



The parson came to church in a buggy! Pastor Charles Jacobson of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, at left, was driven to church Sunday morning in a horse and buggy. Pastor Jacobson wore clothing reminiscent of 125 years ago, and parts of the

church service were in Swedish. St. Ansgar's 125th anniversary celebration continues this week. In the buggy are C. J. and Jerry Aune in the front seat, Jerritt Aune and an unidentified passenger behind him. - Dick Dalton photo.

St. Ansgar's

Clifford Swanson to preach Sunday

A Cannon Falls native son, Pastor Clifford J. Swanson, will preach during the 125th anniversary observance at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church on Sunday, Sept. 25. He will also present the forum between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services.

St. Ansgar's has set aside 5 celebratory Sundays to mark the anniversary. Activities each Sunday will revolve around a 25-year era in the congregation's history. The customs, music, and folkways of the period from 1894-1919 will be included in the morning's worship service and forum on Sept. 25. A skit written by member Linda Henderson will highlight the time period.

Swanson was born and raised in Cannon Falls, and baptized and confirmed at St. Ansgar's. He graduated from CFHS in 1938, from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1942, and from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul in 1945.

He served congregations in Sioux Falls, S.D. and Rockford, Illinois before becoming student pastor at St. Olaf in 1954.



Pastor Clifford Swanson

Following his retirement from that position in 1981, he served as director of college-congregation relations until 1984.

Now retired, he and his wife June divide their time between homes in Northfield and Sun City, AZ.