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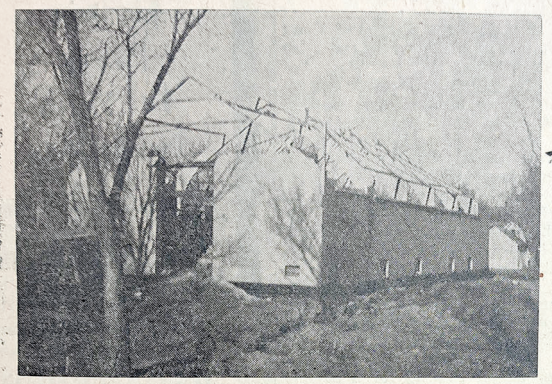
The hometown newspaper of Cheryl Sorrelle, Litchfield Park, Ariz.



On the left are those who opened the time capsule buried in 1957 at the Dedication of the new Peace Lutheran church building. Members pictured, from left to right, are Pastor Randy Bader, Steve and Marlene Dreher, Lucas Johnson, Jim and LeAnn Johnson and Rita Zeck.

The time capsule will be replaced. On the top right is a June 1957 edition of the *Clark County Courier* that was included in the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church time capsule because of the excerpt that was written about the church being built. Bottom right is an excerpt that was printed in a July 1957 edition of the *Clark County Courier* after the Peace Evangelical Church was built.

## Plans Complete for Corner Stone Laying Ceremony at New Lutheran Church Here



The corner stone laying ceremony for the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church at Clark will be held Sunday afternoon. Construction of the church was started last September and is expected to be completed and ready for dedication by July 7th.

Members of the Peace Evangelical Church of Clark and their pastor, Rev. Marlyn A. Schroeder, will take part in a special corner stone laying ceremony for their new edifice on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Daniel Gieschen of Clear Lake will be a guest speaker.

A pre-cornerstone laying service will be held at 2:30 in the present church structure. Following this service, the congregation will move to the new structure for the actual corner stone laying.

Items to be included in the documentary box include a list of the present membership (130 souls), names of the building committee, pastor, president of our nation, governor of the state, mayor of the city, a Bible, hymn book, names of the congregation officers, a copy of this issue of the *Clark County Courier* and an issue of the church paper.

Construction of the church was started September 1st, 1956 by the Antonen Construction Co. of Lake Norden. Norris Wenum of Lake Norden served as architect. Cost of the 26x77 foot building is \$34,000, which includes the property and landscaping. The building is being constructed on lots back of the court house.

The new edifice will seat 160 persons. It will be of brick construction, has a full basement and the edifice has laminated arches.

The drive for funds for the construction was started May 5, 1955. Since that time \$12,500 has been raised through donations and an additional \$3,000 through the sale of their former church property. Henry Hoyer bought the old church and lots.

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## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clark celebrates centennial by opening time capsule

**Pastor Randy Bader**

It was probably a cold winter day when the members of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clark first gathered for worship on January 28, 1923, but we were blessed with a beautiful day one hundred years later when scores of members, former members, family members of former pastors and a host of other friends gathered on June 11, 2023 to celebrate a centennial of God's rich blessings on the congregation.

In the Festival Worship service, Pastor Randy Bader preached the sermon on 2 Corinthians 6:16, "We

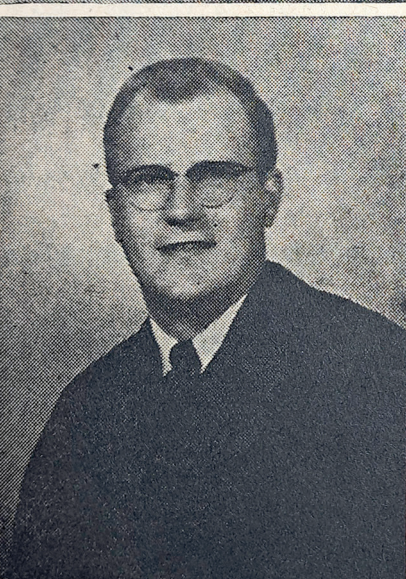
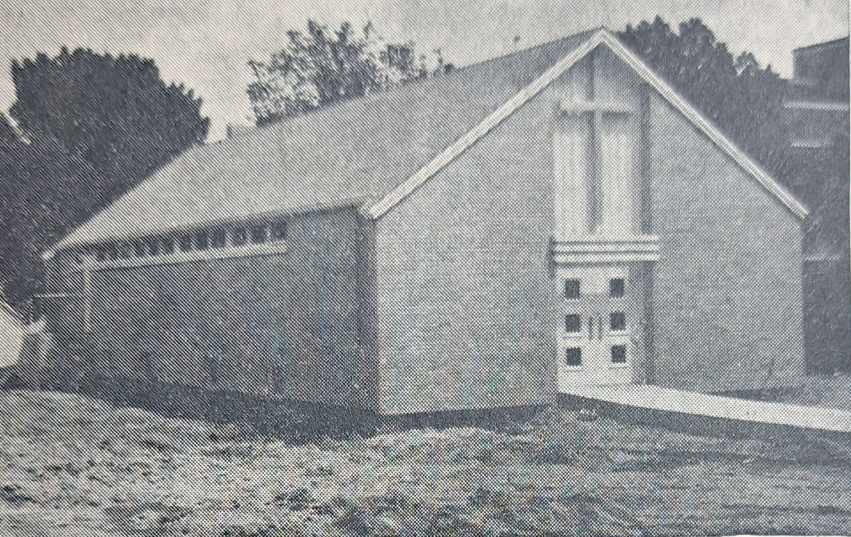
Are The Temple of the Living God!" While we are thankful for the facilities which the Lord has provided for us, the church, the real Church, is not a building, it is people -- people in whom the Holy Spirit has worked to bring them to faith in Jesus our Savior and continues to work to grow that faith and empower Christian living. We often recall those "major events" in the spiritual lives of God's people, such as baptisms, confirmations, weddings and even funerals, at which the Word of the Lord has brought joy, comfort and hope, and that is certainly true, but we also give thanks also for those

"ordinary days" of gathering for worship, Bible study, fellowship and fun. We know that the Holy Spirit has been working and will continue to be working to build up faith in Jesus, our Savior. That is God's promise.

Some of the long-time members of Peace recalled walking in a procession from the former combination worship facility/pastor's residence a few blocks south of the present location, just south of Roetel's for the festive occasion of the dedication of the newly constructed church on July 7, 1957. Last week was another festive occasion and an opportunity to reminisce and give thanks to God for His gifts. Following the Centennial Celebration Worship Service, the group enjoyed a fine meal at the American Legion Hall provided by the Peace members and a program including written greetings from

former pastors, historic displays of photographs, church histories, documents and books that were used throughout the decades, such as a German Bible (Dr. Martin Luther's translation) and catechisms. The items from a time capsule from the church building dedication from 1957 were also on display, and in remarkably good condition. New items from the 100th Anniversary will be added and the time capsule replaced for a future day of celebration.

After the program, a smaller group gathered at the shores of Bailey's Lake northwest of Clark, at a location near where the predecessor congregation, Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, often met in members' homes and at the "open



Dedication services for the newly constructed Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Clark are scheduled for Sunday, July 7. Pastor Paul Albricht of Bowdle will speak at the morning service at 10:30. Preaching the afternoon service at 3 o'clock will be Pastor W. Zickuhr of Fremont, Wis. A former pastor of the church, Rev. H. Hemple will be on hand July 10 for communion services. This service is planned for 8 p. m. Pastor Hemple now serves the church at Hutchinson, Minn. Rev. Marlyn A. Schroeder is the present pastor of the church and is pictured at the left.

—Photo by Buelow

## Celebrating Juneteenth as a federal holiday

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, is a significant date in American History, marking the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas proclaiming freedom for all enslaved individuals in the state.

The origins of Juneteenth can be traced back to the Emancipation Proclamation, which President Abraham Lincoln issued on January 1, 1863 during the American Civil War. The proclamation declared that all enslaved people in Confederate territory were to be set free. However, it took time for this news to reach enslaved individuals in remote regions.

More than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Major General Gordon Granger and his troops arrived in Galveston. On June 19, 1865, General Granger read General Order No. 3, officially announcing the end of slavery in Texas and ensuring that "all slaves are free." This event became known as Juneteenth, a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth."

The news of emancipation spread rapidly, igniting celebrations and a profound sense of joy among African Americans. They rejoiced in

their newfound freedom, marking the first Juneteenth celebration.

Over the years, the observance of Juneteenth grew, becoming an annual tradition among African American communities across the United States.

Juneteenth celebrations encompass a wide range of activities and traditions such as parades, picnics and gatherings featuring music, dance and storytelling. The events highlight the cultural heritage and contributions of African Americans while honoring the struggles endured during slavery.

**Juneteenth**  
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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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June 13.....	78	52	0
June 14.....	84	59	0
June 15.....	87	59	0
June 16.....	89	59	0
June 17.....	83	57	0
June 18.....	78	56	0
June 19.....	84	63	0
2023 precipitation to date	5.5"		
2022 precipitation to date	9.21"		

## Tara Thomas earns Public Library Management certificate

Tara Thomas, local librarian at the Emil M. Larson Library in Clark has been employed with the city for the last five years. Before taking the position of librarian here, Thomas served on the library board of trustees.

"When I started this job, I knew very little about running a library," said Thomas. The continuing education educator at the State Library offered the opportunity to attend this training, that she couldn't pass up.

The training Thomas attended recently was the Annual Professional Development Training for librarians and library staff in the state of South Dakota. The training was established by The Public Library Institute.

This year, Northern State University hosted the training. Graduates earned a certificate in Public Library Management upon satisfactory completion of the training. The training itself is a four year commitment with summer and on-line sessions covering topics in library administration, development, children's programming and teen services.

Thomas said that over the years and course of the training that she has built many friendships with librarians across the state. "Sometimes it can be hard to



Emil M. Larson librarian Tara Thomas, above, recently attended training at Northern State University with other librarians across the state in order to earn a certificate in Public Library Management.

be the only staff member at the library, so it's nice to have that network to fall back on to share ideas and get advice," she said.

Tara was born to Ronald and Linda Palmer in Minnesota and raised on a farm just north of Raymond, S.D. She attended Clark School through sixth grade and was a 1997 graduate from Doland High School. She later married her husband Chad Thomas, who works as a custodian at Clark Elementary School.

The Thomas' have three children, Alex, age 23, who lives in Watertown and is set to be married on July 1; Ryan, who is 19, and attends Lake Area Technical College for Business and Accounting; and Tessa, who is nine, and will be a fourth grader this fall.

Thomas loves meeting new people and visiting with the 'regulars' that come into the library. "It's always fun helping someone find that perfect book!" said Thomas. "We have an exciting summer planned at the Emil M. Larson Library, including the Summer Reading Program, which begins this Wednesday for ages six through 12 and July 7 for ages three through five. Jeff Quinn, the magician, will be performing."

**Tara Thomas**  
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