

ZSJ HISTORY 2001-2005

Following the 125th anniversary celebration in 2000, the congregation bid farewell to Youth Director, Maren in November 2001. Following Maren's departure, Karol White filled the position until 2004 and then Chad Williams became the new Youth Director. The church continued their support of various missionaries abroad and start up congregations here in the states, including the Church of the Damascus Road prison ministry in Fort Dodge. The Women of ZSJ participated in the first All-Iowa Gathering in Ames. New carpeting was laid in the sanctuary and the library in 2001. The ZSJ Legacy Fund was established in 2002, and the remodel of the kitchen began and was completed in 2003. The church was host to numerous special concerts, including organ recitals, handbell performances and the St Olaf choir. By 2005, the church had its first website, the sound system was updated and our first electronic giving was implemented.



Shepherd of the Hills, Blue Ridge GA



New Hope, Comfry MN



VBS 2001



VBS 2005

Other notable historical events were:

2001-The Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings film franchises are launched; iPads are all the rage; 4 planes are hijacked by Al-Qaeda terrorists and crashed into the World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon and a field in PA, killing nearly 3000 Americans and 8 Iowans, beginning the global war on terror; Osama Bin Laden becomes the most hunted man on the planet; US invades Afghanistan; The dome of the old capitol building in Iowa City is accidentally set on fire by contractors who are renovating it, it was replaced and reopened in 2003.

2002-war on terror continues; recession strikes the US and spreads across the globe; the Euro is introduced as new European currency; average life expectancy is 67 years; country and hip-hop become most popular types of pop music; Serena Williams wins 3 of 4 tennis Grand Slam events; Tom Brady wins the first of 7 Super Bowls.

2003-Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates on re-entry, killing all 7 aboard; US declares war on Iraq; US forces topple the Saddam Hussein regime on unsubstantiated claims on weapons of mass destruction; David Beckham is the most popular soccer player; Lance Armstrong wins his 5th Tour de France; Intel processors are popularized and introduction of broadband and cable modems replace dial up access to internet; camera phones are widespread.

2004-Al-Qaeda bombings continue worldwide; Yasser Arafat dies under mysterious circumstances; Red Sox win the World Series, 1st since 1918, ending the Babe's curse; Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean's ranting concession speech after Iowa caucuses makes national news.

2005-a WI woman becomes the 1st to survive rabies without being vaccinated; Pope John Paul II dies; Prince Charles remarries; Hurricane Katrina makes landfall in New Orleans causing \$108 billion in damages and killing nearly 2000; Saddam Hussein's trial begins; Condoleezza Rice is sworn in as 1st Black female US Secretary of State; Alberto Gonzales becomes 1st Hispanic US Attorney General; Martha Stewart is released from prison after serving 5 months for fraudulent trading.