IN BEVERLY

Churches Older Than Village

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The Village of Beverly Hills, until it became a part of Scottsdale Township, is nearer than three of its four churches.

Serving the southwest area are our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Parish, Ascension Lutheran Church, Beverly Hills Baptist Church, and Beverly Hills Methodist Church.

The Catholic parish was created in October 1951, to serve the needs of the rapidly growing area bounded by Lincoln on the north, Woodward on the east, 13 Mile on the south and Evergreen on the west.

The first structure on the north and half acre site, located on Evergreen between Beverly and Locust, was the temporary church and parsonage. It will eventually be used as an auditorium and gymnasium.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES for this building were held in July 1952, and the first services were held on Christmas Eve, 1952.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School opened in September, 1954, with 100 students in six elementary classrooms. Current enrollment at the school is approximately 250.

The church rectory, a temporary structure and the convent, opened in November, 1950, have also been completed on the site. A drive for funds was begun in 1951 and it is expected to be completed by the new church building this spring.

The Rev. Lucien A. Hebert has been in charge of the parish since its establishment and currently minsters to 1,250 families.

FORMATION OF ASCENSION Lutheran Church was begun in 1955, following a preliminary survey which strongly recommended the establishment of a Lutheran church in this area of the community.

A ranch type house, to serve as a temporary chapel, was built on the north end of the church property on W. 14 Mile Road, between Monclova and New点钟. The church was used in September 1951 as part of the church's property on W. 14 Mile Road, between Monclova and New点钟. The church was used in September 1951 as part of the church property.

On a four-acre site, the chapel was built to seat 240 persons and contains Sunday school classrooms and classrooms and Sunday school classrooms and general meeting rooms in its one large room.

Construction of the church proper was completed with its dedication ceremony in May 1955. The church was named Allen Memorial Church in honor of its benefactors.

Rev. Elbert W. Nyehein has been pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church since March 1955. Church membership has grown from 25 in 1955 to 125 in 1963. Present congregation numbers 150 members.

The organization of the mission church began in January 1961 as a project of the Detroit District, as a project of the Mission of the First Methodist Church in cooperation with the Methodist Union of Detroit.

A cornerstone was laid on the first site on the north and half acre site in May 1962, and the church was dedicated on May 11, 1963.

Construction services for the church of contemporary design, were performed in February of this year.

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