

# Pastor to leave St. Mark's

After 11 years as pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Charles, the Rev. David Zersen has accepted a position as the pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Itasca.

Both congregations belong to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Zersen has had the longest tenure of any pastor in St. Mark's history.

The congregation is currently celebrating its 75th anniversary. The church was founded in 1907 in the home of an early St. Charles entrepreneur and owner of the largest cut glass factory west of New York.

During Zersen's tenure the congregation has doubled in number; the debt on the education-fellowship building, built in



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1970, was retired; and the old church dating from 1907 was demolished and a new sanctuary was erected.

A new \$135,000 Zimmer pipe organ is being constructed and will be in-

stalled early in 1983.

Zersen holds degrees from Valparaiso University and Concordia Theological Seminary.

He did postgraduate work at Georg-August University in Gottingen, Germany, and at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He has a doctorate from Bethany Theological Seminary in Oak Brook.

In 1974, Zersen founded Valley Lutheran High School in the former Mount St. Mary Academy. He served as chairman of the board in the first three years of the school's history.

He also served for two years as president of the St. Charles Ministerial Association.

Zersen serves as counselor to the circuit in the

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is responsible for eight Lutheran congregations in the Fox Valley from St. Charles to Yorkville. He is chairman of the committee on continuing education for clergy and editor of its newsletter.

Zersen's wife, Julie, has served as a substitute teacher in the St. Charles and Geneva schools. The Zersens and their two children, Kristen and Rolf, have been residents of Geneva for the past three years. Prior to moving to Geneva they lived for eight years in the parsonage next to the church in St. Charles.

Zersen will have his farewell on Oct. 17. He will stay through Oct. 9 and 10 to participate in the congregation's 75th anniversary celebration and banquet.

# St. Mark's Pastor To Be Installed Sunday

ST. CHARLES — The Rev. David Zersen will be installed as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, South Fifth and Walnut Avenues, Sunday. The installation ceremonies will be held at 2:30 p.m.



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Pastor Zersen, 33, of Midlothian, has completed five and a half years in the ministry. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University and Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield. He also completed graduate work for his master's degree at the University of Gottingen, Germany, and the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.

Pastor Zersen served on the Human Relations Commission in Midlothian; was adviser to Koinonia, a group of single adults 21 years old and over; was an officer of the Southern Regional Pastoral Conference, and serves as codirector of public relations for Camp Arcadia, Mich. He has authored two books and is translator of *The Theological Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, by Joachim Jeremias.

Pastor Zersen is married to the former Julie Schmid of Brookfield, and they have a 10-month-old daughter, Kristin.