NINETY-FIVE YEARS of Lutheran worship in Cascade will be marked this Sunday by special services at St. Paul's Church. Services will be held in mid-morning and a frame building until this church was erected in 1900. (Sheboygan Press photo.)

Cascade Lutheran Church
Will Mark 95th Anniversary

CASCADE — St. Paul’s Lutheran congregation will mark the 95th anniversary of its founding Sunday with a special service at the church and a dinner for members at noon.

Co-speaker at the anniversary service will be the Rev. Arthur Halsbo, Milwaukee, a son of the Rev. J. W. Halsbo who served St. Paul’s as pastor from 1900 to 1911.

Present pastor of the church in the Rev. Donald Werchman who came to Cascade in 1900 after serving a pastorate in Portugal, 406 communicant members.

The congregation, from a small beginning nearly a century ago, has grown to 661 baptized and present officers of the congregation are Robert Klaueke, president; Jerome Bloch, vice president; Lester Scheuer, Ermey Lau and Willard Diefendorf, secretary; Robert Vanderkamp, financial secretary and treasurer; Robert Koepke, William Sautner and Martin Schultz, ushers and Robert Kaloway, secretary.

Ninety-five years ago the first Lutheran families of Cascade and vicinity attended services at St. John’s Church in Sherman Center which had been organized in 1869. They traveled to worship services on foot, on horseback or by ox cart.

In the fall of 1885, some 17 years after the first cabin was built in Cascade, the Lutheran families re-quested services. The Rev. J. List, Sherman Center, supplied the services which were held in the school and on the second floor of the Fred Hulsby harness store.

In 1875, St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran congregation dedicated its first church. The first resident pastor, the Rev. F. F. Fink, was succeeded in 1887 by the Rev. C. G. Hesenhels, who also accepted the pastorate of a new Lutheran church at Batavia.

Built School
During his pastorate, the congregation built a school on the site of the present church.

The Rev. J. H. Halsbo began his long career in Cascade in 1900 and the cornerstone, which had been laid in 1903, was in 1986, was remodeled for the new pastor.

In 1908, a new church building was dedicated. In 1929 the old church was sold to the village, and with some alterations, new serves as village hall and fire station.

The Frauen Verein, predecessor to the Mission Circle, was organ-ized while Pastor Halsbo was here.

The Rev. J. F. Boeger followed Pastor Halsbo and several other ministers served here until Pastor Werchman accepted a call in 1980.

The Young Ladies Guild and Walker League were organized within the last decade.