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DULUTH -- Over a half century of Duluth history contained in the former Albert Ordean house at 2307 East Superior Street has become a center for the UMD Lutheran Student Association.

An open house from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 29) will afford Duluthians an opportunity to relive an era and become acquainted with The Rev. Brooks Anderson, Lutheran student chaplain.

The house's hallmark is a huge crystal chandelier in the sitting room to the right of the front entrance. The first floor also contains a chapel and Mr. Anderson's office.

Dave Barker of Pequot Lakes, self-appointed historian for the center discovered that the chandelier cost about \$1,500 when the house was built at the turn of the century.

The architect was W. A. Hunt of Duluth who patterned the house after Mrs. Ordean's girlhood home in Ohio. Mrs. Ordean lived in the house until her death in 1932.

Mr. Ordean came to Duluth in 1882 from Colorado to enter banking. Later he became president of ^{what was then called} the First National Bank of Duluth and was one of the founders of the Stone-Ordean-Wells Co., one of the leading wholesale grocery concerns of the Northwest in its day.

After Mrs. Ordean's death the house remained vacant until it was purchased by the St. John's Lutheran Church in 1944. The church members converted the library, drawing room and sun room into a chapel furnishing it in keeping with the motif of the house.

In the spring of 1964, St. John's merged with the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and deeded the house and all its furnishings to the UMD Lutheran students.