OPENED THÉIR NEW CHURCH

The Norwegian Lutherans of Courtenay Held the First Services in Their New Church on Sunday With Good Meetings



Norwegian Lutheran Church, Courtenay

HE Norwegian Lutheran church of Courtenay was opened and the first service held in it on Sunday last. morning at ten thirty there was services in the Norwegian language conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dybvik, and there was a good attendance at this meeting and much interest manifested on the part of those present. In the evening at seven thirty there was service in the English language conducted by Prof. Bogstad of Concordia college, Moorhead, Minn., and there was also a good attendance at this meeting and much interest manifested. Mr. Bogstad delivered a very interesting discourse which was prefaced by extending the thanks of the members of the church to the congregation and the citizens of Courtenay in general for the aid they had rendered in making it possible for them to worship in the beautiful building which they occupied. His sermon was very helpful to the pastor and people and contained much good advice as to what they should do in carrying on the work of the church and the manner of being helpful to each other and getting the greatest good out of the Music was furnished by a choir composed of nine of the young people of the town and they rendered several beautiful anthems in a manner that was highly creditable to themselves and they were highly appreciated by the audience. Mrs. F. G. Ellis presided at the organ.

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The church, which is shown in the accompanying half tone, was erected this summer, and is a very comfortable and handsome structure. There is a good basement under the entire building and in this is located a hot air furnace with a capacity large enough to heat the room in the coldest weather. The building is 28x48 feet with a large entrance and a high arched ceiling and has a seating capacity of about 150. It is furnished with a nice pulpit and comfortable seats, the latter being set on a slightly raised floor, the furniture and wood work being finished in golden oak, and presenting a very handsome appearance. The building and furnishings cost about \$3,800.

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