

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

July 26, 1951

An estimated audience of 400 persons witnessed the impressive cornerstone laying ceremony Sunday afternoon at the new site of the First Lutheran Church under construction at the corner of Superior Avenue and Fifth Street. In the box, within the specially fabricated stone, was placed a transcript of the original minutes covering the organizational meeting of the congregation, along with a copy of the latest issue of the two church papers, The Lutheran Companion and Augustania, as well as copies of the Diamond Drill Newspaper and Iron Mountain News plus a history of the congregation as contained in the Golden Anniversary booklet published in 1944. The Swedish speaking people of Crystal Falls formed the Swedish Evangelical Lebanon Lutheran Church on July 10, 1894 purchasing the old Methodist Church Building on the corner of Crystal Avenue and Sixth Street in January 1895.

Notice: We have the place but it needs a name! Have you an idea? We are establishing a fishing camp on the Michigamme River located 5 miles east of Crystal Falls on Highway M-69. Mail or deliver your suggestion to Arnold Aho. Note: (Michi-Aho Resort).



The First Lutheran Church taken soon after it's completion around the turn of the Century.



Lebanon Lutheran Church — later known as First Lutheran. The building was purchased from the Methodists. Rev. C.A. Rosander was the minister at the time.