relieving exhausted family members for a much needed rest.
Pastors who followed Father Lyons in 1930 were: Fathers Francis Doherty for about 18 years; Edward McMenamin; Arthur Lemire, who was pastor two separate times; Joseph Mulvey; William Keefe; John P. Funk for about 10 years; John O'Toole, who also was pastor two separate times; Eugene Connelly; Francis Baskerville; and Joseph Mulvey who had been pastor for a few months in 1951 and again in 1971 to the present time. Father Baskerville, pastor from 1968 to 1971, made many improvements in the rectory. He had a room built on the northwest part of the Church to serve for parents with young children at services, a classroom, etc.

After the American Crystal Sugar Company’s factory was built in East Grand Forks, sugar beets began to be raised extensively in the Red River Valley. Fisher then became one of the first communities to which Spanish-speaking people came to work in the beet fields during the summers. Because most of these people were Catholics, Spanish-speaking priests arrived to minister to them. Thus the pastors of St. Francis had the assistance of these priests during the summers.

Several young ladies of the parish have entered religious life. They are: Sister Scholastica Logan, O.S.B.; Timothy Knox, O.S.B.; Ste. Marie Murphy, C.S.J.; Lorraine Kraft, O.S.B.; and Patricia Murphy, C.S.J.

At the end of 1975, St. Francis Parish had about 55 families. The present church building is the same one built in 1881; and it is, of all Catholic church buildings in the diocese, the oldest one still in use as a church. It antidates the Diocese of Crookston by 29 years!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first pastors to work in this territory were Pastor Krueger from Fergus Falls in 1879, and the following year, Pastor Hink from North Dakota. The first regular pastor was Pastor C. Engel, who was installed in Ada, Minnesota, in 1880 and from there served Fisher, Wylie, Red Lake Falls, Warren, and Hillsboro. Candidate Paul Wichmann was installed in Ada in 1885 and under his guidance, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized December 3, 1886. A church three miles east of Fisher was erected and dedicated in 1887 and was served by Pastor G. F. Haare until his departure in 1897 when Trinity congregation called its first resident pastor, Candidate Paul Schadler.

The parsonage at the old site was built in 1898. In 1926 a new kitchen and study were added. The following pastors have served: Reverend H. C. Hinz, June 1908 to 1917; Reverend Paul Siegel from 1917 to 1919, and Reverend B. Schwanfelder, 1919 to April, 1933. Reverend Theodore Melinat served from June 4, 1933, to October, 1940. All sermons were in English except one service each month in German; in 1934 the English Order of Service was adopted.

June 10, 1934 marked the last picnic of the congregation band. It was an all-day picnic held in Wagner's grove. The weather was warm enough for a rushing business at the refreshment stand, and record sales were reported by the Ladies Aid for dinner and lunches. Races of all kinds and three baseball games took place. Reverend John Ott served from November, 1940 to 1948; followed by Reverend Willard Hilpert, October 1948 to August, 1952; Reverend W. E. Hanemann, February, 1953 to April, 1956; Reverend Edmund Bentrup, July, 1956 to June, 1966. Reverend Daniel Hougom was installed on October 9, 1966 and is serving at present.

The Ladies Aid Society was organized in 1921 and still meets regularly. The ladies are members of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. The Walther League was organized in 1933. In 1969 the name of the organization was changed to Active Christian Teens. On December 1, 1941, a Men’s Club was formed and became a member of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League in 1942. A Bible Class was organized in 1936 and the Sunday school in 1940. A new church was built in the village of Fisher and dedicated at services on November 9, 1941. A new parsonage was dedicated at special services in 1948. The dedication of a new Educational building was on March 23, 1958. Special Anniversaries of the Congregation have always been observed.

ANDREW J. ADAMS

Andrew J. Adams was born December 15, 1852 at Summit, New York. He was left an orphan at the age of ten and lived with various people until the age of eighteen when he worked his way west, doing farm work until he reached St. Croix, Wis-

A. J. Adams and Mrs. Elsie Adams.