

Groundbreaking Service Planned For Parish House

The service of ground breaking for the new St. John's Lutheran Church Parish House, in Clifford Street will be held tomorrow at 12:15 p. m. The ground breaking service will be held immediately after the morning worship in the church, with the choir and congregation proceeding to the site of the construction.

The Rev. Heyward W. Epting, pastor of St. John's, will conduct the ground breaking service, and representatives of various parish organizations will participate in the spading of earth on the construction site. An invitation to the public to attend the service is extended by the St. John's congregation.

The new Parish House will be erected on the site formerly occupied by the recently razed Sunday School building. The original St. John's Sunday School was established in 1819 and was one of the oldest parish educational plants in the South. The new Parish House will be built by General Contracting Co. of Charleston at a cost of \$85,764. Halsey and Cummings are architects for the new building.

Upon completion, the new St. John's parish educational plant will be dedicated as the George J. Gongaware Memorial Parish House in memory of the late Rev. Dr. George J. Gongaware, who served as pastor of St. John's from 1913 to 1942, and remained in an active ministry as pastor emeritus of St. John's until his death in 1951.

Col. A. G. D. Wiles, president of the Board of Vestry and Wardens of St. John's, is chairman of the congregation's Parish House steering committee formed for admin-

istration of the new construction project.

During the construction, St. John's Sunday School classes are meeting in the church, Archdale and Clifford Streets, and in Gage Hall in Archdale Street. The facilities of Gage Hall have been made available to the St. John's Sunday School by the Unitarian Church.

Rally and Promotion Day services of the St. John's Sunday School will be held in the church at 9:45 a. m., tomorrow. Gerard F. McLemore is superintendent of the St. John's Sunday School.

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