

**The Giddings News**

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**DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The Salem Lutheran Church near Brenham will celebrate its 75th jubilee anniversary Sunday with all-day services. Rev. Wm. Utesch is pastor and he will be assisted by other pastors and choirs. German services at 10 a. m. and English services at 3 p. m.

That church was founded Nov. 22, 1856 by seventeen charter members. German Lutherans built a log house for a meeting house with Rev. J. G. Ebinger as pastor who served until 1860. Other pastors were Revs. Chr. Geiger, J. G. Lieb (16 yrs.), R. Wasser, F. Jesse, S. Traubel, W. Bunge, L. Weinrich, J. Mgebroff (22 yrs.) who died in 1920 and was succeeded by the present pastor.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized in the early years of the church. Choirs, Luther League, Sunday School, Young People's Society, annual decoration day, Red Cross and such activities have been in effect in that church for many years. A well kept cemetery, well equipped church house and parsonage are now there. There are now 115 voting members, 285 communicant members, 45 Luther League, 43 Ladies Aid, 22 Choir members. During the 75 years, 1446 persons were baptized, 689 confirmed, 411 couples married and 363 persons died. Two pastors have gone from that church. The congregation is affiliated with the American Lutheran Church.