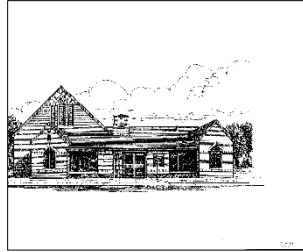


## ZSJ HISTORY 1976-1985

The focus of the ZSJ congregation was on the education of members of all ages. The VBS kids learned to make homemade lye soap from the women, even having articles published in local and national papers and magazines. In 1981 Pastor Ken Thiele was called to serve at ZSJ. The Luther League and L.I.F.E groups, (thirty-something couples' group) were very active in serving the church and community. In 1979, over 40 members of the Chancel Choir, past and present performed the story of Queen Esther in musical form. Again, in 1984, the choir performed a Gospel Mass, which included several solos and accompaniment on piano, keyboard and drums. The church also celebrated the ordination of David Carls, son of Pastor Carls in June 1983. By 1984, the congregation added a new narthex addition, which was dedicated in October. This new addition changed the front entrance to



handicapped accessibility and added much needed office and meeting space. The stained-glass windows were designed by Mary Beth Sukup and the walnut cross of the north wall was constructed by Pastor Carls. In 1985, the Van Daalan organ was installed in the balcony. Its 1,104 pipes, 21 ranks and 19 stops were built in the Netherlands and assembled in the church. This organ is one of only two in the entire country!

Other notable historical events were:

**1976**-Patty Hearst found guilty of armed robbery in CA; Supreme Court rules that Karen Ann Quinlan's family can disconnect the life support keeping her alive—she does not die until 1985; Apple Computer is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak; \$2 bill is introduced; Atari video games are very popular; Microsoft is trademarked; US celebrates the bicentennial; Viking II lands on Mars; F5 tornado destroys Jordan IA; IA caucuses begin; Franklin County Courthouse renovation is completed.

**1977**-Jimmy Carter is sworn in as US president; 1<sup>st</sup> successful test flight for the space shuttle; Anwar Sadat becomes the first Arab leader to make an official visit to Israel.

**1978**-1<sup>st</sup> GPS satellite is launched into space; Khmer Rouge, Cambodian military group murders over 3000 Vietnamese citizens; Affirmed wins the Triple crown; the cartoon Garfield starts national syndication; Louise Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> test-tube baby, is born in UK; Pope Paul VI dies and is succeeded by John

Paul I, who dies 31 days later and is succeeded by John Paul II; Synthetic insulin is developed; Jimmy Carter negotiates a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt; historic blizzard dumps 20" of snow on the Quad cities and the average temperature was 12.4 degrees F.

**1979**-Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran; 1<sup>st</sup> CD is sold in US; Margaret Thatcher becomes prime minister of UK; Happy Meal becomes part of McDonald's menu; Michael Jackson releases his first solo album; ESPN debuts; 500 Iranian radicals storm the US Embassy and take 90 hostages, including Iowan Kathryn Koob; Skylab falls back to earth after 6 years in orbit; Hayden Fry becomes U of IA football coach; the Franklin County "old Stone House" restoration begins.

**1980**-US Hockey defeats USSR and eventually wins the Olympic gold medal in what is later called the Miracle on Ice; US boycotts the summer Olympics in Moscow, due to the Russian invasion of Afghanistan; John Lennon is murdered in New York City.

**1981**-Iran releases the last 52 Americans held for 444 days, minutes after Ronald Reagan is sworn in as president; 1<sup>st</sup> space shuttle is successfully launched; assassination attempts on Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II; 1<sup>st</sup> paintball game is played in the US; 1<sup>st</sup> woman is approved as Supreme Court justice; Donkey Kong is released; Diana Spencer marries Prince Charles; Hyatt Regency walkway in KC collapses, killing 114; Iowa Hawkeyes play in the Rose Bowl.

**1982**-1<sup>st</sup> computer virus is discovered; Weather Channel airs; Princess Grace (Kelley) of Monaco dies after a car crash; Thriller is released and will sell 110 million albums worldwide; Franklin County Historical Museum opens at the fairgrounds.

**1983**-the final episode of M.A.S.H airs; Sally Ride becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> female astronaut on space shuttle Challenger; Reading Rainbow debuts on PBS; Lowest ever recorded temperature occurs on Antarctica, -128.4 F; US invades Grenada; Beirut Barracks bombing kills 241 US servicemen and 58 French paratroopers.

**1984**-Cirque du Soleil is founded; Thomas the Train debuts; The Terminator movie series begins; Ronald Reagan wins re-election in a landslide; crack cocaine is introduced; Chrysler introduces the "minivan."

**1985**-Charity single *We are the World* debuts with profits sent to African famine relief; Hezbollah ideology emerges in Lebanon; Gorbachev becomes leader of Soviet Communist Party; 1<sup>st</sup> Wrestle-mania held in Madison Square Garden; Titanic wreck is discovered using sonar; 8.0 Mexico City earthquake kills thousands; DNA is used successfully in a criminal case.