



## A JOYFUL CHURCH FESTIVAL

### SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATES THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ORGANIZATION ON SUNDAY LAST

The Swedish Lutheran congregation in this city celebrated the 30th anniversary of its organization last Sunday by a series of festivities which lasted throughout the day and also the following Monday, when they closed with a grand sacred concert in the church in the evening. Three former pastors of the church were present to take part in the festivities and gladden the hearts of the church members, namely: Rev. S. Udden, of Grantsburg, Wis., who was the first pastor of the church; Dr. A. Bergin, of Lindsborg, Kan.; and Rev. A. Mattson, of Alexandria, Minn. Dr. Gustav Andreen, President of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., had been invited and was present as the guest of honor. Other ministers in attendance were: Rev. C. G. Grönberg, of Strandquist; Rev. K. Rosenthal, of Kennedy; Rev. L. P. Lundgren, of Hallock; Rev. Colberg, of Alvarado; Rev. G. Wahlund, field secretary and general manager of North Star College and the local pastor, Rev. E. O. Chelgren. There were also present a large number of friends and members of the faith



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from Alvarado, Vega, Argyle, Földahl, Viking and other places, so that the church was filled to the utmost at all the exercises.

The church choir under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of Nels E. Bystrom had been busy for months practicing up special music for the occasion and it rendered at frequent intervals, selections of classical church music, including several of the beautiful psalms of David by Wennerberg, in a manner that could not fail to inspire and lift the soul heavenward.

The festivities began at 10:00 a. m. on Sunday with a Sunday school festival at the church. Instructive and interesting talks to the children were given by Dr. Alfred Bergin and Dr. Gustav Andreen. This was followed by the regular morning service at which Rev. C. G. Grönberg and Rev. K. Rosenthal officiated at the altar as liturgists, and Rev. A. Mattson preached the sermon on the text of the day, in his usually earnest way.

At the noon hour a substantial dinner was served in common at several long tables in the basement of the church.

The real festival commemorating the founding of the Warren church, took place in the afternoon, commencing at 2:00 o'clock, when a program of addresses and songs was given. After singing Hymn No. 272 in the Swedish Hymn book, by the congregation, prayer was offered by Rev. Rosenthal followed with a song by the church choir. Next Dr. A. Bergin delivered an eloquent and forceful address, full of sound and practical ideas and suggestions. He expressed pleasure at having the opportunity to visit again his former congregation and was glad to note the progress that had been made in church work as well as in other things during the past fifteen years. He called attention to the great work which the Lutheran church and particularly the Swedish Lutheran church, is doing in this country, in building churches, establishing higher institutions of learning, founding hospitals and orphan asylums, and in various other activities. The liberality of the Swedish people, who arrived on these shores as poor em-

igrants not long ago, in contributing to the upbuilding and support of these institutions was commented upon, and it has not made them poorer by so doing. By the grace of God the Swedish Lutherans have been privileged to do a work that blesses and benefits not only them but our whole nation.

The choir next rendered a song and then Rev. E. O. Chelgren read a historical sketch of the Warren congregation. The congregation was organized by Rev. J. G. Lagerstrom on Oct. 15, 1881, exactly thirty years ago that day, with the following charter members: Peter Dalquist, Lars Dalquist, Elias Dalquist, Pehr Skog, C. J. Johnson and John E. Ostrom. The first officers were as follows: Trustees—Peter Dalquist, C. J. Johnson and Elias Dalquist; Deacons—C. J. Johnson, Peter Dalquist and Lars Dalquist.

In 1883 the congregation purchased from the school district, the old school house, a small wooden building now used as a ware-house by the Peoples Trading Co., and moved it the following year from the high school grounds to the site of the present church, where it was used as a church for many years. The present handsome church was built in 1900 and 1901, during the pastorate of Rev. A. Mattson, the corner stone being laid with imposing ceremonies Aug. 15, 1900. The parsonage was built in 1892.

During its thirty years' existence, the congregation has, for longer or shorter periods, been served by six pastors as follows: Rev. S. Udden, now of Grantsburg, Wis.; Rev. N. J. Sture, now of Melrose, Oregon; Rev. O. S. Werner, now practicing medicine at Center City, Minn.; Dr. Alfred Bergin, now pastor at Lindsborg, Kan.; Rev. A. Mattson, now of Alexandria, Minn.; Rev. J. A. Mattson, now of Iowa, and the present pastor, Rev. E. O. Chelgren.

Rev. Chelgren also read a letter from Rev. N. J. Sture, of Melrose, Oregon, regretting his inability to be present and congratulating the congregation on this festive occasion.

After another song by the choir, Rev. A. Mattson, who has the distinction of having served as pastor here during a longer period than any of the others, spoke with much feeling and force about his work as pastor in the church. It was a bold as well as risky undertaking, said he, for a small congregation of only about fifty communicants, to begin the erection of so large and costly a church edifice. But by united work the feat was accomplished. He was glad to be present at this celebration.

The choir sang another song and then Dr. Andreen delivered a masterly address in English. In words of burning eloquence he traced the history of the church from the rise of Protestantism in the middle ages to the present day. He spoke of the spread of protestantism in central Europe until it embraced all the Scandinavian countries, where today it is most firmly rooted. The significance to the world of the work of the illustrious Swedish King, Gustavus Adolphus, as the defender of civil and religious liberty, was alluded to. He sketched rapidly the planting of



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the Lutheran free church on American soil. The growth of the Swedish Lutheran church in this country from its humble beginnings way back in the fifties to the present time was vividly traced. The hardships, sufferings and self-denials of Esbjorn, Hasselquist and other founders, was touchingly portrayed. When Dr. Hasselquist came to Galesburg, Ill., then a small frontier settlement, he lived with his young wife for months in a small one room house, with an old country trunk as the only piece

of furniture in it, the same serving as a chair, as a table on which they ate their meals, as a cupboard in which to store their food, and also as a writing desk for Mr. Hasselquist. These pioneers of the church wrought with the enthusiasm of youth and an indomitable will and with the ardent love of God and humanity in their hearts. Churches and schools were founded, the wilderness subdued, and thousands of happy homes established. The work of the poor Swedish emigrant has been a powerful factor in the development of this country. With gratitude to God for His kindness and mercy and with prayerful solicitation for His guidance and help in the future, the church looks forward to still greater conquests for God and humanity in the years to come.

The chorus sang another song and then Rev. S. Udden, the first pastor of the church, delivered the closing address. He said he was glad and thankful to be able to be present at these festivities and rejoiced in his heart that the humble beginning of his work in Warren had grown and succeeded in the measure that it had, so that not only had the small congregation been able to erect a handsome church, but was also the nucleus and starting point of a higher institution of learning, North Star Col-



Dr. Gustav Andreen

lege, which is bound to mean much for this city and the entire Northwest. He thanked God that He had been permitted to see this day and to blend his joy with that of the members of the congregation. He urged them always to hold fast to the word of God and wished them God's blessing in the future.

The benediction pronounced by Rev. C. G. Grönberg closed the afternoon program.

Supper was also served in the basement of the church and at 7:30 p. m. a young peoples' festival was held in the church when a number of much appreciated songs were rendered by the choir and splendid addresses were made by Dr. Bergin in Swedish and by Dr. Andreen in English. Rev. G. Wahlund closed the exercises with the benediction.

### Grand Sacred Concert.

On Monday, Oct. 16, the corner stone laying at North Star College building took place in the forenoon, and in the evening a grand sacred concert was given in the church to a large and appreciative audience, under the direction of Nels E. Bystrom, leader of the church chorus. Every number on the program was well rendered. Special features were a fine address in English by Dr. A. Bergin and a song by Henry Dalquist, of Minneapolis.

### CHANGES IN PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS

The state board has made the following changes in assessments returned by the assessors for Marshall county: Horses, 1 year old, raised 20 per cent; horses, 2 years old, raised 20 per cent; horses, 3 years old, raised 15 per cent; stallions raised 20 per cent; cows raised 15 per cent; sheep, raised 50 per cent; hogs raised 50 per cent; automobiles raised 10 per cent; melodeons and organs raised 15 per cent; household goods raised 15 per cent; office furniture raised 25 per cent; threshing machines raised 10 per cent; retail merchants raised 15 per cent; elevators and warehouses raised 10 per cent. The county auditor's office will have a big job to enter the many changes on the books.

## RED LETTER DAY FOR NORTH STAR

### CORNER STONE FOR NEW BUILDING LAID WITH IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES IN PRESENCE OF LARGE CONCOURSE OF PEOPLE

Monday, Oct. 16, 1911, was a historic day for the city of Warren and this part of the Northwest as on that day, with impressive and imposing public ceremony, was laid the corner stone on North Star College's handsome main building. Mayor A. B. Nelson had proclaimed a public holiday and ordered all places of business to close during the hours when the exercises were held. The public schools also closed their work in order to allow the pupils to witness the event.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the procession of citizens formed in front of the City Hall and headed by the City band, marched to the college grounds. Here the exercises were taken in charge by Rev. E. O. Chelgren, former president of the North Star College Board of Directors. After a selection of music by the band, he extended to the people in well chosen words a most cordial welcome to these exercises.

Dr. Gustav Andreen, President of Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Rock Island, Ill., was next introduced, attired in his full costume indicative of scholarship, the cape and gown of the doctor's degree. He delivered an eloquent and inspiring address or sermon, choosing as his text a passage of Scripture, 2 Kings 6:1-7. As the sons of the prophets, or students, had gone to Elisha their teacher, and complained that their school quarters were too small and asked his permission to go down to the Jordan and chop down trees to be used in erecting larger buildings, likewise North Star College has outgrown the temporary quarters kindly furnished by the citizens of Warren and has commenced the erection of this beautiful college building in order that the young people coming here to receive instruction may be accommodated and also that the work of the school may be accomplished in the best possible manner. As the young men went to work with ax in hand felling the trees, each one carrying his beam to the larger structure, likewise should every friend of North Star College carry a beam and do what he can for the upbuilding of this institution. The ax, said the speaker, and also the plow, had in all times been mighty instruments for blazing the way of civilization and progress. The speaker said he had been in portions of Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and other states where every foot of cultivated ground had been reclaimed from the forests primeval by means of the ax. It takes energy, industry and the enthusiasm of youth to accomplish these results. We stand responsible for the success of the institution now building upon these plains. Let this building be erected to the glory and honor of God and the general good of humanity and may it stand as a monument of the devotion of its founders and friends to the cause of Christian education. After reading several passages of Scripture, the corner stone was laid. In a little sealed tin box had been enclosed a copy of the articles of incorporation of North Star College, copies of the Warren Sheaf and Warren Register, several coins of 1911 date, and a few other articles of historical value. When the stone had been firmly placed in the wall, Dr. Andreen declared the North Star College building dedicated to the uses and purposes intended, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Dr. Alfred Bergin was introduced as one coming from the seat of the largest Swedish Lutheran institution of learning in this country, namely Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kan. He made a very interesting address in Swedish. He said that Lindsborg was but a small prairie town, only a trifle larger than Warren, but that Bethany college had made the town famous all over this country as well as in other lands. The rendering of the Messiah by a chorus of five hundred to six hundred voices, an annual feature in connection with the closing of the school year, had helped to make Lindsborg known. The same opportunities and possibilities, even in greater measure, are to be found in Warren. The people of Lindsborg

and the state of Kansas had contributed liberally to the school, but that had not made them poorer by any means. When Rev. Wahlund, the field secretary of North Star College comes around to solicit funds for North Star College, he hoped that no one would turn him down but receive him in such a manner that he would go away smiling. The school, he said, is not for Swedish Lutherans, merely but for all youth in this territory who appreciate a sound practical education founded on Christian principles. Dr. Bergin has developed into a powerful speaker since he was pastor here and his address was well received.

Rev. Chelgren next read telegrams and letters of congratulations and regrets on account of their inability to be present, from Gov. Eberhart, U. S. Senator Knute Nelson State Superintendent of Public Instruction C. G. Schultz Hon. John Lind and Congressman Atwater.

Judge Grindeland of this city delivered the closing address. It was a fine effort and will be published in full in next week's issue.

### FARMER THROWN FROM WAGON AND KILLED.

Peter Blegen, whose home is near Carmel post office, in Beltrami county, was thrown from his wagon about two miles this side of Germantown on Saturday night and sustained a broken neck, from which injury he died almost immediately. He is in company with some others were returning from Thief River Falls and as it was late in the evening and quite dark, they were unable to see a defective culvert ahead of them. When the wagon struck this torn up culvert, Mr. Blegen was thrown out with above result. He was hauling goods to one of the country stores and was seated on top of a number of grocery boxes, hence the fall was from quite a height. Deceased was about 60 years of age and is survived by a wife and three sons.

### SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH E. O. Chelgren, Pastor.

Services will be held in the Vega church next Sunday at 11 a. m. Warren at 7:30 p. m.

### UNITED NOR. LUTH. CHURCH N. G. W. Knudsen, Pastor.

Services Sunday Oct. 22 at Melo at 11 a. m. At Warren 7:30 p. m. in English language.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH A. A. Myers Pastor.

There will be services next Sunday morning and evening with sermons by the pastor. All are welcome.

### SWEDISH MISSION CHURCH Rev. O. K. Moberg, of Crookston.

will conduct services in the Swedish Mission church on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All cordially invited to come and hear a great speaker.

### LUTHERAN SYNOD CHURCH P. F. Kjørlaug, Pastor.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, services will be held in the English language, as follows: In McCrea 11 a. m. In school house, 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Warren, at 4 p. m. Evening service in Warren at 7:45. All welcome.

### MISSION CHURCH OF VIKING Werner Drotts, Pastor.

Services will be held next Tuesday in the Temperance hall of Viking at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Aug. Anderson, a missionary from Alaska will speak. On Wednesday he will speak at Ragerstrom's place two miles north of Radium. The sewing society of Viking will meet at Tanquist's place next Thursday, Oct. 26. All are welcome.

### SCANDINAVIAN M. E. CHURCH Gustav Kvisgaard, Pastor.

The services Sunday will be held as follows: Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Every Scandinavian in the city, who is not a regular attendant in some other Sunday school, is most cordially invited to our Sunday School as well as to all our services. Rev. Jas. Sanaker will preach both at the morning and evening services Sunday.

### School Report.

Report of Markwell School, District 19, for first month ending Oct. 13, 1911: No. of pupils enrolled, 23; Average daily attendance 17; names of those perfect in attendance are: Nettie and Ruth Nyblawd, Thure and Elmer Lundquist and Henning Rantstrom.—Helen Rankin, Teacher.

### MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### AN UP-TO-DATE HARDWARE STORE

M. Larson, Oldest Hardware Dealer in the City, Adds New Store Room.

M. Larson who has the distinction of being the oldest hardware dealer in the city, has added the store room recently vacated by the Dreamland Theatre, to his establishment, and is using it almost exclusively as a display room for stoves and heaters of which he carries a very large stock of the best makes. In fact there is no more completely stocked hardware store in the Northwest than Mr. Larson has right here in Warren. He also has 25 years' experience in the business, hence knows it from A to Z, and is therefore able to tell goods that are honest and reliable from those that are spurious. All who deal with him get the benefit of this experience. A large tinshop is run in connection with the store and is in charge of competent workmen. The grocery department is also completely stocked with a choice line of groceries. Courteous treatment and square dealing is extended to all customers. The public is invited to come and look the store over and to examine and compare prices.

### MINNESOTA PIONEER AND WAR VETERAN PASSES AWAY

Captain C. H. Stinchfield, father of Mr. C. E. Stinchfield, of this city, died suddenly on Oct. 12, at the Soldiers' Home in Hot Springs S. D., which institution is in charge of a daughter and her husband, the old veteran having made his home with them for some years. He was apparently feeling well and intended to start the next day for Warren to visit his son, when the summons came to cross the river and bivouac on the other shore. As captain of Company E, Fourth Minnesota Infantry, he served in many important engagements in the Civil War. He lived at Litchfield, Minn., during many years, later removing to Waubay, S. D. where he lived for some time.

The remains were taken to Litchfield for burial beside his wife, who had gone before, the funeral taking place on Sunday last under the auspices of the Masonic order, of which deceased was a prominent member. Mr. C. E. Stinchfield of this city and also Miss Fannie Stinchfield, a daughter, of Minneapolis, were present at the funeral.

The old veteran made several visits to his son here and was known and liked by many of our people for his genial and kindly ways.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The mechanical drawing tables are finished now and the class will soon be at work drawing.

The botany class went for an excursion Tuesday and studied obnoxious weeds.

There was no school Monday from ten thirty to twelve, on account of the laying of the corner stone of the North Star College.

The program for general assembly for this week has been arranged as follows: Monday, favorite quotations; Tuesday, Music; Wednesday, spelling; Thursday, current news; Friday, music.

The Senior class is making the first annual in the history of the Warren high school.

Miss Minnie Thomas substituted for Miss MacLaren as teacher a week ago Monday.

Miss Beulah Smedbron has returned to school after several days illness.

Miss Alma Sether spent Saturday and Sunday at Kennedy.

The members of the high school manual training class are making panel doors for the lockers in the manual training room. This is quite an undertaking, as the doors are six and one-fourth feet by seventeen inches with two panels each. When done they will accommodate eighty boys.

### Twenty-five Bushels of Onions Still For Sale.

There are yet at the school gardens about 25 bushels of good onions for sale at \$5.00 per bushel. Those desiring some of these onions should telephone the high school building.

### NOTICE.

Persons driving across or dumping tin cans, manure or refuse of any kind upon section 31, adjoining driving park, will be prosecuted and subjected to a \$25 fine.—John Grundahl, Mgr. Pembina Farm. 31 pd.