

Preston Church Dedication Set

Christ Lutheran Program Scheduled

PRESTON — Dedication of the new Christ Lutheran Church and educational building here will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. E. C. Reinertson of St. Paul, president of the Southeastern Minnesota District of the American Lutheran Church, will officiate. Worship services are scheduled for 9 and 10:30 a.m. and a dinner will be served at noon for all members and friends. ➡

The new church contains a nave seating 550 with overflow seating for 100; 20 classrooms, a large fellowship hall; officers; library and service rooms. Architects were Cerny Associates of Minneapolis and the contractor was Century Construction Co. of Preston.

Christ Lutheran Church is the result of a merger in 1958 between two Preston congregations, Grace of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. Paul's of the American Lutheran Church.

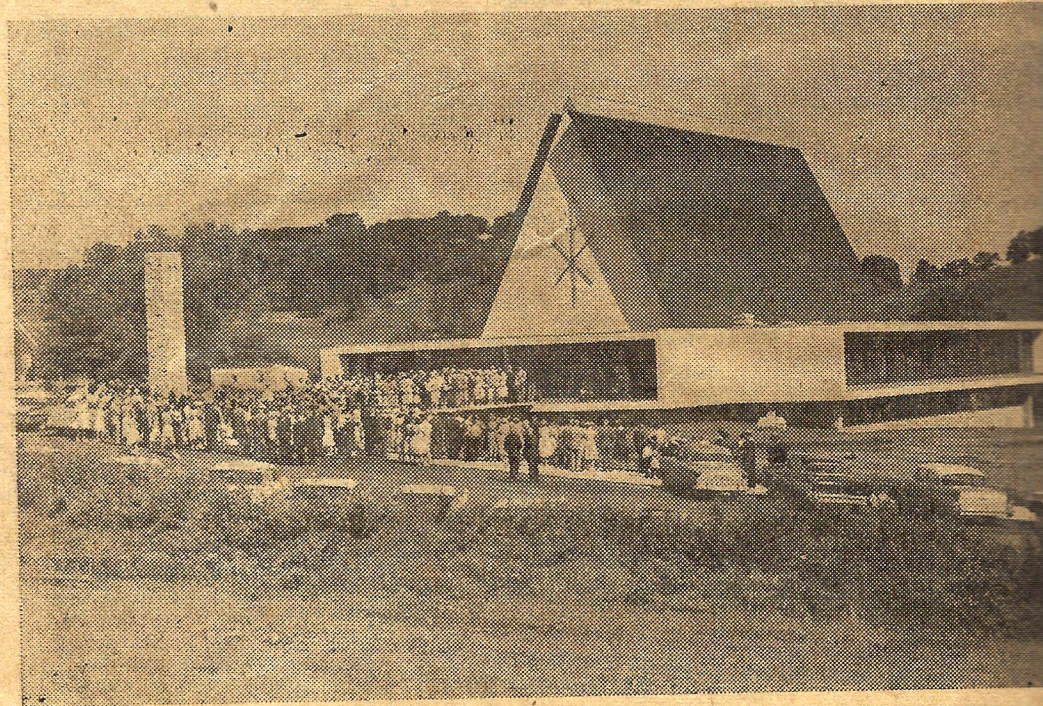
Former pastors of the two merging congregations will take part in the various services. They are: The Rev. Richard Vordale of Milwaukee; the Rev. E. G. Gaede, Albert Lea; the Rev. Philip Hansen, White Bear Lake; and the Rev. Gerhard Bunge, Oelwein, Iowa.

Present pastor is the Rev. Rolf Boe who has served Christ Lutheran Church since the merger in 1958. Services have been held in the new church the past two Sundays.



NEW PRESTON CHURCH—The new Christ Lutheran Church at Preston will be dedicated Sunday. The church has been in use about two weeks.

First Service in New Christ Lutheran Church



This is the scene presented at Christ Lutheran Church, Preston, last Sunday morning just prior to the cornerstone laying ceremony at the new church and the first service to be held in the new structure. In order to get in the whole scene of the church, the hundreds of persons assembled before it, as well as the cornerstone which reposes on a table in the right background, we took the picture from way up the hill south of the new church. Pastor Rolf Boe

is among the group assembled on the way at the front of the church. Pastor informs us that 629 members and friends of the church were in attendance at the opening ceremony. Participating in the cornerstone ceremony were: Elmer Slostad, president of the congregation; Clarence Leutink, chairman of the board of trustees; Orval Amdahl, chairman of the board of deacons; and Gerald Schmidt, man of the building committee.

First Baptism

Son of Mrs. Mrs. Charles Enge
(Teacher)
Aug. 13, 1961 By Pastor Rolf Boe

First Funeral

Mrs. Philip (Harriet) Gartner
Aug. 21, 1961
Pastor Rolf Boe
" Philip Hansen

First Wedding

Philip Gartner & Dana Lohmeyer
Sept. 10, 1961
Rev. Philip Hansen

WEATHER IDEAL FOR DEDICATION SUNDAY OF CHRIST CHURCH

The weather was ideal last Sunday for the dedication of the new Christ Lutheran Church, Preston, and all the services occurred on schedule. A total of 940 persons attended the two services in the morning, and 750 attended the dedication service in the afternoon.

Only two things occurred that weren't scheduled. Pastor Boe's daughter Katherine became ill in the afternoon, and Mrs. Boe had to take her to St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester. Katherine's condition improved overnight and she returned home Monday afternoon. She had suffered an attack of intestinal flu, and for some hours underwent considerable pain.

The other incident occurred late Sunday forenoon. Al Christianson, an officer of the church, accompanied by his 3½-year-old son Danny, was delivering some baking to the Lud Gartner home for use on Monday following the funeral of Mrs. Phil Gartner. He parked the car in front of the house and put the transmission in Park; and during the brief period he was absent, Danny took the transmission out of Park, and the car headed for the steep hill south of the Gartner home. Instead of going down the hill, the car entered the lawn of the Hulda Hahn home, grazed a large tree, went under a clothesline, missed the southeast corner of the house only by inches, went between another tree and a bush, and finally came to a stop in the Hahn garden. Miraculously Danny escaped with only scratches and bruises, nor was the car damaged. He was released after treatment of his minor injuries by Dr. J. P. Nehring. Apparently when the car started moving Danny attempted to get out the door, which accounts for the fact that one of his shoes was found near the tree up the hill that the car grazed. When the car finally stopped, he was thrown out of the vehicle.

New Christ Church to Be Dedicated Sunday

**Dr. E. R. Reinertson
Will Give Sermon at
Afternoon Services**

The new Christ Lutheran Church, Preston, will be dedicated this coming Sunday, August 20. There will be two morning services at 9:00 a. m. and 10:30 a. m., and the service of dedication will take place at 2:30 p. m.

Former Pastor Richard Vordale, now of Milwaukee, will give the sermon at the 9:00 a. m. service, and former Pastor E. G. Gaede, now of Albert Lea, will give the sermon at the 10:30 a. m. service. The girls' choir will sing at the first morning service, and the senior choir at the second morning service.

Reading the scriptures at the service of dedication in the afternoon will be Seminarian Gale Chilson of Preston; former Pastor Philip Hansen, now of White Bear Lake; the Rev. Robert Taylor of Harmony; the Rev. M. A. Braaten of Houston; the Rev. Lawrence Brynestad of Winona; and the Rev. Walter Pilgrim of Spring Valley. Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southeastern Minnesota District of the American Lutheran Church, will give the dedication sermon. Former Pastor Gerhard Bunge, now of Oelwein, Iowa, will give the closing prayer and Lord's Prayer at the service of dedication and will provide organ music from 1:30 to 2:15. Dinner at noon and coffee following the afternoon service will be served by the ladies of the church in the Fellowship Hall. All friends of the church in the community are invited to attend these services.

Last week leveling of the church grounds was completed, and on Monday and Tuesday of this week the grounds were sodded. The sodding will be completed tomorrow (Friday) and the men of the church are asked to turn out to complete the work that day.

Farewell Open House For Pastor Boe Family

A farewell open house for Pastor and Mrs. Rolf D. Boe and children will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Preston, tomorrow (Friday) evening, August 25, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, for the congregation and friends. Pastor Boe will conduct his last service here at 10:30 this coming Sunday morning, August 27, and the family will then depart for Mt. Prospect, Illinois, from where he will commute to Chicago for his new position with the American Lutheran Church in its national office. Pastor Boe and family have made friends of everyone during their residence in Preston, and we all will miss them. They have purchased a home in Mt. Prospect, and the address is 804 West Busse.

The new pastor of the church is Rev. Obed Nesheim of Decorah, Iowa, who has been a professor in the department of religion at Luther College the past four years. Complete information on the new pastor will be published in our next week's issue.