

Early Day Member Will Preach at 125th Event

A member when East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, near Cambridge, was comparatively young will preach at the 125th anniversary celebration of the congregation at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

He is the Rev. Anders O. Aasen, Camrose, Alberta, Canada, now a guest of his son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert A. Hanson, 1040 N. Martin Rd.

The Rev. Aasen, who is active at 95 years of age, went to Koshkonong Prairie as a 10-year-old immigrant boy from Norway back in the 1880s.

He will return to preach at his first American home after 70 years in the Lutheran ministry. One of his daughters is the wife of Dr. Frederik Schiotz, president of the American Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Hanson is the wife of the assistant to the president of the Southern Wisconsin district of the American Lutheran Church.

Tomorrow's service at the East Koshkonong Church will



REV. ANDERS AASEN

be a traditional Norwegian church service, appropriate to the anniversary. Liturgist will be the Rev. Robert Furreboe, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton. Jeffrey

Wrolstad, layman of the congregation, will be klokker, according to the traditional Norwegian custom. He will read the opening and closing prayers and announce the hymns.

The congregation was born Aug. 30, 1844, when the Rev. J.W.C. Dietrichson arrived as the first Lutheran Church of Norway minister to the congregation.

That day families from the "eastern settlement" on Koshkonong Prairie gathered in a log barn for worship and two days later, Sept. 1, 1844, the 13th Sunday after Trinity, those families again gathered in the same barn for a communion service. Tomorrow is also the 13th Sunday after Trinity. The Rev. P. M. Hasvold is now pastor.

Coffee will be served before and after the service at the church a mile east of Highway 73 north of Edgerton.