

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- * On June 26, 1949, the town church (Zion) and the country church (St John) completed their merger with a huge celebration worship, including the tolling of the bell from the St John church, which is still in our bell tower to this day.
- * June, 1955 marked the 80th anniversary. R J Huck was pastor and there was a skit about the history of the two churches.
- * The Education wing was dedicated on Reformation Sunday in 1959 by Pastor H E Dieter and the Iowa District president of the American Lutheran Church, H W Siefkes.
- * The 90th anniversary was actually celebrated in early 1966, by a special afternoon worship service led by Pastor Palmer Loken.
- * In July 1975 the Centennial celebration theme was “A Century of Grace”, led by Pastor Gordon Carls, and included a service in German, an historical skit, a picnic in the park and a great deal of coverage of the celebrations in the local paper.
- * 1984 marked the completion of the narthex edition and in 1985 the current organ built by van Daalen, was celebrated with a number of organ concerts throughout the year.
- * By the year 2000, Pastor Kent Mechler led an old time service (women on one side and men on the other) with the participants dressed up from the past. All musical groups added to the festivities and the theme was “Share the Spirit.”

