



NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

Lutheran Free Church Formally Dedicated Last Sunday in Presence of a Large Gathering of Interested People.

A Brief Historical Sketch of the Lutheran Free Church Organization.

The new, stately church building of the Lutheran Free church was formally dedicated as a house of worship last Sunday forenoon. The day was an ideal one and country people as well as city people gathered in large numbers to witness the dedicatory exercises. Long before ten o'clock an audience of about 800 had gathered and all available space was occupied. The interior of the church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers, evergreens and potted plants and presented a most inviting appearance.

Rev. Sven Otedahl delivered the dedicatory sermon, choosing his text from Isaiah 57: 14, 15: "And shall say, cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block out of the way of my people. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

A choir of seventeen voices, organized for the occasion, rendered some sacred songs in a very excellent manner. Their singing evidenced careful and persistent practice and reflected much credit upon the instructor, Martha Bjornson.

The following ministers were in attendance at the sacrament: held at the church from Thursday till Saturday and also took part in the dedicatory service: Revs. C. Moen, of Lake Lillian; S. Strand, of Milwaukee; Wis.; Sven Otedahl, of Minneapolis; O. L. Midhus, of New London; O. L. Thorvig, of Morris; A. J. Vigestad, of Benson; J. M. Carlson, of Clinton.

The following is the entire program of the forenoon: Hymn..... Congregation Prayers..... Rev. Moen Introductory Remarks..... Rev. Strand Song..... Choir Chanting..... Prof. Otedahl Hymn..... Congregation Reading of 1 Kings, 8th Chapter..... Rev. Gynild Reading of 8th Psalm..... Rev. Midhus Reading of 100th Psalm..... Rev. Moen Reading of Heb. 11..... Rev. Peterson Reading of John's Gospel 17th Chapter..... Rev. Thorvig Reading of Revelation 21st Chapter..... Rev. Vigestad Reading of Apostolic Creed..... Congregation Hymn..... Congregation Reading of Sermon..... Prof. Otedahl Dedication..... Choir Chanting..... Prof. Otedahl Offering..... Congregation Hymn..... Rev. Vigestad

The offering amounted to \$184, which was added to the church building fund.

At three o'clock in the afternoon communion services were held. Rev. Midhus, assisted by Rev. Thorvig, administered the sacraments.

In the evening another pleasing program was given. Several of the ministers present gave short addresses and the choir again favored the audience with some selections.

Prof. Otedahl made a farewell address, and gave some reminiscences from former visits to Willmar. He gave the people of Willmar and surrounding country great credit for their loyal support to Augsburg Seminary and the Lutheran Free church movement. He recalled the days of twenty-seven years ago, when at a meeting at Willmar the matter of keeping up the college was up and the most sanguine were dubious about the possibility of maintaining the work. Although the fields were black from the devastation of the grasshoppers, and the outlook most discouraging along pecuniary lines, the people voted that the school must live and pledged to assist to raise the \$16,000 necessary. The money was raised, the number of contributors reaching over thirty thousand. The professor recalled that he had been present at the dedication of the old church many years ago. Again in 1866, at Willmar, the foundations were laid for the present Free church movement. Three years ago the annual meeting was again held at Willmar at a critical period, and the erection of the new fine college building was then determined upon. The professor has resigned his work at the Augsburg Seminary and expects to leave for Greece, where at Athens he expects to take up a line of studies which has been the ambition of his life.

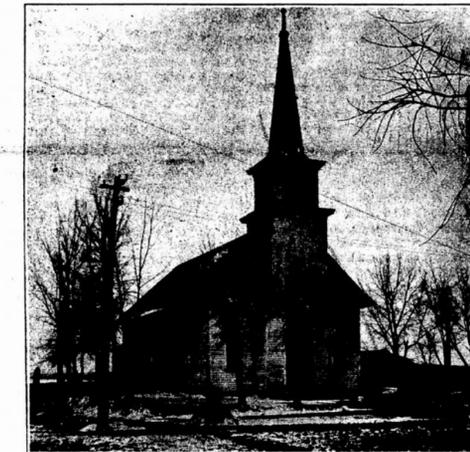
The following societies have been organized from time to time and have for their aim the welfare of the church and also take a great deal of interest in Missionary work. Men's and Women's society; Ladies Aid society; Land's Ladies Aid society; "Bethesda" young people society; "Silo" children's society. The first named society also maintain a missionary in the island of Madagascar.

The Lutheran Free church at Willmar was organized on Dec. 20, 1872, through the efforts of Rev. H. F. Dahl. The name adopted was "The Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Lutheran church." Iver Olson, Nils Hanson and Dr. Ronning were elected deacons. For the next two years services were held in the old court house and in private houses. On Jan. 26, 1874, the congregation decided to take steps towards building a church. Several meetings were held during the winter and spring to consider the matter. It was found that the congregation must be incorporated in order to hold any real estate, and the incorporation was effected on August 20, 1874. O. B. Glarum, John Paulson and A. P. Quam were elected the first board of trustees. The church was erected that fall. The dimensions of the building were: Length, 40 feet; width, 28 feet; height 14 feet. The building was dedicated on the second day Sunday in Advent, 1874, by Rev. Sven Otedahl, assisted by Rev. O. Paulson.

The congregation did not at first belong to any church organization, but on May 21, 1877, it was unanimously resolved to join the "Conference of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." That body held its annual meeting in Willmar in June of that year.

In 1887 an addition of twenty feet was built to the church.

On Oct. 22, 1889, the congregation voted to join the United Lutheran



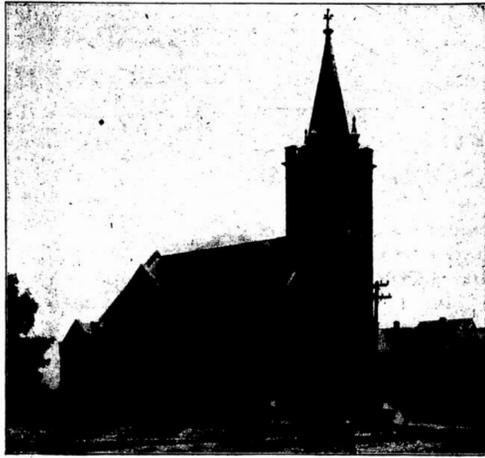
The Old Church Building.

Church, the Conference being one of the church bodies that united to form that organization. Some trouble soon arose between the Conference members and the other bodies of the United Church in regard to the disposition of Augsburg College and Seminary. On Sept. 1, 1893, the Willmar congregation resolved by a vote of 31 to 3 to stand by Augsburg. By this act it practically separated from the United Church, and it was one of the churches that afterwards formed the Lutheran Free Church, of which it is still a member. That organization held its annual meeting in Willmar in June, 1895. There were in attendance 61 ministers and 419 lay delegates. The sessions were held in the old skating rink. The following were elected officers: Prof. G. Sverdrup, president; Rev. M. Falk Gjertsen, vice president; Rev. E. E. Gynild, secretary; H. Yderstad, assistant secretary. The subject for discussion was "Revival and Laymen's Work." A "peace committee" was appointed to attempt a settlement of the differences with the majority of the United Lutheran Church. The following were consecrated to the ministry: Halvor Jonson, Benjamin Andrew Sand, Tobias Tekse, Eberg Christian Tollefson, Hans A. Urseth. The feature of the meeting was the visit of Missionary Skrefsrud, who delivered a powerful sermon at an open air meeting held on S. S. Glarum's lawn.

The efforts to make a settlement with the "majority" proving unavailing, the next annual meeting of the "minority" appointed a committee to draft a constitution, and said constitution was adopted at the meeting in Minneapolis in 1897, when the organization took the name of the Lutheran Free Church. Rev. Gynild took an active part in the organization and was elected its president in 1900. In 1901 the Willmar congregation again entertained the annual meeting, the sessions being held in the Seminary hall. There was a large attendance, taxing the seating capacity of the hall. President Gynild preached a strong missionary sermon. Rev. E. P. Har-

bo of Duluth was elected president for the ensuing year. The principal business before the meeting was to raise funds for a new building for Augsburg Seminary. It was resolved to raise \$19,000 for that purpose. The Madagascar mission was also discussed. The following theological students were consecrated to the ministry: Olaus A. Assen, Erick A. Erickson, Peder M. Fosse, Olav E. Halheim, Ludvig F. Johnson, Peder O. Laurhammer, Nicolay Nilssen, Asmund Otedal, Johannes Skonnord, Christian S. Vang, Peder S. Vang, Henry K. Yrehus.

In 1900 the question of building a new church began to be discussed, the congregation having outgrown its old church. The following persons were appointed a committee to solicit funds for that purpose: Erick Holt, S. S.



New Building, Dedicated Last Sunday.

situation very embarrassing and being unable to produce the required cash he was taken to the county jail to be cared for.

How the keg of whiskey had come into the gentlemen's possession was explained the same day when Turner confessed to having removed it from a car of merchandise. As this is regarded a serious offense the perpetrator is liable to find himself in a much worse boarding place than that in which he is now spending these delightful summer days.

A Wet Transfer.

A switchman, a brakeman, a tie-peeler and a man of no regular occupation had a most interesting session in the railroad yards one day last week when they transferred the contents of a ten-gallon keg of whiskey into their respective systems. The internal disturbance caused by this active agent soon manifested itself in a somewhat unruly spirit and it became necessary to place them in the "Cooler." Here three of them "cooled off" sufficiently during the night to appear before Judge Downs the next morning. To the judge's question, guilty or not guilty, they repeatedly pleaded guilty and after having paid the fines imposed they departed for other fields of labor.

The fourth member of the quartet, Harry Turner, found his financial

Leave the Old Home. Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Patton and son Sammy took their departure last Thursday for Merrilton, Ontario, Canada, where they expect to remain for about three weeks visiting with relatives. From there they will go to Ohio and expect to spend some time at Ada, Lima and other points, before leaving for their new home at Adrian, Mich. A number of friends were down to the depot to bid them good bye and wish them godspeed on their journey.

Before leaving Mr. Patton was presented with a solid gold-headed cane by comrades of Col. Heg Post, of which he is a member. The cane bore the inscription "To comrade Samuel Patton from Col. Heg Post G. A. R." Veteran Patton has for a long time been afflicted with the Post and the presentation was a fitting token of esteem for an old citizen and comrade.

New High School Building.

Kerkhoven is strictly up-to-date. It has always been an enterprising village and as another proof of this the citizens have decided to build a new High School building. The building contract for the same has been awarded to Olson & Skroelheim and work will be commenced this week. The consideration is \$14,000, which shows that Kerkhoven believes in doing a thing well if it is worth doing at all.

The J. H. Wiggins Co. was awarded the heating contract.

Fourth of July.

The Men's and Women's society of Lutheran Free church will give a program on July 4. At 10:30 a. m. there will be an address by Rev. Elias Pederson, of Adrian, and at noon a bounteous fourth of July dinner will be served for the price of 25 cents. In the afternoon cake and cold ice cream will be dished out to all who desire it at the parsonage lawn. Furthermore a program will be given so if you want to celebrate our national holiday in the right way come to our celebration.

Receive a Raise.

As a result of the annual re-adjustment of salaries of clerks in first and second-class offices, two of the employees of the Willmar post office have profited and will hereafter draw a larger salary. Miss Moss gets a raise of \$200 and Mr. Selvig, who is the newest man on the force, will receive an additional \$100. The annual readjustment has just been made public by the post office department and goes into effect July 1.

Went and Did It.

Carl Broberg, the popular night cook at the Park Cafe, has sprung a great surprise on his many friends. Without intimating anything he departed for Elk River last Saturday and upon his return brought with him a partner for life. The bride is a charming young lady from Elk River whose maiden name was Ida Keeler. The couple were married at that place and they expect to make this city their future home.

SOLID FOR BOB DUNN

Republican County Convention Selects Delegation Favorable to Dunn for Governor.

The republican county convention to elect delegates to the state convention was held at the Opera house yesterday afternoon. The convention was called to order by S. B. Qvale, chairman of the county committee. Hon. P. A. Gandrud was elected temporary chairman and F. W. Gratz as temporary secretary. This organization was afterwards made permanent. The following committees were then appointed:

Credentials—A. E. Rice, O. T. Hofte, Ole Ringness, C. E. Fouts and J. G. Freeberg. Resolutions—Henry Feig, M. A. Anderson, Harold Swenson, Alton Crosby and H. C. Rustad.

While waiting for the reports of the committees the convention listened to a short speech by Hon. L. O. Thorpe.

The committee on credentials reported all towns represented, except Burbank and Roseville. The report was adopted and it was decided to allow the delegates present from each precinct to cast the full vote of the precinct.

The committee on resolutions reported through Henry Feig the following set of resolutions:

PLATFORM. PREAMBLE—Standing on the threshold of the second half century of our existence as a political organization, we, the republicans of Kandiyohi county, rejoice with millions of other republicans in all parts of our great common country at the tremendous success that has attended its 36 years of administration during this period. When the administration of governmental affairs was placed in the hands of the imperial Lincoln on March 4, 1861, he found as an heirloom left by a free trade democracy the country in a state of insolvency, consequent upon the panic of 1857, which was the direct result of the over-issuance of paper money, and confronted by the biggest and most oppressive war the world ever saw. Inspired by patriotism, and with the consciousness of the justice of the cause he stood for, Mr. Lincoln, in the face of enormous odds, and brought this terrific conflict to a glorious conclusion. The bullet of the assassin laid low the nation's president, and the grand work of the republicans was to maintain the integrity of the Union. How well he built the foundation is attested by the superstructure that stands now, constructed by republican policies inspired by republican statesmanship.

Republican policies have ever stood the test. Temporary abandonment have always been followed by a speedy return, and a speedy return of the people to republican reign. The great public debt created by the two successful wars since 1861, together with the debt attributable to democratic incompetence before and after the civil war, has been nearly wiped out by the application of sound economic principles by the republican administration. The guarantee that goes with the continuation of the policy is that the republican party has never had to retract, modify or repeal one word of its cardinal principles and it should not do so now. As a record like this astonishes the world. Republican policies have always been patriotic, progressive, competent and successful. Democratic policies, on the other hand, have been obstructive, incompetent and abortive. Harmony, inspired by conscious respect for the rights of the citizen, and their success, has been and is a feature of the republican party. Discord, disharmony and dismemberment characterize the democracy of today. A reorganization of its individual faculties and the strengthening of the Wall Street trusts on one hand, and political spoilsmen on the other, is about to be effected. All the efforts of progressive democrats, with the aid of a million populists, to restore democracy to power, have failed through the treachery of these reorganizers. We ask the honest citizen who has thus been betrayed to join us in November and cast their votes for Roosevelt, Fairbanks and the Chicago platform of 1904.

1. We unqualifiedly endorse the nominees and platform of the late republican national convention. President Roosevelt's administration has been patriotic, frank, honest, upright and competent. "Raising the political standard" and "restoring the political platform of his lamented predecessor, he at once gained the confidence of the people and by his energetic execution of the same maintained the same. His forceful ending of the coal strike; his successful prosecution of the industrial trust; his equally successful demand for reciprocal relations with Cuba and the Panama canal; his demonstration of the success of his administration. Characteristic of the man is his sturdy devotion to duty and his high regard for the republic as equal before the law. The white and the black are vouchsafed their civil rights and the rich and the poor alike are made to respect the law. The election of Roosevelt to the presidency and a republican congress means four years more of the prosperity begun in 1896.

2. We endorse heartily Senator Knute Nelson and Moses E. Clapp and congratulate them on the splendid records they are making in the re-election, and we request that the senator and representative from this district at the next session of the legislature work and vote for the election of Senator Clapp.

3. Representative Andrew J. Volstead of this congressional district and his record we cordially approve of, particularly his opposition to the Canadian reciprocity. We recognize in this latter a demand to enrich the Minnesota millers and grain dealers at the expense of the grain raisers of Minnesota and other states. The platform adopted at the congressional convention held at Ortonville March 23, 1904, has our endorsement.

4. We favor a continuance of the liberal pension policy towards our veterans.

5. Governor Van Sant's administration of public affairs in this state has been prudent, wise, economic and forceful. His successful efforts to enforce the law will stand as an inspiration for future executives.

6. The able records of our state senator, Hon. L. O. Thorpe, and representative P. A. Gandrud are fully endorsed.

7. Equal taxation for all according to property possessed is our deliberate demand. Hidden property must be brought to light and pay its full share of the public burden.

8. We favor a liberal policy of continuing the state drainage and in this respect demand that the State Drainage Commission complete and repair the so-called "capitol Land Ditch."

9. We believe that the only solution of the moon problem is no saloon, and we earnestly request that our senator and representative use every honorable means to secure a county local option law.

elect delegates to the state convention. The following were elected without opposition: Alton Crosby, D. N. Tallman, A. E. Rice, Henry Feig, N. O. Nelson, P. A. Gandrud, F. W. Gratz, K. F. Backlund, L. Z. Thompson, F. A. Rosequist and F. E. Smith. G. A. Glader and John E. Johnson were then placed in nomination. The ballot resulted in 11 votes for Glader and 95 for Johnson. A. M. Johnson, Harold Swenson and C. J. Hanson were then nominated. The ballot resulted as follows: Anderson 75; Swenson, 18; Hanson, 9. This was the first real test of the relative strength of the Dunn and Collins forces. Mr. Swenson being a Collins supporter while Johnson, H. B. Eddy and Martin A. Anderson were then placed in nomination, and the ballot showed as follows: Johnson 73; Eddy, 19; Anderson 16.

The following were elected alternates without opposition: I. T. Cramer, W. J. Plinney, O. T. Hofte, M. D. Manning, Harold Swenson, August Klut, H. B. Eddy, S. B. Qvale, P. C. Greenfield, C. E. Fouts, Ole A. Boe, Peter S. Aspaas, A. W. Bergstrom and H. J. Roelofs.

The convention then authorized the chairman to appoint a county committee of one from each precinct, said appointments to be made after consulting with the candidates nominated at the primary election next September. The convention then adjourned.

Cumming-Lindner Nuptials.

One of the prettiest weddings of the month was so solemnized on Monday evening in the Bonde hall, when the nuptials were said that united for life Miss Core W. Lindner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lindner, to Mr. Guy Cumming. The marriage service was read by Judge A. F. Nord in the presence of about 175 guests.

The hall was very prettily decorated for the occasion. Potted plants and cut flowers were effectively arranged and the rooms were further brightened by decorations of pink and white bunting. The marriage took place under a canopy of pink and white, sprinkled with mock orange blossoms. In each corner were stretched white ribbons dotted with wild roses and in the center greens entwined in the pink and white decorations gave a very pretty effect.

It was a little after 8:30 when the bridal party entered from the two rear doors. The nuptial music was played by Miss Emma Dalheim, pianist, and Mr. F. B. Trast, violinist, who used for a processional the beautiful "Lohengren Bridal Chorus." Dr. Haas Johnson and Mr. Jacob Nelson acted as ushers and threw open the doors, when the bridal party came in the following order: From the left came little Louise Lindner, flower girl, carrying a bunch of pink carnations, then Fred Ackerman, the groomsmen, Fred Lindner as best man, followed by the groom. From the right came another flower girl, little Martha Sorenson, followed by Miss Emma Lindner, bridesmaid, Miss Grace Ramsset, maid of honor, and then the bride. Meeting in the center the party marched up the hall, where the nuptial knot was tied according to the ritual of the Episcopal church, during the reading of the service "La Sereenate" was softly played by the orchestra.

After the short but impressive wedding service the guests showered the usual congratulations upon the bridal pair. During the reception music was furnished by the orchestra. A sumptuous wedding supper was served in the banquet hall, where the tables were handsomely decorated with cut flowers.

The bride was attired in a gown of sunburst white crepe with cluny lace. She wore a bridal veil caught in the hair with a cluster of roses and also carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Grace Ramsset, maid of honor, and Miss Emma Lindner, bridesmaid, were each gowned in French lace and carried pink carnations.

After the wedding supper speeches were made by Judge Nordie, A. O. Forsberg and Dr. Johnson and the latter part of the evening was spent in dancing. The wedding presents included many handsome and valuable gifts, besides several sums in cash. The bride and groom are both well known in the city and have a host of friends who will extend to them best wishes for a happy married life. They will make their home in this city, where the groom is employed by the J. L. Lindner cigar factory. On Saturday they will leave for a brief wedding trip, including a visit at the groom's former home at St. Cloud, where a reception will be tendered that evening to the bridal couple by the groom's mother and sister.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends present at the wedding were Misses Clara Gabbert and Clara Schlander, of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Harmel and daughter, Miss Tillie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wagner and daughter Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wagner, Miss Emma Wagner, John P. Leykam and John Myers, all of Raymond; Ross and Wesley Cumming, of St. Cloud; Miss Marlon Gerde, of New Paynesville.

Joined in Wedlock.

The following item was intended for our last issue but was left out on account of lack of space:

Sunday afternoon, June 19, at 2:30 o'clock, occurred the wedding of Miss Marie Linn, of Lake Lillian, and William Johnson, of Olivia, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. O. Linn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. O. Lundberg, and was witnessed by about 150 guests. After the ceremony a reception was tendered the bridal couple who were the recipients of many handsome and valuable presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their future home on the groom's farm in Olivia, where they expect to be at home after a three weeks wedding trip to different points in Dakota.

Both of the young people are well known and have a host of friends who are anxious to extend to them their congratulations and wellwishes. The TRIBUNE also begs leave to wish the newly married couple happiness and joy.

Tips of Thumbs Cut Off.

Little Carl Murphy, the two-year-old baby boy of Tom Murphy, was the victim of a very painful accident last Monday afternoon about five o'clock. He and his little sister got hold of the lawn mower and were moving it about when in some way little Carl got his hands too near the knife and the tips of both thumbs were cut off near the root of the nails. Mrs. Murphy heard him scream and when she came out in the yard the little fellow was holding his hands out while the blood trickled from the wounds. Surgical aid was sent for and everything possible was done to lessen the pain. At the present writing the baby patient is doing very nicely and it is not thought that any serious results will follow.

The Fourth at Swede Hill.

The members of the Swedish Baptist church and Sunday school will celebrate the Fourth next Monday at Andrew Peterson's place in First ward, otherwise known as Swede Hill. All are invited to spend the day with them, and a pleasant time is assured. They will meet at the church at 10 o'clock and from there proceed to the picnic grounds.

HAD A JOLLY OUTING

Modern Woodmen and Their Friends Turn Out Largely at Annual Picnic.

Last Friday morning gave every indication that the day would be an ideal one for a picnic and consequently many of our people boarded the morning excursion train as well as the regular afternoon passenger to be in attendance at the Modern Woodmen picnic held at Spicer. There was a slight rainfall during the afternoon, but this did not dampen the ardor of the crowd and the day passed off with nearly everything on the program carried out as planned by the committee. There was a large and well-behaved crowd and all seemed to get as much enjoyment out of the affair as could be had at any similar gathering.

A fair estimate of the size of the crowd that attended this year's outing of the Association places the number at about 1,000, many driving in from the surrounding country. The number of tickets sold from this point was about 300, of which 260 were sold for the early excursion train. Several citizens drove out from here by team.

The exercises of the day opened at eleven o'clock with a couple of addresses at the pavilion by Dr. C. Johnson and Mr. A. O. Forsberg, both of whom confirmed their remarks chiefly to the Woodmen order and its benefits. An intermission was then taken for dinner, after which the program of sports was carried out. Shortly after two o'clock the tug of war began, with the Spicer and New London camps as the opposing teams. New London's mighty pull won for that camp the championship as well as the prize of a box of cigars. Four ladies were the next contestants in an egg race, which was won by Mrs. Chas. Helstrom, of Grove City, with Mrs. Martha Sorenson, of Willmar, as second. The prizes were \$1.00 and 50 cents respectively. In a foot race the first prize of \$2.00 was captured by Sam Gabbert, of Edwards. There

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