

# Zion-Built on the Cross of Christ

## "Fellowship for Believers" Sunday

May 28, 2017

Photo by Nick Jurgens





# Zion Church

## Fellowship Gathering Place

In the early years, the church was the hub for social gatherings. The church was where people gathered for fellowship, the place you went to worship and see your friends each and every Sunday.



# Parsonage



# Post Office

# Teacherage



The church was also where members had to go to get their mail. The post office was first located at the home of John Fuller, where Robert Harms currently lives. The Bonn post office was later moved to the parsonage by the church and then to teacherage across the road from the church. It then became known as the “Hanover” Post Office.



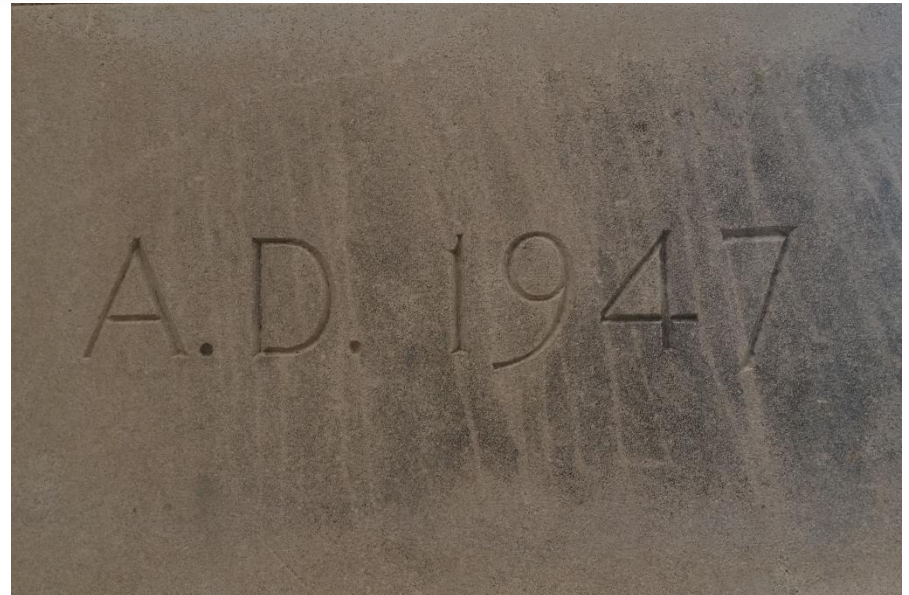
# Bells in the Tower



Members depended on the church to pass on information in those early years before the telephone was available. When they heard the bells ring for the end of the war, members knew they would be gathering together that evening for fellowship and a service of thanksgiving. The church building offered a place to gather for that fellowship.



# Fellowship Hall/Parish Hall





The Parish Hall was built in 1947 to accommodate a growing Sunday School program. Whenever the hall was not in use for Sunday School, it was available for many other fellowship activities. The shuffle board that was tiled into the floor on the lower level in 1958 provided entertainment for the Young at Heart fellowship group that was initiated by Pastor Grant. Air conditioning was added to the lower level in the 90s and currently is being added to the upper level.



# Groundbreaking 2012



On February 26, 2012, Zion members voted to enhance their fellowship gathering opportunities by adding an addition directly onto the church. This space was to provide more space for adult Bible study and provide another gathering space for fellowship before and after church that was easily accessible directly from the church.



The building committee worked to find the best way to attach the room to the original church without altering the beauty of the existing church. However making easy access for ALL to the fellowship room from the church was the determining factor of where to place the addition. The space between the parsonage and church became the most logical spot for the gathering room. The two small existing windows on the south would soon become the entrance doors to that room.





A building committee was created and construction began in the spring. Just as in the building of the church in 1916, volunteer help was a must in order to keep construction cost manageable. Dean Siefkes, project manager and Zion member, was amazed at the help that was received from setting up walls, painting and staining, women bringing in food for the workers; the list was endless.





Along with the two windows from the south side of the church, two more windows were reused in the fellowship room. They came from the sanctuary area of the church.



Originally there were two windows behind the altar but because of the light which came, drapes were added in 1953. Eventually the drapes were replaced by drywall sealing up from the inside the beauty of the sunset coming through the art glass windows.





Those four art glass windows taken from the original 1916 church would become the focal point of the fellowship room.





# Incorporating the original windows

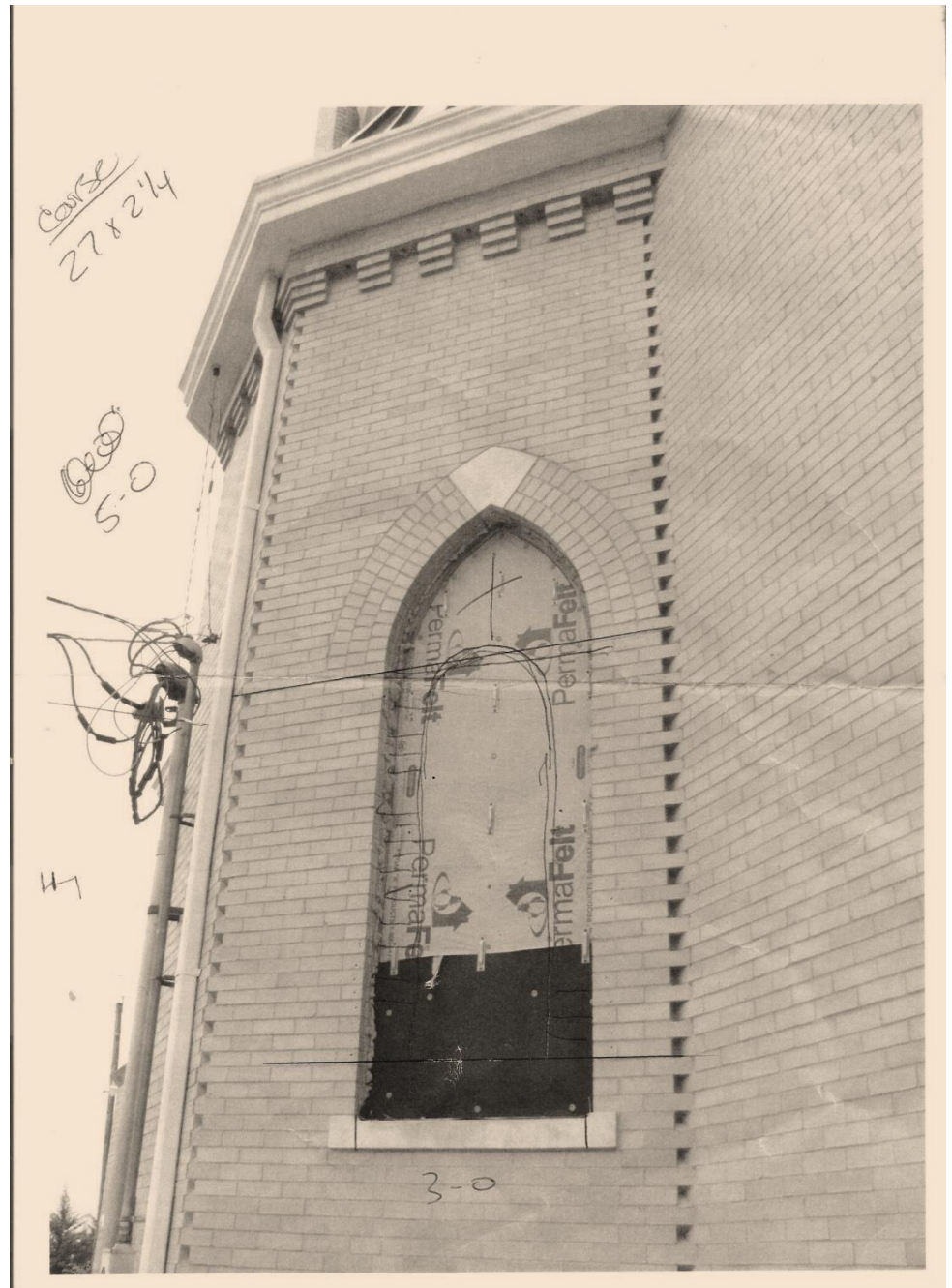
Thanks to much repair work on these windows by volunteers, the beauty of the sun shining in at the end of the day can once again be enjoyed from the inside.



Exodus 31: 1

**“When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.”**

But the decision now had to be made as to what to do with the vacated spots on the exterior of the church. The shape of the opening reminded the anniversary committee of the tablets being carried down by Moses from Mount Sinai.





# Tablets of Moses

Now we  
can use  
these  
tablets as  
a constant  
reminder  
how we  
should  
walk  
through  
life.



**I**  
THOU SHALT HAVE  
NO OTHER GODS



**II**  
THOU SHALT NOT  
TAKE THE NAME OF  
THE LORD THY  
GOD IN VAIN



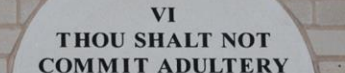
**III**  
REMEMBER THE  
SABBATH DAY TO  
KEEP IT HOLY



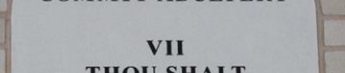
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HONOR THY FATHER  
AND THY MOTHER



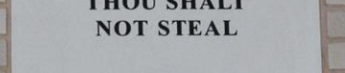
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THOU SHALT NOT KILL



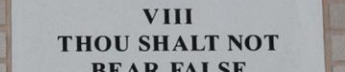
**VI**  
THOU SHALT NOT  
COMMIT ADULTERY



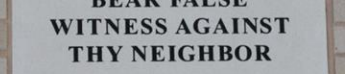
**VII**  
THOU SHALT  
NOT STEAL



**VIII**  
THOU SHALT NOT  
BEAR FALSE  
WITNESS AGAINST  
THY NEIGHBOR



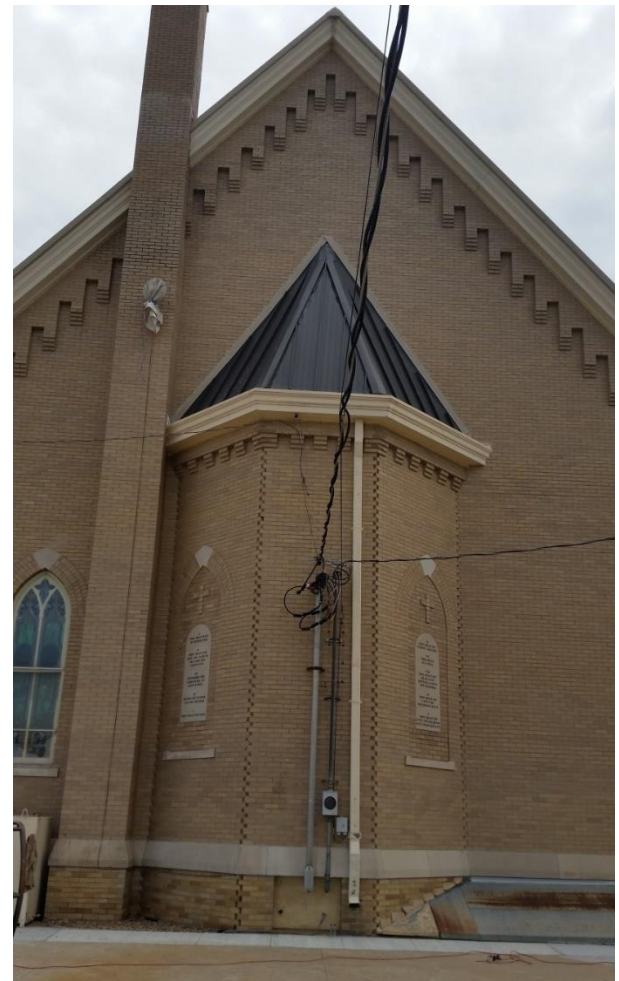
**IX**  
THOU SHALT NOT  
COVET THY  
NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE



**X**  
THOU SHALT NOT  
COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S  
WIFE OR HIS SERVANTS

# Chimney

Adam Kool, the tuckpointer who has been repairing many, many, brick joints around the 100 year old church, is making sure that walk is a little safer. Here are a few pictures taken in May, 2017 of work he is doing on the chimney next to the tablets. Amazing that it has stayed standing and that no one has gotten knocked on the head with a falling brick.



He stated that the stability of the bricks in the chimney of this church was the worst he has ever seen in a “standing” structure. If you would like to consider helping us build up the Zion Endowment Fund so that those sitting in these pews in years to come can enjoy the fellowship that this church can bring, please contact’s church office, or a council member.



# Tuck Pointing of the Zion Chimney



**Before**



**Weep Ropes**

**After**



# Brickwork Details



The bricklayer on the addition, Todd Bissinger, did an amazing job incorporating the details in the brickwork of the original church into the fellowship area.





# Matching brick and details



But as with the original church, some work had to be done prior to the laying of the brick.



When looking carefully at the church's brick, Dean Siefkes realized it was not going to be easy to match that brick. The church has variation of three shades of tan brick. Blending it ourselves could save us \$15,000 so volunteers made it happen.





# Blending of Bricks





“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest”  
Matthew 11: 28

But just like on the day of the cornerstone laying in 1916, sometimes those piles of bricks make for a good resting place after a lot of hard work.

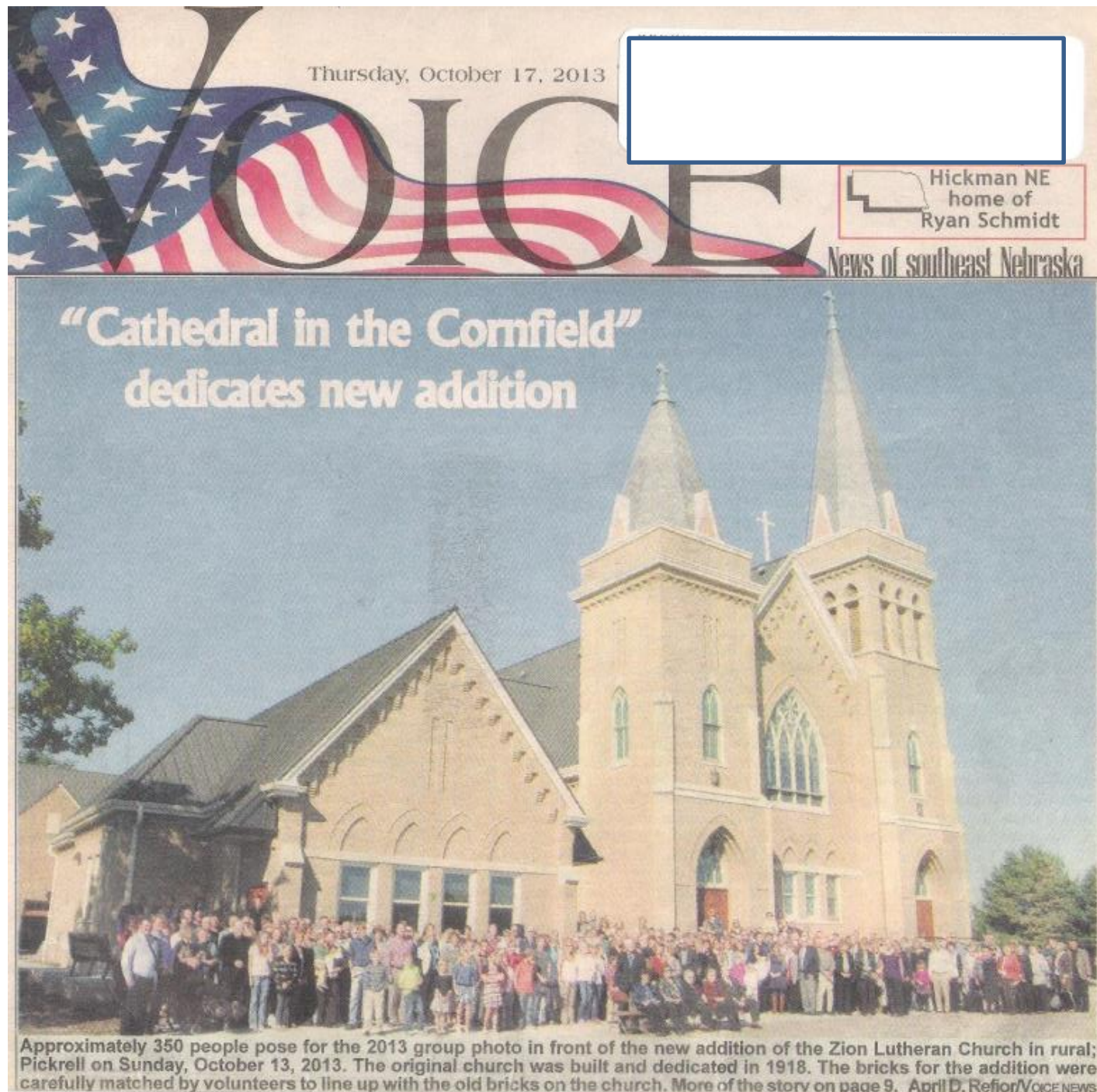


**Resting Place**





Approximately 350 people posed for the Voice Newspaper on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at the dedication of the new Fellowship Hall.



It was a beautiful day to celebrate!



Dedication of Fellowship Hall



# Youth Fellowship

## LYO gathering



Just as Jesus gathered his faithful disciples in the upper room before his ascension, Zion members gather to study his Word and do what he commands of us. The JYO & the LYO use the fellowship room for its various meetings and service projects.

## School Kits

# Luther League



The first fellowship organization that was formed at Zion was the Luther League. It was organized in 1928 and apparently disbanded for a few years before reorganizing in the 1940's. Luther League groups were large and meetings were very well attended. Many past members have mentioned that they couldn't wait for a Luther League meeting or activity because that was the ONLY night during the week they could go out and that was only because it was a church event. They got to spend time with your friends away from school AND they were allowed to take the family car. That car did not always make a direct trip home. There may have been some cruising miles in there that parents were unaware of.



# Luther League Fellowship Activities



Just like today, Zion sponsored softball teams that played other churches and area teams. In the early years, these teams were associated with the Luther League. This past Zion softball member is Carol Parde Harms, who still has the glove she used while playing on the team, and the Luther League sweatshirt that she is wearing was the one they used as a uniform. She and her husband, Gary, were also Zion Luther League sponsors for a number of years.

Carol Parde Harms

# Ladies Aid



The Ladies Aid was the second group to organize at Zion and began in 1936. The Luther League was organized before them but dissolved for a few years before reorganizing again.

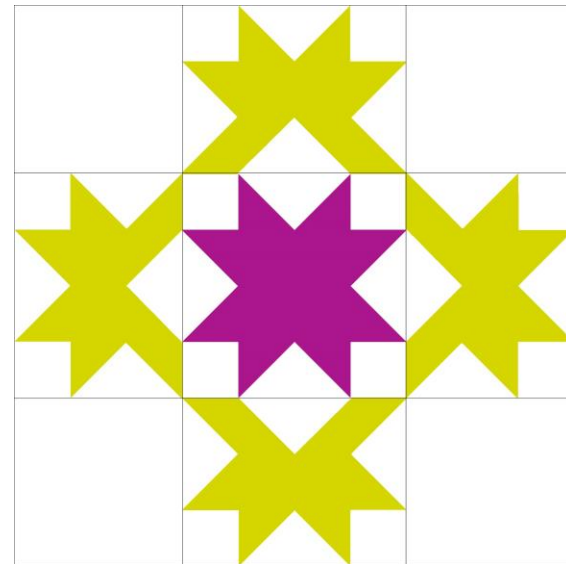
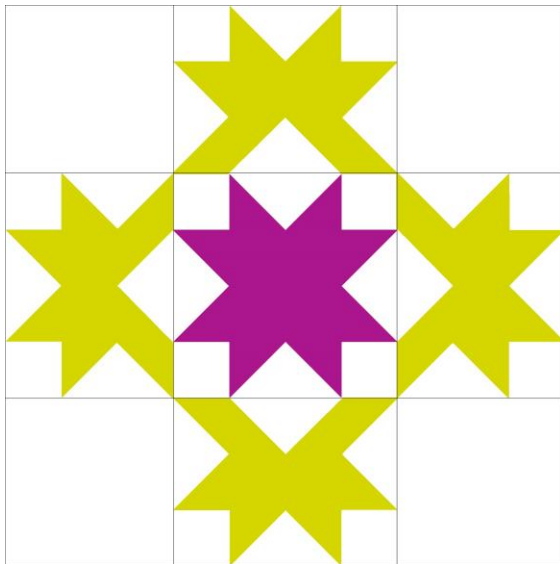


# Quilting Group



The Ladies Aid however has been an active organization for 81 continuous years with their service to others - making them the oldest organization at Zion.

They have become known as the Quilting Group. Each year they donate one quilt to Camp Joy Holling for their auction. In 2016 their quilt was auctioned off for \$650. They have finished two quilts already for 2017 with the help of a few ladies from other congregations. They may be a small group by numbers, but they have a big heart and have become a family through the many years they have been together.





# Ladies Aid



Quilting

# “Brotherhood”

“Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear  
God, honor the King”

1 Peter 2: 17

This passage describes the Zion brotherhood. The first men’s group was formed in 1948 and has continued to meet for Bible studies and service projects for the past 69 years.



The soup supper and entertainment night started by the men's fellowship group is probably the longest standing fellowship activity at Zion dating back at least to 1971. For many years, the men in the "Brotherhood" and their wives did everything from making the soup to providing all the entertainment. It is still sponsored by the Men in Mission but because of smaller numbers in the group, it has now evolved into an all church activity. Volunteers make the soup and pies while the youth assist with the serving.



Annual Soup  
Supper



The soup supper is always followed up by an entertainment night. Finding talent for the entertainment never seemed hard with those Oltman boys and Roger Daubendick around. They always seem up for the challenge of bringing us the unexpected. I am sure many of us will never forget the laughs that Rocky (Gilbert Oltman) and Killer (Roger Daubendik) brought to so many.



Gilbert Oltman



# Annual Entertainment Night

Terry Oltman



Roger Daubendick





The entertainment nights have brought much fun and laughs, while at the same time raising funds for very worthy causes.



**Entertainment**

The first women's circles were formed in 1954 and were named The American Lutheran Church Women. There were three afternoon Circles in 1954; then in the 60s two evening circles were formed. In 2000, another evening Circle was formed. Every year, each woman would draw out a slip of paper from either an afternoon container or an evening container. The slip of paper would indicate which circle they would be in that year.





# Women's Circles



**Ruth**



H  
o  
p  
e



**Faith**



**Joy**



L  
o  
v  
e

The women had monthly bible studies but also were very service oriented as they still are. This is a picture from 1962 when the women were serving food at the Martin Luther Home.





# American Lutheran Church Women Mother/Daughter Banquets



One of the favorite activities for many years was the Mother/Daughters Banquet that always had entertainment such as the unique style show.

Style Show  
entertainment



# WELCA gathering on Human Trafficking



Today's WELCA groups are still very service oriented as was this past Wednesday night when members Ivy Bloom and Beth Buhr shared information on what we as community members can do in regard to Human Trafficking. There was a great turnout from our church and other churches that gathered in our fellowship room. And thanks to the flowers from the parsonage's yard, the room looked beautiful.





# Mortgage Burning

May 28, 2017

During the Sunday, May 28, 2017 service, we had a ceremonial burning of the Fellowship Hall mortgage. Thank you to all who donated their time, talents, and money to get the addition paid off!





The following people participated in the mortgage burning during the service:

- Josh Gronewold: Josh is the current President of the Church Council
- Don Schuster: Don was President of the council during the beginning idea phase of the fellowship room
- Jer Gilbreath: Pastor Jer was serving Zion when the last mortgage payment was made.
- Dave Smith: Pastor Dave was actively involved in the development and design of the fellowship addition. He was serving Zion when the fellowship addition was approved.
- Terry Oltman: Terry was the President of the council when the addition was completed and dedicated.
- James Meints: James was the President of the council when the vote that approved the addition occurred. He has the official signature on the loan from First State Bank-Filley.
- Dale Zimmerman: Dale was the President when the mortgage was paid off.
- Dave Norton: Dave was the President of First State Bank-Filley, which loaned the money.

Dean Siefkes (project manager of the construction) was not able to be with us, but we thank him for his involvement!

# Fellowship within Zion

Where did they have fellowship before there was a room for it? A Sunday school picnic was certainly one place. During the early years when the main form of transportation was the horse and buggy, Sunday school was for adults and as you can see by their Sunday school picnic, it had many members and was very well attended.



Sunday School picnic





Much fun and fellowship was had at these picnics. Many members tell about the gunny sack races and other games that were played by adults. The following is a picture of a water fight that occurred at a Sunday school picnic in the 1940s.

# Games at the Sunday School Picnics





# Ice Cream Social/Band Nights



Many in the area have very fond memories of the band nights and ice cream socials that were held in the area east of the church, where the teacherage was located. Apparently the fellowship that was created was strong because many marriages resulted from meeting that special someone at a Hanover Band night.



Many people have memories of buying bottles of coke for a nickel on those band nights and ice cream socials. There will be a band and ice cream social following the August Recognition Sunday.





# Family Prayer Services



**Be faithful unto Me till death and you will receive the crown of life.**



Being able to have the fellowship time of family prayer services in an area that is accessible to everyone has been such a blessing. Arnold Baehr recalls a funeral when he and some other councilmen carried a person in their wheelchair down the steps to the basement so they could attend the prayer service of their loved one. We are thankful for the added space.

As shown on the next slide, Zion started having their own version of an ice cream social in 2012 when Pastor Dave initiated “Good Neighbor Sunday”. It is still an annual event where everyone is encouraged to invite someone to join them for the service that day.

Good  
Neighbor  
SUNDAY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PICKRELL, NE

COME VISIT ZION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

# Ice Cream Social & Johnny Cash Tribute





# RELIGION

## New pastor

### Pastor Dave Smith

Pastor Dave Smith began his call at Zion Lutheran Church, Pickrell, on Feb. 1. Pastor Dave was installed by Pastor Lee Griess on Feb. 6. A potluck dinner was held following the installation service.

Smith received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and his Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He was ordained May 24, 1981.

His training includes Sexual Assault(SANE/SART), Bio-Hazard Preparedness Education, PTSD, Sexual Ethics/Harrassment/ Assault Training, Domestic

Violence, Suicide Awareness/ Prevention, and Marriage Enrichment/Marriage Counseling.

He retired in 2010 from Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, as Director of Pastoral Care after 22 years of service, and retired from the Nebraska Army National Guard in 2009 where he served as a Chaplain for 21 years. He served as co-pastor at American Lutheran Church in Lincoln from 1985-1988, and as pastor at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Cranfills Gap, Texas, from 1981-1985.

His family includes wife Sue; son Aaron and wife Jenni, son Adam, and three grandchildren.



**Pastor  
Dave  
Smith**

Pastor Dave always encouraged and enjoyed fellowship even if it was with his Oklahoma gear on.



Pastor Dave - Thank  
you for bringing the  
message to us today  
and starting us on the  
road to our addition!





# Hospitality Committee



Once the room was built, it was time to fill it with fellowship. Having donut holes and coffee before church every Sunday and a Hospitality Committee that has something once a month after the church service helps do that.

**But the Hospitality Committee does much more than provide members with food once a month after church. They have created a variety of fellowship activities such as going caroling or building floats for the annual Beatrice Christmas parade that everyone can participate in.**







Beatrice  
Christmas Parade



# Karen's Kitchen

But food does help create a reason to gather and having a great baker helps that cause. Karen, Pastor Jer's wife, is that great baker for Zion and she opened the parsonage's doors for Karen's Kitchen in 2016. One Saturday a month in January, February, and March, she welcomes any Zion member to come to the parsonage and enjoy her wonderful baked goods and the fellowship that goes with that.





**1971 was the first mention of a softball marathon in the “Brotherhood” minutes. It was sponsored by the Blue Valley conference churches and occurred on a Sunday evening in August at the Fuller Ballpark at Zion. Each church in the conference was invited to bring a men’s softball team. Whether it was fastpitch teams, as in the beginning, or slowpitch teams in more recent years, the atmosphere was very competitive between the different softball teams. The games, as you can see on the following slide, always brought a huge crowd.**



# Fellowship with other congregations



Brotherhood members were needed to direct and park the many, many cars





**The Martin Luther Home (known today as Mosaic) also always brought a team made up of their residents. The featured game of the night was this Martin Luther team against a brotherhood team. It was the only game that winning and losing did not matter. The goal was to bring a smile to the faces of the kids from the Mosaic.**

# Blue Valley Softball Marathons





# Brotherhood Pies

1979 ALCN SOUP SUPPER WORK SCHEDULE

In order for the ALC-Men's Soup Supper to be a success, we will need the cooperation of every committeeman. The following is a list of each committee.

## SOUP PREPARATION

Willie Meints  
Robert Harms  
Harold Otto  
Leonard Buhr  
Henry Busboom  
Ernest Wiese

## SETTING OF TABLES AND CHAIRS

\* Ted Busboom  
\* Renken W. Leners  
Anton Oltman  
Henry Zimmerman  
Edward Ideus  
Art Zimmerman

## COFFEE, PUNCH AND CRACKERS

\* Edward Parde  
\* LaVern Parde  
Renken G. Leners  
Walter Johnson

## DISHWASHING COMMITTEE

\* Wayne Trauernicht  
\* Ernest Meints  
Lester Harms  
John Busboom, Jr.  
Thees Busboom  
John Lieneman  
Merle Schuster  
Ernest Jurgens

## TABLE CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE

\* Martin Ideus  
Ernest Zimmerman  
George Wolken

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

\* Fred Wilken  
\* Pastor Jurgens  
Roger Daubendiek  
Willard Schoen  
Eldon Oltman  
Duane Busboom  
Wm. Johnson  
Arnold Buhr

## PUBLICITY, USHER, COAT DIRECTOR COMMITTEE

\* Heye Oltman  
Siebend Ideus  
Claus Trauernicht

## PIE CUTTERS

\* John Ehmen  
John Harms  
Harm DeBuhr

## IN CHARGE OF OFFERING

Harm Schuster  
George H. Ideus

## CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE

\* Albert Schuster  
\* Wilfred Parde  
George Ideus, Jr.  
Robert Schoen  
Walter Meints  
Norman Parde

## \* COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(If there are any questions, please contact the executive committee.)

## PIES

A - M, please bring 1 pie.  
N - Z, please bring 2 pies.

Another job of the members was to bring and sell pie with ice cream. On the 1979 yellow work schedule on the left there are 48 names and part of them brought 1 pie and others bought 2 pies.

## ZION LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION SOUP SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEES FEBRUARY 9, 2003

In order for the LMM Soup Supper and Entertainment to be a success, we will need the cooperation of all Committee Members. The following is a list of the various committees:

## SOUP PREPARATION

Robert Schoen - President  
Wayne Trauernicht - V. Pres  
Ernest Jurgens - Sec.  
Walter Meints - Treas.  
Alan Folkerts  
Arnold Buhr

Setting Up Tables, Chairs & Stage Scene & Take Down  
Leonard Buhr  
Wilfred Parde  
Duane Busboom

## Entertainment Committee

Albert Schuster  
Roger Daubendiek  
Alan Folkerts  
Gilbert Oltman  
Don Schuster  
Pastor Petersen  
Gary Gronewold

Charge of Offering  
Edward Parde

## PIE CUTTERS

Lester Harms  
Walter Johnson

Replenish Tables With Coffee, Punch & Crackers & Table Clean-up  
Ernest Zimmerman  
LaVern Parde  
Eldon Oltman

## Dishwashing Committee 5:30 - Finish

Jim Meints  
Harvey Fossler  
Bill Johnson  
George Ideus, Jr.  
Edward Ideus

Clean-Up Committee  
All LMM Members

Note: All Lutheran Men in Mission Members are to bring two pies.

The minutes say they ran out so in 1980 they made MORE pies and AGAIN ran out. As the brotherhood group got smaller, the remaining members just had to bring more pies.

Unfortunately there is no longer a church marathon. Maybe a competitive disc golf league could be in the future between the churches at Fuller Park. The Tekton Committee is currently planning a disc golf fellowship night for June 17. Details will be coming soon.





## American Lutheran Church- Filley Talent Benefit

But music seems to bring the best out in members and their craziness. Maybe the SS Zion stood for “Are you SURE these are SANE Zion members?”. But it all is for a great cause as in 2012 when the Filley Talent show raised over \$4000 for the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund.







For **ALL** who are  
Young at Heart



“Kids Night Out” is another activity that was initiated by the Hospitality Committee two years ago and has been a huge success.



# Kids Night Out

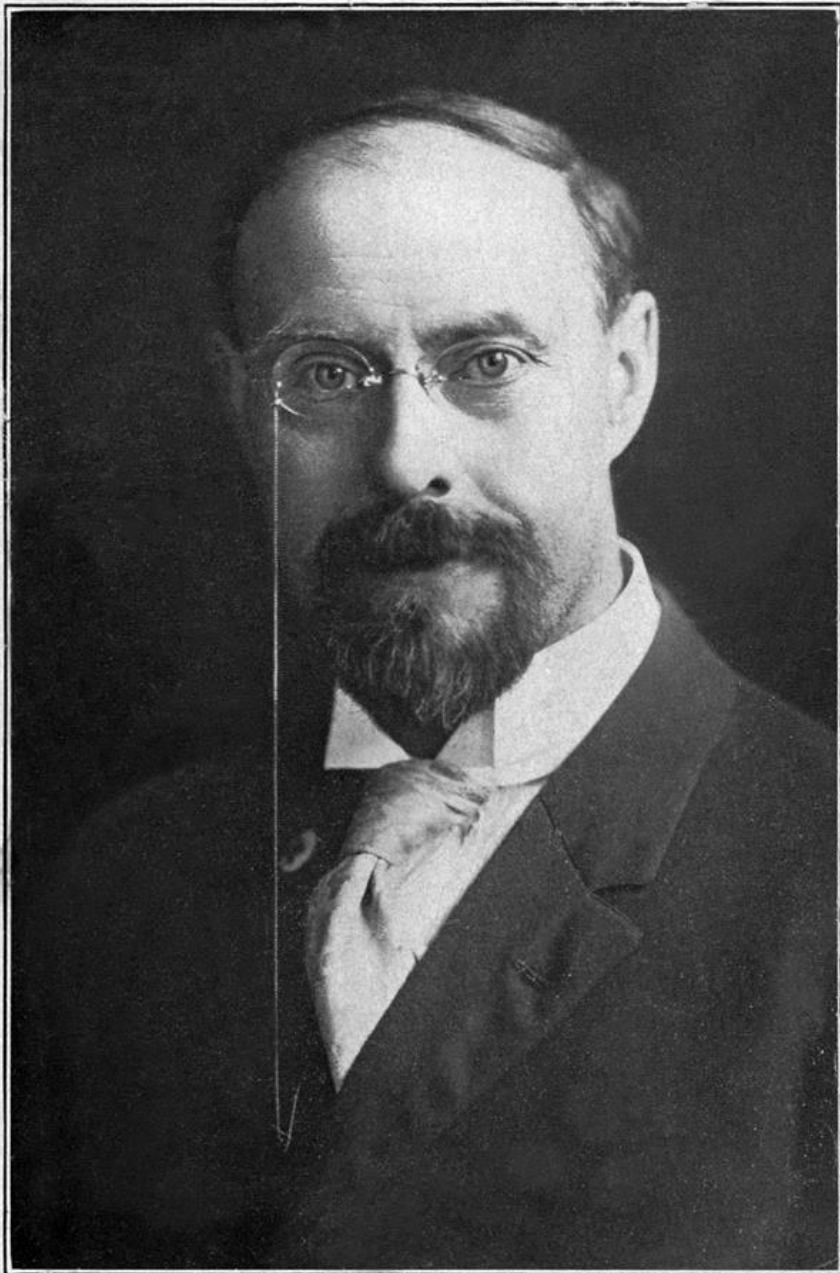


All area kids are invited regardless of what church you attend. It is just a fun way to end the summer and welcome to a new school year.

It isn't the end of summer but it is the end of our "fellowship for believers" Sunday. It doesn't seem possible that the "new addition" as it was referred to for quite a while, is already over 3 years old. The reference of a fellowship room still at times is confused with the parish hall as was the case this past Wednesday night when a group of women from Emmanuel went to the parish hall for the WELCA presentation. The Anniversary Committee would like the Zion congregation to consider giving the fellowship room a specific name. They, as a group, have discussed the possibility of the "Reents Room" because of the great impact he had on this congregation and getting this sanctuary built. But we would like anyone who has a name possibility to submit it to Marsha Busboom with a brief explanation of why that would be a good name. At the semiannual meeting in July, a vote on whether or not to name the room and possibly what name that will be will be brought before the congregation. More details will be in the bulletins and July newsletter before that meeting.

Let us end our fellowship today with the words of Paul.





Rev. Reents

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13: 14

We had the pleasure of having 3 additional pastors with us on May 28, 2017!  
Thank you for being a shepherd to Zion's members!



Pastor Dave Smith



Pastor Wiggins



Pastor Arden Dorn



# **“Knock, and the door will be opened unto you”**



Our next  
recognition  
Sunday will be  
June 25<sup>th</sup> when  
the focus will be  
on the painting  
at the front of  
the church.

\*Please note the  
summer time  
change of the  
service.

## **9:00 a.m. Sunday, June 25th**