

HELD LAST SUNDAY

St. Ansgar's Centennial Celebration Is Success

The 100th anniversary celebration of St. Ansgar's Lutheran church was an unqualified success, according to many who were there. The church celebrated last Sunday with a morning worship, noon potluck dinner, memorial service at the new church site and confirmation reunions.

About 800 attended the Sunday morning worship service. They had to be seated in the church basement and on the outside lawn. The Sunday morning sermon was given by Dr. Melvin Hammarberg,

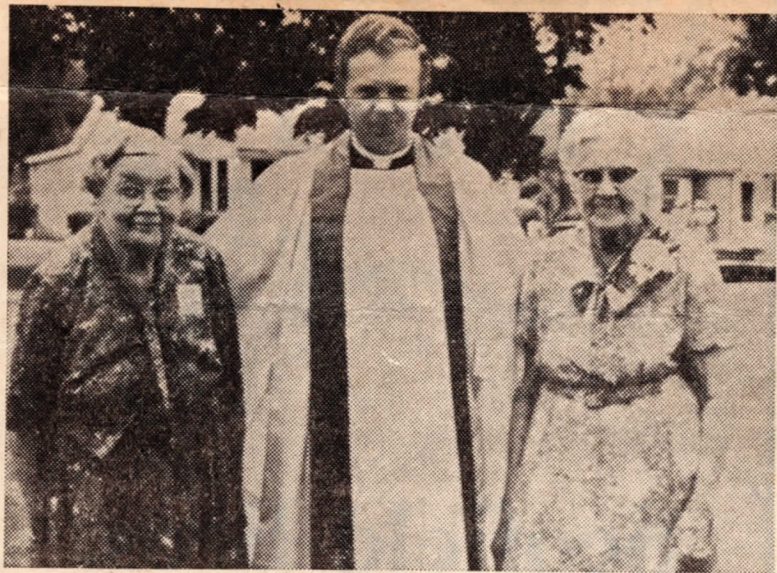
president of the Minnesota Synod of the LCA.

The total crowd attendance for the day was estimated at about 1,200. Many attended the noon dinner only, while others came back especially for the confirmation reunions.

A large number of 100th anniversary books were sold on Sunday. There are still many on sale. They may be purchased by any member of the community for \$5, and they are available at Scofield Drugs and at the church.



Taking part in the Sunday morning worship service were, left to right, Rev. Clifford Swanson, campus pastor at St. Olaf College and son of Mrs. Algot Swanson of Cannon Falls; Rev. Marvin Johnson of Marshalltown, Iowa, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thore Johnson, of Cannon Falls; Rev. Daniel Pearson, pastor at St. Ansgar's; Dr. Melvin Hammarberg, president of the Minnesota Synod of the LCA. Hammarberg has contact with Cannon Falls also, as his son is married to the former Carol Miller of this city. Both Pastors Johnson and Swanson were confirmed at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church.



Pictured with Rev. Pearson Sunday morning are Hannah Carlson, left, daughter of one of the founding fathers of the church; and Jennie Johnson, the oldest living confirmand of the church. She was confirmed in 1891. The descendants of the founding fathers were cited during the Sunday worship service. —Photos by McGoon