

As many of you know, Zion St John Lutheran Church will be celebrating 150 years of worship, faith, education and fellowship. In the fellowship hall we have a wonderful display of confirmation pictures dating back to 1908 (about the time that taking pictures was commonplace). For this month, we have included some other pictures of places, people and events.



St John Lutheran was founded in 1875, by a group of German immigrants who made their way from Wisconsin. The original church building was built on a plot of land 3 miles east of town, where the cemetery still stands.



By 1893, there were enough families living west of Sheffield to begin a church in town, which was originally called Peace Lutheran and the name later changed to Zion Lutheran.



The two churches merged in 1948 to form Zion St John Lutheran. This picture is from the 1960's, after the education wing was added (1959). The parsonage was built in 1929, containing 4 bedrooms, kitchen, living area, and office.



St John Church decorated for Christmas.



Zion Church Christmas program early 1940. Look carefully, in the front is Mary Bielefeld Sukup!



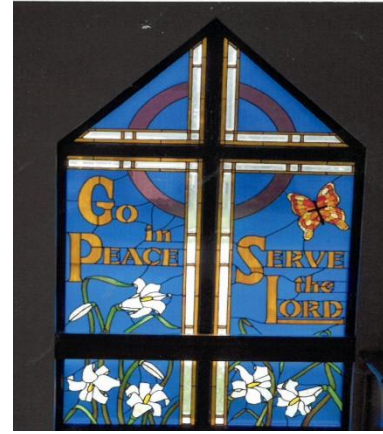
ZSJ decorated for Christmas



When the two churches merged, the altar from the St John church was eventually placed in the church at the Franklin County Fair grounds.



This statue of Jesus was part of an altar purchased by the first Lutheran league in 1908. It was placed in an old shed and found again in 1972, when it was restored and brought to the new church.



The stained glass windows were dedicated in 1974, to bring glory to God and strengthen the faith of those who worship here.



The Fred Meyer family, 1890, charter members at St John and great-great grandparents of Darwin Meyer.



1915 photo of John and William Greimann with Pastor Freitag's daughters.



1908 SS photo of Minnie Bokemeier, born 1892 and friends



1955 SS Class, Merna Schroeder, teacher, Wilberta Crawford, Marilyn Wiele, Marcia Harvey, Duane Krugenberg, Roger Bielefeld, Roger Schinigal, Kenneth Moehle, Phyllis Bonjour



1961 SS class, Mrs. Clifford Riles, teacher, Pam Harvey, Steve Schroeder, Paul Eichmeier, Kristi Samuelson, Joan Hall, Scott Wells, Hal Berding