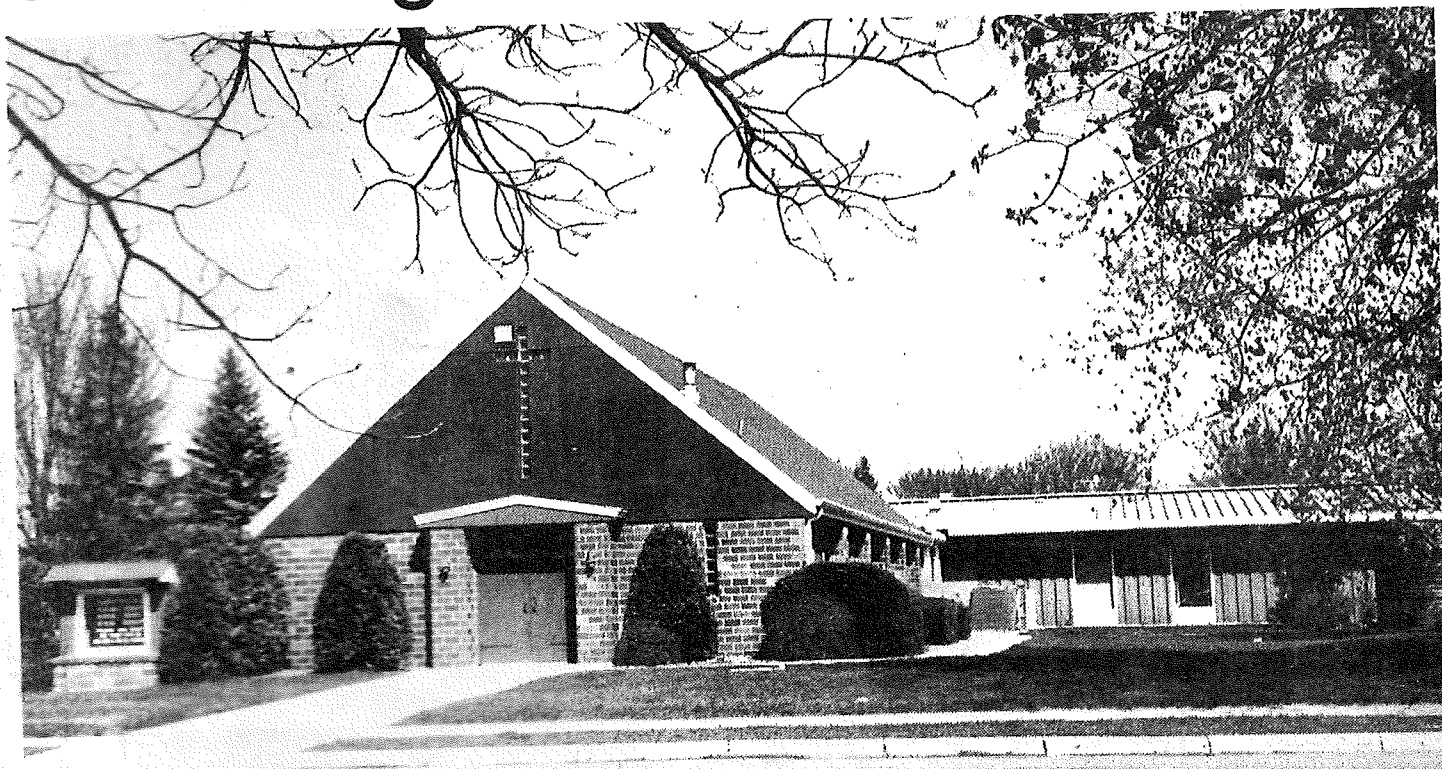


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church observing 25th anniversary



Worship services, a community supper, a special anniversary program, and various other events will highlight the 25th anniversary observance of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, on Saturday and Sunday.

The congregation will host a community supper at the New Prague Public Elementary School gym, on Saturday, May 18, between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. The dinner, which is open to the public, will feature turkey and ham on its menu.

On Sunday, May 19, the Rev. Bart Harris of South Bend, Indiana, the congregation's first pastor, will preach at the Worship, at 8:00 a.m. The Rev. Conrad Boehler, who was also invited to participate, and who was instrumental in assisting the congregation's organization, will be unable to participate, due to the illness of Mrs. Boehler.

A coffee fellowship hour will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

At 10:15 a.m. there will be Worship, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Wersell as preacher. Dr. Wersell is the executive assistant to Dr. Melvin Hammarberg, president of the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

A lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. to guests and visitors, and to any members or friends who wish to visit with the former members and clergy in attendance.

An informal afternoon program is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., with Ralph Hendricks of New Prague, serving as master of ceremonies. The program will feature brief greetings from many former members of the congregation and clergy, and it will be interspersed with group singing and choir selections.

The observance will close with coffee fellowship time at

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, at the corner of Third Street and First Avenue, N.E., presents an interesting and attractive appearance as shown in a recent photograph. A part of the education building, erected in 1965, is shown at the right of the church. It is located just east of the church.

3:30 p.m. Sunday.

At both of the morning worship services and at the afternoon program there will be a youth choir and/or youth participation. The Holy Trinity Choir will sing at the 10:15 a.m. service and at the afternoon program.

The public is welcome at all of the scheduled events, with the probable exception being the noon lunch on Sunday.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was organized on April 6, 1949. The Rev. Conrad Buehler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church at Montgomery, had applied to the American Mission Board for permission to open a mission in New Prague. On May 17,

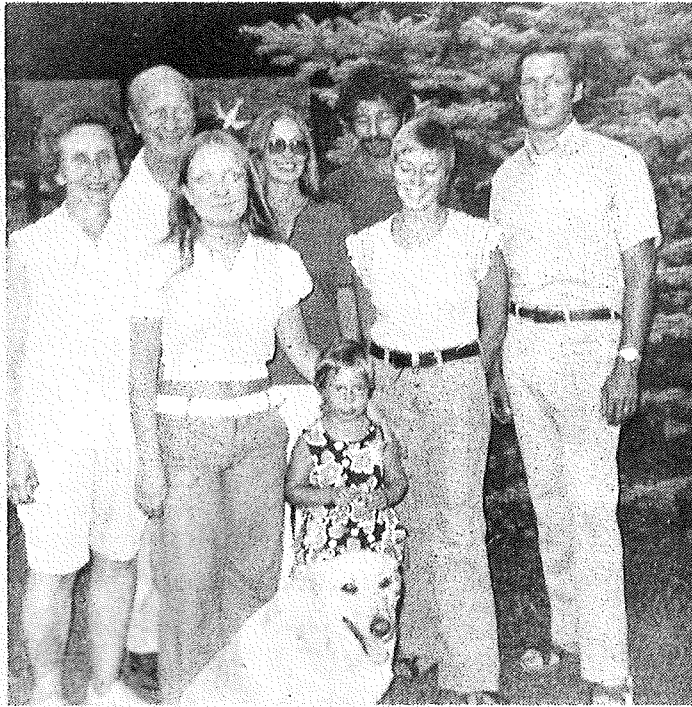
1947, he was notified that the request had been granted, and on June 15 of that year the first preaching service was held at the ZCJB Hall.

The mission was organized as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on May 23, 1948. A pastor was called, and then, because of lack of financial support from the national church body, the congregation suffered a setback.

The Rev. Arnold Carlson, professor of Christianity at Gustavus Adolphus College, was designated as a supply pastor, and he served from January of 1949 until September of that year.

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Anniversary



The Rev. Birt Harris, first pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, will be present for the anniversary observance. Pictured above are Mrs. Harris, Pastor Harris, Dawn Harris, Mrs. Martin Knanishu (Gaye Harris), Mr. Knanishu, Mrs. Roland Scheetz (Coy Harris), and Mr. Scheetz. The Harris's granddaughter, Shannon Scheetz, and the family dog are in the foreground. The Birt Harris' reside in South Bend, Indiana.

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On April 3 the congregation was dissolved and was reorganized into a new congregation, under the name Holy Trinity. The first congregational meeting was held on April 6, 1949, at which time the action was ratified and a petition was submitted to the Lutheran Minnesota Conference of the Evangelical Augustana Synod, for admittance into its membership.

In the spring of 1949 the board of administration purchased property at the corner of Third Street and First Avenue, N.E. Ground-breaking for the parsonage took place on July 4, and the dedication was held in November.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the church were held on May 8, 1951, and the cornerstone was laid in August of 1951. The first service was held in the new church on Easter Sunday, 1952. The church was dedicated in September of that year. The sanctuary building was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, at a cost of \$12,000.

In 1965 an education building

was constructed, just east of the church. The building has a large conference-classroom, and a large multipurpose room which can be divided into areas for banquets, or for recreational and meeting purposes, or to provide six classrooms. There is also a kitchen, an office for the pastor, and mechanical and storage rooms.

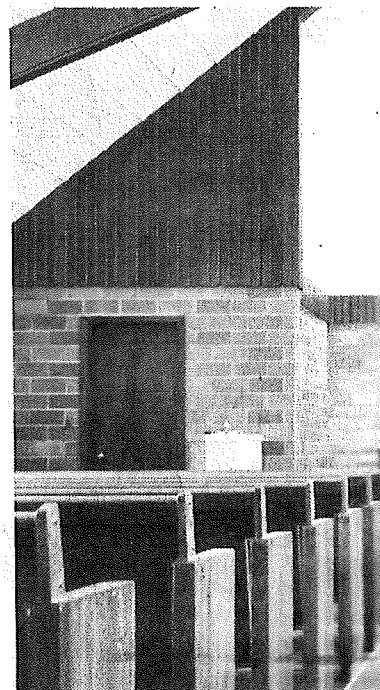
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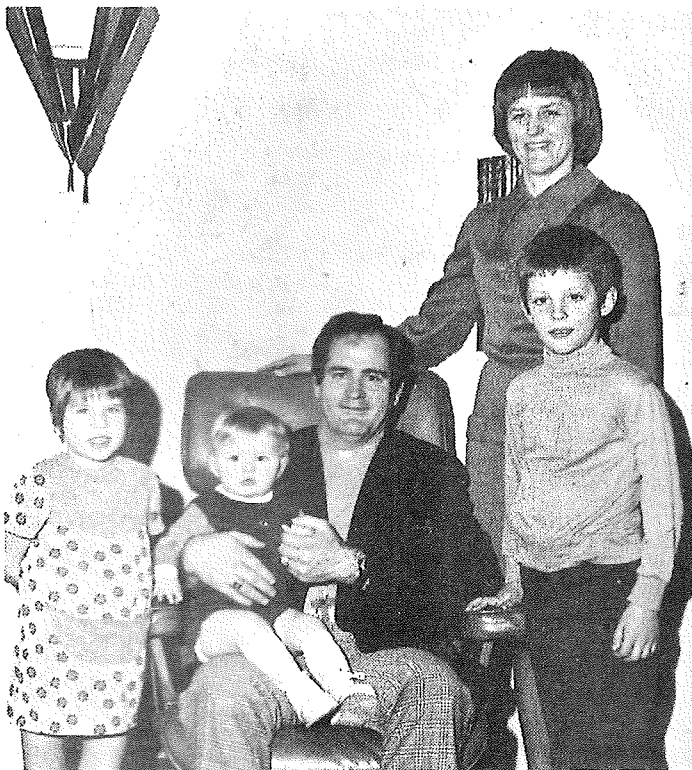
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The Rev. Forrest Chaffee served as the Holy Trinity

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The Rev. Don Fultz assumed the pastorate at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in 1970. Pictured are Pastor Fultz, his wife Eunice, and their children, Tami, Timothy and Todd.

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Accepting the pastorate in July of 1963 was the Rev. Larry Foreman, who served until July, 1965. In September of that year, the Rev. Lynn Strand assumed duties as pastor at Holy Trinity, and he served until February, 1970.

The Rev. Don A. Fultz, the present pastor, assumed his duties in New Prague on July 1, 1970.

Rev. Fultz points out that Holy Trinity is experiencing increased growth in recent years, due primarily to the outflow of families from the metropolitan areas. "The first 25 years of its life are now history," he adds, "and life continues into the next 25 years. What kinds of changes in physical appearance and buildings will transpire, no one except God can foresee; Holy Trinity's main concern is to be faithful to its calling.....to be a faithful servant of God in this place."

Cedar Lake

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Gordon Gelhaye of Shakopee, member of the Scott county sheriff's patrol. He also announced plans for the purchasing of three resuscitators, which are to be added to equipment in the county's patrol boats. The 25-man volunteer auxiliary force in the county is conducting a prize award program, proceeds of which will be donated to the resuscitator fund.

The Cedar Lake Association also voted to donate \$230 from association funds, for the purchase of a resuscitator.

Operation Identification, the program which aims at the prevention of thefts and burglaries through the marking and identification of articles, was discussed by Officer Boykin of Shakopee, a sheriff's deputy. He invited Cedar Lake residents to take part in the program, by borrowing the electric engraver which is available. The property owners will then be given serial numbers with which their items can be marked. Navy and white emblems indicating that pro-



The interior of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has undergone remodeling and improvement. Pews and carpeting were installed, along with a new Communion railing and pulpit, and woodwork has been stained in a darker shade. The facade behind the altar features a nine-foot wooden cross, constructed by Vernon Beinhorn of New Prague.

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