

Grace Lutheran Church Holds Initial Service

Patience was rewarded for members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church as they participated in the first service held in their new church on Kimberly avenue, just east of Henderson Highway.

The sod was turned for the combined church and two-storey education unit on June 23rd, and construction began immediately.

Exterior work on the building is now virtually complete with the exception of a bell tower which will be added later.

Interior finishing and the furnishings are to be completed in time for Christmas services. The new church will be dedicated later in January.

Rev. Edward Brandt, congregation pastor, in his sermon said, "We, as members of Grace Lutheran Church, have been richly blessed in the 13 years which marks the lifetime of this congregation; we have been rewarded with the material things of life, but most important, we have been rewarded spiritually."

He continued, "As a congregation it is our responsibility to build a strong house of worship — one that we, as members, and citizens of East Kildonan, can justly be proud of. Our real responsibility as true Christians is to build the living church."

"One lost soul is like a missing brick in the wall of the church, it will let in the cold

in winter and the rain in summer. Eventually the wall will crumble"

Mr. Brandt closed his sermon with the words of Edgar Guest: "God builds no churches, by His plan.

That labour has been left to man.

God sends no churches from the skies

Out of our hearts must they arise"

Following the regular service a special cornerstone ceremony was observed by the 380 members in attendance.

Mr. Albert Langner, representing Council, sealed a metal box containing a list of 825 baptized members and placed it behind the cornerstone.

Mr. Albert Slamp and Mr. Harvey Hill, members of the Building Committee, carried the cornerstone from the church altar and placed it in position. Mr. Brandt trowelled the mortar and conducted the special service.

Services will continue each Sunday at 11 o'clock, with Sunday School at 9.45.

TAKE TIP

MONTREAL — The experience of the housewife is being put to use by the suburban town of Mount Royal where a large vacuum cleaner is being used to pick up leaves along its streets