

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

May 10, 1951

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new First Lutheran Church were held Sunday morning when the congregation was adjourned from the regular service and proceeded to the new building site located at the Northwest corner Superior Avenue and North Fifth Street (508 Superior) opposite the Crystal Falls Post Office. The choice property was donated by Mrs. Herman Holmes with the congregation also purchasing the lots located behind the Tourist Information Building. The present Lutheran Church is located at the Southwest corner of Crystal Avenue and Sixth Street. The original building was built in the 1891 by the Methodist- Episcopal Church. In January 1895 the Swedish Evangelical Lebanon Lutheran Church bought the M-E church building for \$950 and was also used by the Finnish Lutherans and German Lutherans. The new property was the site of a former Herman Holmes warehouse and house occupied by the VonZellon family which has been moved to 132 High Street.



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