

ZSJ HISTORY

As we look at the history of the two churches that merged to make Zion St John, the workings of the Holy Spirit are so evident. It began with the recognition by Pastor Weber in 1947, that he was not the person to lead the two churches together. Such amazing courage for such an important time. Pastor Mueller, who was serving St John and Pastor Hein who was serving Zion, worked together to create one church. The original letter from Zion to St John, sent in December 1947, stated, "It is our earnest desire to do all things according to the will of God and we believe God's kingdom can develop better and the Lutheran Church be strengthened if St John and Zion Lutheran Churches would merge and work together to the fullest extent." What courage and wisdom!

The decision was made and in a show unity, the original Zion church was torn down and plans for a new, larger building were made. The St John bell was placed in the new church and the bell from Zion was sold for \$50 to St John Lutheran in Grinnell. The dedication of the building happened on June 26, 1949!

