. John, Plymouth, have been invited to attend the special services.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public. A family style ham dinner will be served after the morning service.

**Formed In 1866**

The organization of St. Paul's took place in the year of 1866. The Rev. J. List of St. John Lutheran Church at Sherman Center was first to serve the Lutheranes of Cascade. Services were first conducted on the second floor of Fred Ballhorn's harness shop. Since Pastor List had traveled from Sherman Center, the frequency of the services varied according to the seasons and the condition of the roads. Reading services were conducted in the absence of Pastor List.

In 1874, the attendance at services exceeded the quarters of the harness shop and plans were made for the building of a church. On or before June 6, 1875, the first church was completed.

St. Paul's was served by Pastor Philip Wambusgens from Sherman Center from 1874-1879. Pastor J. Herzer began to serve St. Paul's from Plymouth in 1879. It was a milestone in the history of St. Paul's at Cascade when in early September, 1883, Pastor Theo. E. Flinch took charge of the congregation as its first resident pastor.

**School Above Store**

The first school was conducted on the balcony of the first church. In 1884 it was being conducted above what is now Weinhold's grocery store. By 1888 the school building was standing on the corner where the church now stands.

Pastor C. G. Haehnel served the congregation from 1887 until 1900 when he accepted a call to serve the group at Batavia. Pastor J. W. Hallbott of Accident, Md., accepted the call extended to him and arrived at Cascade in November, 1900. Early in 1905, plans were being made for the erection of a new church building. The present church building was dedicated on July 8, 1906.

"Through the grace of God, St. Paul's has received many blessings in the past 90 years. The members of the congregation now look forward to the future with firm confidence that God will continue to lead them as in the past," Pastor Otto said.