

# Ground breaking scheduled for Lutheran church

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SUN CITY WEST — Ground breaking for Crown of Life Lutheran Church will be held at approximately 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 13131 Spanish Garden Drive.

Members will process to the site by car after the 10 a.m. service in the Social Hall of the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. Guest organist will be Michael Burkland.

The \$1.5 million building with furnishings is scheduled for completion late this year.

The Spanish style stucco exterior features a tower resembling a crown. The roof will be red tiles.

The facility will include 19,000 plus square feet. The sanctuary will seat 375 people and hold 45 choir members.

The complex all under one roof will include a choir practice room, multi-purpose room and chapel, social hall to seat 250 with a kitchen and adminis-

trative office complex. There will be off-street parking for 200 autos.

Stained glass windows are being designed and made in Scottsdale.

"This will be a more cost-effective building and cause us less aggravation," said Dr. R.A. St. Pierre, pastor of the facility which includes features, many other churches elect to add at different times.

Architect is Duane Von Fange and Associates of Phoenix. Contractor is Robert Matock of Phoenix.

Emil Schafrick is chairman of the building committee. Committee members are Barbara Cannella, Edgar Krug, Talita Prawitz and Charles Schiller.

Money for construction is borrowed from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Membership of Crown of Life Lutheran Church stands at more than 300.

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# Lutheran's Crown of Life turns 10

## Congregation hopes to start new church

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The Rev. Dr. R.A. St. Pierre is the only pastor Crown of Life Lutheran Church has had in its 10 years in Sun City West and he's enjoyed every minute of it.

"This is the happiest and most joyful congregation I've been able to serve," said the pastor of the church that will celebrate its 10th anniversary with special services at 8 and 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Crown of Life, which was founded through its mother church, Fountain of Life Lutheran in Sun City, conducted its first service Jan. 12, 1986 in the Lecture Hall of the R. H. Johnson Recreation Center. It drew 152 people.

Now the church has 550 members, and five years ago dedicated its own building at 13131 Spanish Garden Drive.

"It's beautiful and we're very grateful to have it," St. Pierre said.

The Sun City West church is mission-oriented and supports three churches: Rock of Ages Lutheran in Sedona, Mountain of Faith Lutheran in Cordes Lake and Santo Thomas Hispanic Mission in Phoenix.

In the near future, Crown of Life would like to help start a new church in the area to meet the growing population, St. Pierre said.

"The people coming here are coming with expectations that are quite phenomenal," he said. "Retirees are looking for their oasis in the desert and they've found it. We have lots of golfers here."

The Rev. Dr. Edward Wescott, Jr., will be the guest speaker during both morning services. Wescott, a member of the church, served as the Executive Director of the Board of Mission Services for the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod before moving with his wife Sylvia to Sun City in 1989.

Wescott will speak on the congregation's desire to establish a new congregation in the area, St. Pierre said.

The Rev. Loren Kramer will be the guest speakers at the afternoon service. He has served as the President of the Pacific Southwest District of the

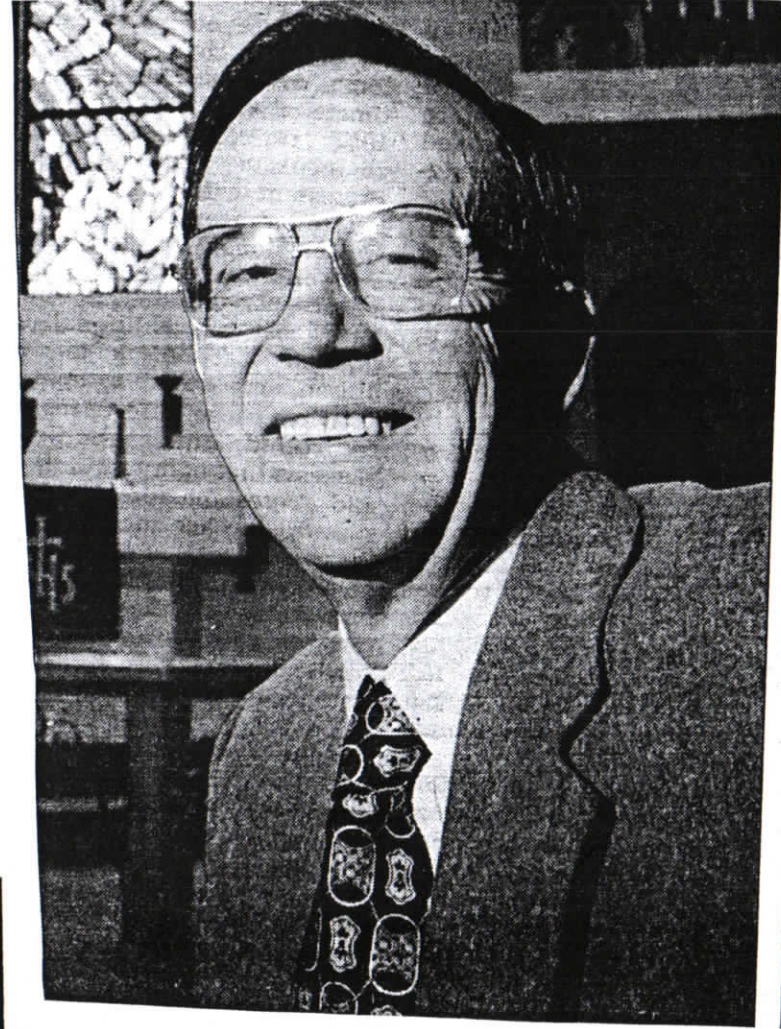
Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod since July 1995. He has founded several churches in California, including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Goleta and Faith Lutheran Church in Carpinteria.

Kramer will speak on the concept of celebration and thanksgiving.

Also involved in the 3 p.m. service will be the Rev. Elvin Marquardt, the former pastor of Fountain of Life Lu-

theran Church.

"He was part of the church that enabled this young group to get off to a running start," St. Pierre said. "He was very instrumental and we're happy to say thanks to him."



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The Rev. Dr. R.A. St. Pierre, pastor of Crown of Life Lutheran, is proud of his Sun City West church that will be celebrating its 10th anniversary Sunday.