

Lutherans in Damascus

New congregation locates in vineyard

The new congregation of Christ the Vine Lutheran Church in Damascus will dedicate the facility members helped build Sunday at 3 p.m.

The building is located in a vineyard on the Papsch farm at 187th Avenue and Highway 212.

Members of more than a dozen Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations in the Portland area will gather for the first time as a new congregation. They will be led by the Rev. Allan R. Johnston who has been planning construction for the last year and a half.

Ascension Lutheran Church, Gresham, the

mother church, will contribute many of the 100 new members. Johnston said Ascension decided to build the facility because "a lot of people in this area wanted a Missouri Synod church. They thought it was a good idea, so they took it upon themselves to do it."

The synod's Northwest District funded the project. Landscaping, painting and groundwork was done by many of the new members. The building committee, under the direction of Earl Schatz, member of Ascension, chose the architect and approved the design.

A stained glass window spanning an entire wall of the sanctuary behind the altar looks onto surrounding trees and pastures. The main sanctuary will seat 170, but sliding doors will allow for a maximum of 300 persons. The facility also includes classrooms, a nursery and a kitchen.

Christ the Vine will eventually possess the barns which sit on the church's four

acres. "We can build a gymnasium or social hall," said Johnston.

Johnston, who will serve as interim pastor until the congregation can choose its own leader, said a full program is planned for Sunday, Jan. 15. The 9 a.m. worship service will be followed by Sunday school for all ages. "We already have eight teachers and all the material we need," he said.

Wednesday evening will be a time of fellowship, with confirmation, Boy and Girl Scouts and adult study meetings.

Johnston said the new church will incorporate in the synod in "a matter of months. At that time they will call their own pastor." The interim pastor said he would like to be chosen full time pastor. "I'm there as their servant but if they want me they must call me. If the Lord wants it, I'll accept." He called himself "an old hand" in the building trade. He worked for his father's construction company before graduating from a synod seminary in Illinois in 1976. He was first assigned to help build Peace Lutheran Church in Estacada where "I met the congregation on the roof."

He lives with his wife and three sons in East County. Preacher for Sunday's dedication will be Rev. John Chambers, a Portland pastor. Honored guest will be Rev. Emil Jaech, president of the synod's mission developer.

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RESIDENTS OF the Rhododendron area are fearful of the damage done by erosion during recent high waters. A Friday, Jan. 13, meeting at the

Hoodland Women's Club will be held to discuss the problem.

River erosion worries homeowners

Erosion along the banks of the Zigzag River and Still Creek has aroused the concern of year-round and recreation home owners in the Rhododendron area.

"There's been a lot of soil erosion," said Joe Kiefer, who has lived in the area for nearly 30 years. "Right now (the river) is full of big huge logs and islands full of debris."

With heavy runoff and high waters during December, area residents said the course of the river has changed, endangering some homes near the bank.

"I'm scared that if we had another flood it would take both the house and the duplex," said Mrs. Bela Dolp of her property.

Mrs. Dolp and Kiefer are forming a committee to study the problem, which will be the main topic of a Rhododendron Neighborhood Group meeting at the Hoodland Women's Club on Friday, Jan. 13.

Some of the property affected is privately owned and some is public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

Zigzag District Ranger Roger Deaver said the Forest Service plans to investigate the river system with a hydrologist from the Gresham office and an engineer from the Army Corp of Engineers "to determine what can be done that would be compatible with the management direction that we have intended for that area."

Deaver said action by recreation cabin owners to protect the housing on Forest Service land would need the approval of his office. "We probably won't engage in building major facilities such as concrete walls, pilings or other things that may be in conflict with the character of the recreation, summer home area."

Deaver said parts of the Still Creek and the Zigzag River have changed course "to the point that some major efforts may have to be undertaken to prevent some summer homes from collapsing as a result of expected and continued bank erosion."

"The thing people forget is that it doesn't take a 1964

flood to modify the course of a river," the ranger said. "The river is a dynamic hydrologic system. It continues to silt in the low areas and erode away in higher areas. As a river finds a path of lesser resistance it's going to seek that."

Deaver terms this year's high water as mild. "There's one chance out of five of having these types of waters every year."

Deaver said people should be looking toward the 100-year flood. "It could come any year," he said. "There's one chance out of 100."

Deaver said experience has shown that man is usually at the mercy of a river system. "In order to fully control and make sure the river would not change its course we would have to

build an 8 foot thick concrete wall from the upper portions of the Zigzag and Still Creek until their confluence with the Sandy."

Deaver said that even a tree falling off its bank and falling crosswise in the river can act as a natural stream diversion. "In a very short period of time it can change the course of a river."

Rhododendron resident Kiefer said he fears the Road 20 bridge across the Zigzag will collapse if an island near the bridge isn't dredged out. "We would like to get some action," he said. "If we lose the bridge it will effect approximately 100 homes in the area."

The Rhododendron Neighborhood Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Sanderson to organize rural property owners

Clackamas County zoning being applied to rural areas is being challenged by the "Letter Petition Committee", a citizen group upset by zoning decisions in areas unrepresented by land planning organizations.

Bill Sanderson, spokesman for the group, said the project currently is working on organizing property owners in rural Clackamas County.

"I believe we will organize rural land owners into a larger and better pressure group, devoted to improving the quality of land planning in rural areas," he said.

Sanderson said the thrust of the pressure group will be with land owners in areas unrepresented by local organizations such as the Boring Action Neighborhood Group, Damascus Community Association, Sandy Area Neighbors or the

Cottrell Land Use Planning Group.

However, Sanderson said no rural property owners will be exempt from the proposed organization.

"Boring and Damascus have their own community planning organizations. If they come in we will welcome them and we will solicit their support."

"However, we will work in the area covered by the Rural Zoning Project."

The project covers 420 square miles in Clackamas County. About 25 percent of the area is not represented by local community groups, but Sanderson said unincorporated areas within urban boundaries also are running into difficulties with county zoning decisions.

"I believe we will be going into unincorporated urban areas because they have similar problems."

The problems, as outlined by Sanderson, include a lack of citizen input on planning decisions, insensitivity on the part of county planners to rural needs and alleged misrepresentation of reports and facts by the county.

Sanderson, representing the Letter Petition Committee, recently challenged the county's rural zoning procedure and the group's complaints were forwarded by the county board to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC).

The complaint alleged: "One-way communications at meetings which discouraged and ignored citizen input."

"Loaded" questionnaires which do not address themselves to many issues raised at the area meetings.

"A charge that 'official reports have been seriously and deliberately distorted.'"

W.J. Kvarsten, director of LCDC, said the state agency

had investigated the charges and "concluded that citizens have had adequate opportunity to participate in that decision-making process as required by LCDC's goal number 1."

Kvarsten, in a letter to county board chairman Robert Schumacher, said the LCDC was unable to substantiate any of Sanderson's charges.

"My staff believes that the goal requirement that citizens be provided opportunities to participate in all phases of the planning process has been met by the county."

However, Sanderson said the committee intends to challenge other county policies employed during the zoning process. He said the petition he filed with the county contained several other charges that were not addressed at either the county of state level.

"The initial planning (by the county) should have been

open to many more people. Had goal number 1 (LCDC's guideline to guarantee citizen input in the planning process) been followed there would have been a great many more people at these meetings."

Sanderson also said there is an inequity in the materials open to review in the planning process. "If the comprehensive plan is the basic document with which the planning people compose their zoning, then the same documents must be open to the landowners."

Sanderson said it appears the county planners have

access to information that is not available to rural property owners and said complaints by the letter writing group has led to a delay in the timetable for the county comprehensive plan.

Ardis Stevenson, county extension agent, said the plan had been delayed until March 1, 1978, from its original Jan. 1 deadline, but added that the amount of citizen input in the rural zoning project has caused the extended deadline.

"His (Sanderson's) petition has not had much impact on the timetable," she said.

Indiana man dies in crash

A 21-year-old Evansville, Ind., man has been identified as the victim in a two car accident on Highway 26 near Zigzag last Wednesday morning which killed one and injured three.

Dead is James E. Schultheis, who was a passenger in a car driven by Sharon K. Marvel, also 21, of Brightwood. Both Schultheis and Marvel are employees of Timberline Lodge.

The accident occurred when the car driven by

Marvel traveling east, skidded on a patch of ice and was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by Dr. Fred C. Shippis, chief of radiology at Portland's Good Samaritan Hospital.

Shippis was transported to Good Samaritan, where he was listed in good condition with a fractured leg and some cuts and bruises.

Injured in the victim's car was Marvel, who broke her hip and Charles A. Jones of Wemme, another lodge employee.

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