

Hordville church hits century mark

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HORDVILLE — The "Home of Peace", Fridhem Lutheran Church in Hordville, will celebrate its 100th anniversary during special celebrations planned for this weekend.

The Rev. Martin Lingwall of Hastings will be the speaker Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at a memorial service, which will be followed by a confirmation reunion and jubilee banquet at 6:30. Dr. Paul Lindberg will be the speaker.

On Sunday, the Rev. Dennis A. Anderson, bishop of the Nebraska synod of the Lutheran Church of America, will be the guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. communion service. A potluck dinner will follow and there will be a program at the church at 2:30 p.m.

Organized in 1880, the first church was built where the cemetery is now. The parish bought 40 acres, at \$2.25 an acre, from the railroad for the church, cemetery and parsonage, according to Mrs. Marie Clayton, a member of the centennial committee.

In 1906 the church sold 30 acres of its land for a townsite and the community of Hordville sprang up. The first church was moved downtown when a new one was built in 1908. It was used as a community center until a new center was built last year.

The church basement was remodeled in February using volunteer labor from the congregation. Last year the church interior was repainted and the building insulated.

A heritage center has been prepared at the back of the church to house original candlesticks, collection bags and hymnals.

The Rev. John C. Erlandson is pastor at Fridhem Lutheran Church, which forms a parish with Grace Lutheran Church in Central City. About 130 persons are in the Fridhem congregation.

Clayton said preparations for the centennial began in 1978 and the church has had special events throughout the year.



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