

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

AN EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERANS.

LARGEST CONGREGATION EVER

Estimated That Fully 3,000 People Attended the Dedication Ceremonies of the Splendid New Church Building Just Finished.

Sunday marked an event in the history of the St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church in this city, when the dedication of the handsome new church took place. Notwithstanding the raw wind which came down from the north, making the day chilly and disagreeable, an immense crowd attended the dedication ceremonies, which began with the morning services and continued through the afternoon and evening.

Preparations had been made to serve dinner and supper to those who came a distance, and these meals were served in the old church, the school house and in a big tent that had been erected for the purpose. More than 1,500 were given dinner and fully 2,000 were provided with supper, and enough provisions had been supplied by members of the church to feed another thousand. It is estimated that the attendance ran to 3,000, Norfolk people going home for their meals.

During the dinner hour and at other times between church services, the Norfolk band played concert music.

The Dedication.

The dedication ceremonies opened with a farewell service to the old church, where the pastor formally bid good-bye to the old structure, whose walls are fraught with so much history to the church and its congregation.

At the close of this service, a procession was formed at the door, led by the children, then came the choir, deacons, four ministers, living founders of the church, members and congregation. The line of march led to the broad doors of the new structure. After a song by the congregation, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Witte, blessed the key to the church and placed it in the hands of an attendant, who in turn inserted it in the lock and threw open the doors of the great church. As the congregation marched in, the new bell in the tower rang out joyfully and inside the great organ pealed forth a hymn of thanksgiving.

The usual devotional services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Witte, followed with a strong sermon by Rev. Mr. Lehninger of Plymouth, Neb.

After dinner, which was served by members of the church in the old church, school house and big tent, another service was held in the new structure, conducted as before with a sermon by Rev. Mr. Martin of Stanton. The morning and afternoon services were held in German but the evening service, conducted by Rev. A. Zich of Sleepy Eye, Minn., was in English.

Collections were taken morning, afternoon and evening, for the benefit of the building fund, and a nice sum was contributed.

No services were held during the day at Christ Lutheran church, giving the large congregation of that church an opportunity to join in the dedication of their sister church. Visitors were also present from Winside, Stanton, Hoskins, Hadar, Pierce and other towns.

The dedication of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church brought forth the largest congregation of church people ever assembled at one time and place in this city.

MONDAY MENTION.

Harry Owen has rented a house in The Heights.

C. B. Salter has received a new runabout automobile.

George N. Beels left on the noon train for Tilden.

W. H. Blakeman went to Alnsworth Sunday evening.

C. E. Burnham went to Omaha at noon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lynde expect to go to Omaha in the morning.

Burt Mapes arrived home at noon from Neligh, where he had been on business.

E. A. Bullock left at noon for Omaha to attend the meeting of the state electrical society.

Attorney J. C. Engelman went to Neligh at noon on legal business. District court convened at Neligh.

Henry Schmidt and family left Saturday for Ft. Collins, Col., where they will make their home in future.

Mrs. George B. Christoph left at noon for Omaha to attend the annual convention of the Eastern Star order.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Barnhardt, married on the 30th, were in the city yesterday accompanied by a party of friends.

Lieutenant O. R. Meredith of O'Neill passed through the city at noon enroute to Chicago, where he has been stationed.

Fred Boche left on the Union Pacific freight for Lincoln to attend the annual convention of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leik and little daughter went to Council Bluffs Sunday noon to attend the funeral of a little niece of Mr. Leik's.

Dan E. Davis and George H. Watts, elders of the Mormon church, Salt Lake, Utah, are in the city proselyting for their church. These elders travel without assistance from either their church or the public, being obliged to defray their own expenses entirely, the reward for their self-sacrifice coming at the end of a period of labor which entitles them to make their home in Salt Lake City and become officers of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden went to Chicago Sunday noon. From there

Mrs. Braden will go to Waukesha, Wis., for a couple of weeks, while Mr. Braden will return to Norfolk Wednesday.

Mrs. F. L. Estabrook returned to her home at Interlor, S. D., Sunday evening after a brief visit with Norfolk friends and relatives. She was accompanied by Miss Florence Estabrook and Merrick Estabrook. Mrs. McNeely has purchased the house of Pasewalk avenue in the Heights occupied by L. Nicola.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector O. N. Stuckey now has his headquarters in one of the offices on the second floor of the Norfolk federal building.

The weather man's forecast of rain materialized early Monday morning. The wind shifted to the north and there was every prospect of a clearing up.

A regular meeting of Mosale lodge, No. 65, A. F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday evening, at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

L. A. Hansen has bought the interest of Mr. Blust in the meat market which has been conducted by them and in the future the business will be conducted by Mr. Hansen alone.

The Sanford Dodge theatrical company arrived in the city and gave a matinee performance at the Auditorium, beginning at 4 o'clock, in "The Taming of the Shrew." Tonight Mr. Dodge and his company will present "The Merchant of Venice."

California methods of protecting fruit against frost were adopted Friday night by W. G. Baker, who has charge of the Norfolk hospital orchard. A heavy frost was predicted for the night, and during the day Mr. Baker made preparations to build a number of small fires among the trees, hoping to warm the surrounding atmosphere enough to prevent the frost from biting the fruit blossoms. The fires were started about 1 o'clock in the morning and kept vigorously going until sun-up. Mr. Baker believes that his experiment resulted in some good, and if there is no further trouble that he will have a third to half a crop.

A number of Norfolk committees will be busily engaged during the coming week in preparing for future events of importance. For instance, the U. C. T. local committees have their hands full making plans for the coming of the state convention next week; the Y. M. C. A. committee is busy preparing for the coming benefit to be given at the M. E. church by Prof. Vogt and his pupils, including Ray Estabrook; the local aerie of Eagles are active in preparing for the state convention of that order, to be held in Norfolk June 3 and 4; and the local democrats are getting busy in anticipation of the coming speech to be delivered in this city May 29 by Mr. Bryan.

TRAIN DIPLOMATS.

University Will Open School to Prepare Men For Consular Service.

Chicago, May 2.—Preparing young men for the United States consular service is the task about to be undertaken by the University of Chicago, which yesterday issued circulars containing the announcement of the courses in preparation in the new field.

The plan follows closely that suggested recently by the New York chamber of commerce, which urged the establishment of a national school of instruction for aspirants to the ranks of diplomats. In addition the course includes instruction designed to equip students as foreign commercial agents, in the employ of American business houses having relations abroad.

The series of courses will cover three years of work. They deal in the main with political economy, political science, the elements of law, commercial law, history of the United States, and modern history, together with such training in modern languages as will enable the student to use them for political and commercial purposes.

The consular service now is under the merit system and vacancies are filled by persons designated by the president, who have passed examinations testing their fitness. The announcement of the University of Chicago sets forth that students satisfactorily completing the special courses prescribed will be duly certified to the president.

A CALL FOR ROOMS.

Accommodations Are Needed for the U. C. T. Convention.

The local council of the U. C. T. is desirous of securing accommodations in private homes, because hotel accommodations are inadequate to the demands of the situation, where commercial travelers who will be here Friday and Saturday of next week to attend the state convention of the U. C. T. organization, may stay during their visit in the city. In order to entertain the visitors, who will number about 300, it will be necessary that the private homes of Norfolk be thrown open.

Persons willing to grant the use of rooms in their homes are requested to notify Tom Price, chairman of the reception committee, sending the street number and the number of persons who can be accommodated.

Another request that must be made upon the generosity of Norfolk people is for silverware to be used at the banquet, which will be held in Marquardt hall. The banquet is to be served by the Ladies guild of Trinity church and housewives outside the guild must be called upon to lend knives, forks and spoons. The safe return of the silverware is guaranteed by the local council of the U. C. T.

All communications should be addressed to Tom Price, chairman of the entertainment committee.

NEW BOARD IS ORGANIZED

A. H. VIELE IS MADE PRESIDENT OF NEW BOARD.

S. G. DEAN VICE PRESIDENT

H. C. Matrau is Re-elected Secretary of the Board of Education for the Ensuing Year—C. S. Bridge Takes Seat, Dr. Salter Retires.

President, A. H. Viele. Vice president, S. G. Dean. Secretary, H. C. Matrau.

The Norfolk board of education re-organized last night for the ensuing year, C. S. Bridge becoming a member of the board by virtue of his recent election and Dr. Salter, who refused to accept nomination for another term, retiring. A. H. Viele, who was



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re-elected, was made president of the new board. S. G. Dean was elected vice president and H. C. Matrau secretary for the ensuing year.



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business and turned over the work to the new board, which immediately went into session and organized.

Aside from the change of boards, only routine affairs, allowing of bills,



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etc., occupied the time of the board. No new teachers were elected. Members of the board are now: A. H. Viele, S. G. Dean, H. C. Matrau, Albert Degner, T. M. Shively, C. S. Bridge.

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers for the week ending May 1, 1908, compiled by Madison County Abstract & Guarantee Co., office with Mapes & Hazen.

Albert Rehfeld and wife to August Leuthausen, W. D. Cons. \$2125.00, W 1/2 of Sublot 9 of Lot 15, Ferdinand Pasewalk's Plat of Block 1, Pasewalk's addition to Norfolk.

Charles Boscuit, jr., and wife to L. W. Bokemper, W. D. Cons. \$3500.00, Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Lot 4, Block 8, Lot 5, Block 9, Verges suburban lots to Norfolk.

Sarah A. Mulets to Earl V. Hall, W. D. Cons. \$2000. Pt of 33-24-1.

R. F. Bruce and wife to Earl V. Hall, W. D., consideration part of SW 1/4 NEM of 33-24-1.

Thomas O'Shea and wife to John Henry Reineccus, W. D. Cons. \$200. Lots 2, 18, 21 and 23, Block 58, F. W. Barnes railroad addition to Madison.

Martha A. Jones and husband to Frank A. Peterson, W. D. Cons. \$2000.00, Lots 6 and 7, Block 44, Clark and Madison Mill Co's, addition to Madison.

John Henry Reineccus to Emma A. Reineccus, W. D. Cons. \$200.00, Lots 2, 18, 21 and 23, Block 58, F. W. Barnes railroad addition to Madison.

Haase's suburban lots to Norfolk.

Otto Vollbrecht and wife to Carl Zosston, Q. C. D. Cons. \$200.00, 1-9 int. in NW 1/4 of 33-23-4.

Cornelia Stevens to Viola Satz, W. D. Cons. \$900.00, Pt of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of 25-24-4.

A. C. Williams and wife to Charles R. Church, W. D. Cons. \$700. Lots 3 and 4, Block 8, Meadow Grove.

August Braasch and wife to William Duhning, W. D. Cons. \$600. Lot 4, Braasch suburban lots.

Alvin C. Holmes and wife to A. C. Williams, W. D. Cons. \$600. Lots 3 and 4, Block 8 Meadow Grove.

Rome Miller and wife to Stannard Stock Food Co., Cons. \$100. E 1/2 of Lot 23, Wards suburban lots to Norfolk.

W. W. Craig to Cynthia Craig, W. D. Cons. \$100. Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 7, Battle Creek.

J. C. S. Wells and wife The Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese of Nebraska, W. D. Cons. \$100.00, Lot 8, Block 2, Koenigsteins third addition to Norfolk.

PLANNING NEW RAILROAD

TO BE BUILT, 'TIS SAID, FROM OMAHA TO TRIPP.

SURVEY ALREADY FINISHED

It is Claimed That \$40,000 Has Already Been Expended on Survey and Census for Projected New Railroad.

Say it Will be Built Soon. It is claimed that there will be buildings in the new town of Lake City, twenty miles south of Newport, within thirty days. The promoters of this new town say that it is assured upon good authority that this will be the crossing of the Burlington extension from O'Neill to Dunning, and the projected Omaha, Newport & Northern, which it is claimed will be built from Omaha into Tripp county, S. D. It is said that there are New York bankers, financially able, back of this projected road and that the construction may begin this summer or fall. It is reported that the incorporators, whose articles it will be recalled were filed at Pierre last summer, were all ready to float bonds for building this road last September but halted on account of the October flurry in the money market. It is said that they have already expended \$40,000 in surveying this line and that they have taken a census for ten miles each side of the survey, getting affidavits from all farmers as to the amount of freight shipped in and shipped out each year, together with other statistics of interest.

Johnson Begins Lectures. Tells of Nation's "Perils"—Centralization of Power.

Houghton, Mich., May 5.—Gov. Johnson of Minnesota began his lecture tour here when he addressed a large audience on the "Majesty of the Law."

"The progress of this republic," he said, "is guided by the landmarks of constitutional liberty, today is opposed by two dangers. One is the tendency of the federal government to centralization of power. The other is the power of centralized and predatory wealth, fostered by special privileges, and defiant of both the public welfare and the law of the land."

He declared that these two perils were, in a way, cooperative, in that the profitable development of the great industrial trusts of today is largely due to "the special privileges of the federal government, and especially to unreasonable and unjust tariff laws."

"The existence of these trusts," he added, "is urged as a reason why still further powers should be centralized in the federal government, the states deprived of their constitutional rights and powers."

In regard to state rights, as opposed to centralization of power in the federal government, he said:

"The constitution provides that the inherent powers of this republic, not delegated to the federal government, reside in the states and the people. Yet the present administration claims it possesses a jurisdiction broader than and outside of the constitution, the power to rule subject colonies and subject peoples, unrestrained by the constitution and beyond the territorial limits where the constitution and its guaranties may go."

Three sermons will be delivered Sunday in connection with the dedication. Rev. M. Lehninger of Plymouth will preach in German in the forenoon, Rev. Phillip Martin of Stanton will preach in the afternoon in German. Rev. A. F. Zich of Sleepy Eye, Minn., will preach in the evening in English.

The new church costs a little over \$22,500. What a terrifying sum of money these figures would have represented to that sturdy hand of pioneers who founded Norfolk and formed the first congregation of St. Paul's church. Several members of that pioneer band are alive today. Seven of the men who founded the church still live in this vicinity and affiliate with the church. Out in the wilderness of the northwest prairies forty-two years ago they had nothing to form a prophetic picture of the beautiful house of worship that is now to be dedicated.

The entire building is heated with steam and is supplied with a modern and highly efficient system of ventilation which provides for a liberal supply of fresh air in both summer and winter. A private gas plant will be used for lighting at present, but the building is wired for electric light in anticipation of the future extension of the city system.

In size the building is 52x84 and it rests on a massive concrete foundation of monolithic construction, this part of the work alone required about 200 barrels of Portland cement.

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This committee through the co-operation of Mr. Stitt, who was engaged as their architect, went into an investigation of recent Lutheran church buildings erected in this section. They sought what was faulty and what had been approved. The Lutheran church is altogether a house of worship, consisting of a simple church auditorium. Working along these lines Mr. Stitt drew up the plans which met with approval and which have been executed into the beautiful church now ready for dedication.

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St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Dedication Sunday, May 3, 1908



On Sunday takes place the dedication of the splendid new church building of the St. Paul Ev. Lutheran congregation and a structure of which Norfolk as a whole can take just pride.

More than usual interest attaches to the dedication services not only on account of the beautiful edifice that is added to the houses of worship in Norfolk but also on account of the very important part that this particular congregation played in the founding and development of Norfolk.

The history of St. Paul's congregation outdates the history of Norfolk itself and the history of that pioneer church society is so closely intertwined with the first years of Norfolk's life that there is really but one history.

The Norfolk history of St. Paul's church covers a period of forty-two years, more than a generation, and bridges the gulf of time between the frontier and the struggling hamlet and the thickly-populated and prosperous northwest with Norfolk the "brightest" center of the north state country. The men of that first congregation are the men who played a useful and often brave part in the development from the prairie frontier to the rich country side and prosperous business community of today.

It is a far step from the crude log church, Norfolk's first church, the first church of this section, built back in the sixties, and the modern and beautiful church that is to be dedicated Sunday.

An Elegant Building. There is no finer church in this section of the state than the new St. Paul church. Norfolk people who take advantage of the services of dedication day, the morning and afternoon services in German and the evening service in English, to visit the new church will be surprised at the style and quality of the new building. On the exterior it is a building of the Gothic style, symmetrical and impressive. The interior is equally pleasing and the fine art glass calls for instant admiration.

Back two score years on nearly the same site that first log church was erected. There were no finely finished pews but cottonwood boards laid across sawed logs. Representing the transition period between the log church and the church of pressed brick is the present frame church built in 1878.

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WELL PROPORTIONED BUILDING.

One of the Handsomest Churches in North Nebraska.

The new church home of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran church stands on the church grounds where its two predecessors have stood out on North Eleventh street. Viewed from any viewpoint it is a handsome well-proportioned structure.

In architectural style the building is of the traditional Gothic executed in red-brone Klings press brick with limestone trimmings, metal cornices and stained shingle roof.

The main entrance is located in the center of the south facade and is flanked on either side by towers.

The larger tower rises to a height of ninety-five feet and within it is hung a new 2,100 pound bell of rich deep tone.

The exterior presents the skillful massing and graceful skyline which is too often lacking in buildings of this class, but it is on the interior of the church that one finds its chief merits.

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HISTORY OF CHURCH.

Was the First Church Organization in Norfolk.

The history of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church begins in 1866. With the church begins the history of Norfolk.

The colony of German Lutherans who founded Norfolk spent the years 1842 to 1866 in Ixonia, Wis. From there in the fall of 1865 two men, Herman Braasch, sr., and Fred Wagner, sr., were sent out to visit Nebraska by those who were desirous of a new home and who had heard of the good land in Nebraska. These first explorers of Madison county returned and reported well of the country.

The people were enthusiastic and many were willing to leave Wisconsin. In May, 1866, the founders of the St. Paul congregation left Ixonia. The majority of the Lutheran St. Paul congregation of Ixonia and some of the congregation at Mayville, Wis., came to Norfolk, arriving in the middle of July. The journey was made overland with oxteams. There were rivers to ford and numerous bridges to be built over streams which could not be forded.

A brush shed was erected and the first religious services were held by the Northfork. Herman Braasch conducted the services. Herman Braasch, Marlin Raasch and G. Roehrkke were the first deacons of the congregation at Ixonia and called a pastor before they left Wisconsin.

In the fall of the same year Rev. John Heckenendorf, who had been called as pastor, followed the immigrants to Nebraska, arriving in October. He attended to the duties of his office as soon as he arrived. Services were held in the homes of the pastor and Herman Braasch. The pioneers were soon convinced of the necessity of a house of worship and to that end purchased about twelve acres of land. The first church building, a log church 24x30, was then erected in Norfolk, then a hamlet a little more than a year old.

Pioneer Church. This was the pioneer church not only of Norfolk but of this part of the state. The ground upon which it was erected is still the present church grounds. It is said that the nearest church was at West Point. Until January, 1872, the public schools of Norfolk were taught in the old log church.

Norfolk's first church was soon too small. At the Lord's Supper many were compelled to stand outside. A new church was demanded by the situation. The congregation went to work in a courageous manner, and in the face of difficulties.

In 1878 a frame church, 30x50, was built. It had been decided to build this church in the time of Pastor Heckenendorf, but the building was dedicated after the arrival of Rev. M. Pankow.

The pastors who followed Pastor Heckenendorf were Rev. M. Pankow, Rev. A. F. Siegler, Rev. P. H. Hoelzel and Rev. John Witt.

The St. Paul congregation has always contributed to the institutions of the Wisconsin synod and has sent many students to its colleges. In 1901, in the time of Rev. Ph. Hoelzel, the Norfolk congregation joined the district synod of Nebraska, a branch of the Wisconsin synod.

Of the pastors, Rev. John Heckenendorf came in October, 1866, at a time when the people were poor and often distressed. During the years he stayed the membership increased. The first church was built and it was resolved to build the second. The congregation was incorporated August 16, 1876. The first pastor died in 1877.

His successor, Rev. M. Pankow, was installed at the same time that the frame church was dedicated. The new pastor met with great success, the membership increasing rapidly. During his administration the congregation built a school house and called the first teacher. Rev. Mr. Pankow also preached at Hadar and Stanton and founded a congregation at Hoskins.

Rev. A. F. Siegler was installed in May, 1892. The parsonage was rebuilt.

Rev. Ph. Hoelzel succeeded. He was installed in November, 1899. He was a very true pastor. He died April 30, 1904.

Rev. John Witte, the present pastor, was installed July 3, 1904. In the past four years the congregation has laid out two new roads, improved the church property, rebuilt the teacher's dwelling, accepted a constitution for the school and cemetery and now dedicates a handsome \$22,500 church.

Rev. John Witt is a pastor worthy to succeed the pastors who have gone before him. He is an earnest, inspiring, vigorous man, a true preacher of eloquence, learning and understanding, a minister who has the hearts of his congregation, who is a ceaseless worker and student and who is doing much for his church and congregation.

The founders of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church were Herman Braasch, Gottlieb Rohrke, Martin Raasch, Johann Braasch, Friedrich Boche, William Boche, Johan Buettow, Frederick Dederman, sr., William Fischer, Christian Haase, Fred Haase, Ferdinand Haase, Carl Hill, Wm. Klug, Martin Machmuller, Jacob Kamm, August Lenz, Carl Nenow, Wm. Ruhlow, Wm. Seifert, Carl Fecker, August Wachter, Herman Wachter, sr., Carl Wichmann, Godfried Winter, Wm. Winter, Carl Winter, Julius Welchert, sr., August Raasch, August Melchor, August Nenow, Wm. Braasch, Fred Heckenendorf and Frank Wichmann.

The following living founders still affiliate with St. Paul church: Fred Haase, August Melchor, August Raasch, Charles Fecker, Herman Wachter, sr., Carl Winter, sr., and Julius Welchert, sr.