

The Mt. Zion Story

1946 - 1996

The Mt. Zion Story is a story about the past, the present and the future. It calls to mind men and women of commitment and vision, traditions, values, and ministries which have shaped Mt. Zion over the last 50 years. It is a story about where we are today and what we are doing. It is a story about our vision for the future.

A very special *Thank You* to all who contributed to *The Mt. Zion Story* with their research, writing and producing.



"Memory is history recorded in our brain" --Grandma Moses

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Words from the Bishop

On December 17, 1996 Bishop Rogness delivered the sermon for the installation of Pastor Gary Johnson. His sermon entitled "*Between the Done-and-Gone and the Not-Yet*" also seemed to have a direct application to Mt. Zion's Fiftieth Anniversary; therefore, I would like to cite some of the appropriate passages:

"I don't know if you've ever thought of this - that for the church the month of December is a real schizophrenic month - the whole world around us is saying the year is coming to an end, and we in our church year are saying it's just beginning, everything is new. They're thinking everything is done-and-gone and we're saying everything is not-yet, just beginning.

"This morning I'd like you to think a little about that, and about the notion that that's a pretty good snapshot of how an awful lot of folks - including, probably, an awful lot of us - live our lives: caught in limbo between the done-and-gone and the not-yet.

"When we're little, wanting to do all kinds of things - fry something on the stove, carry the turkey into the dining room, drive the car, have friends over without parents around - for all those years we were being told again and again we wouldn't do that yet - we'd have to wait - we'd do it when we got older. Even through adolescence and into young adulthood - we couldn't quite afford a new car, or a house, or a cruise; it's not yet time for this, or not yet time for that... Then, somewhere along the line, another theme appears - the wistful looking back, the carefree ways life used to be, before the world went to the dogs, before youth culture went bad, before crime and violence took over. In this later stage in life we look at the good times and wonder what happened - and they're done and gone, and all we've got left are memories and nostalgia.

"Now the question: If the whole first part of our lives are spent longing for what's not-yet, and the last part is spent longing for what's done-and-gone, what happened to the middle??? Logic says there's a middle period - So what's it called?? "*Just Right*"? Nope. Most of us think the name of the middle is "**STRESS**".

"Fact is, life in all its fullness and mystery and wonder is all around us. We're right in the middle of it, and most of the time we don't even see it.

"The problem is as old as the hills! Folks are always lookin' back, or lookin' forward, for something that's right smack in front of them."

Yes, at this special fiftieth anniversary time it is fun to look back, reminisce, and reflect on the past. It is also fun to look ahead and have visions for the future as our church founders did, but we must not overlook what is happening today. We must listen to the words, see the deeds, and recognize the fullness of life that God puts into our midst.

Dear Friends of Mt. Zion,

It is my good fortune to have arrived just in time to be a part of the celebration of the rich history of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Though I am new, I have been connected to Mt. Zion for a long time. I met one of my oldest and dearest friends while he ministered here. Steve Samuelson and I were a part of the then new Youth Leadership School. Many of your children attended that school at Suomi College over twenty years ago. I probably knew them then!

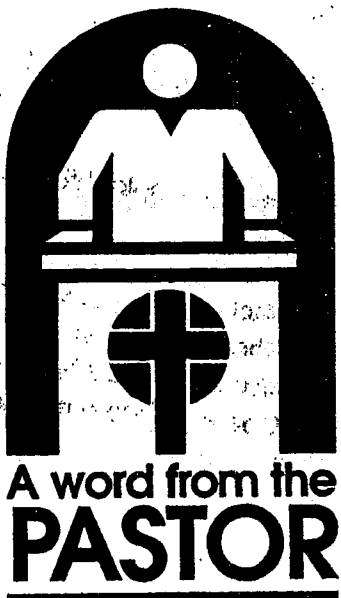
Later, a member of my parish in Michigan had his life saved by a member of Mt. Zion who was a premiere heart surgeon. Another member of my former parish worked for the YMCA and his first assignment was to oversee the building of the Y right behind our parking lot. While there, he had his first born son baptized here!

As you can see, your 50 years on ministry have spread near and far all across America and the world. The people of Mt. Zion touched my life long before I became their Pastor and I'm sure there are literally thousands of folks everywhere that could say that. Our rich tradition is a wonderful thing, but it is only as good as our commitment to the NEXT 50 years. May God continue to bless our future much as he has blessed our past!

Congratulations members of Mt. Zion, past, present and future!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Gary D. Johnson



FROM PASTOR RICHARD A. WEEDEN

It has been a distinct pleasure for me to serve Mt. Zion during a transitional period. My two year term call as associate pastor covered the time of the senior pastor vacancy.

During this transition I have seen the congregation move forward and grow in many ways. In particular, it is very special to be able to end my time here noting the arrival of a most gifted lead pastor who I am certain will bring exceptionally strong leadership to our faith community for many years to come.

I salute you on this 50th Anniversary of Mt. Zion. I have experienced you all as a group of gifted and caring and wonderful people.

May the love of Christ guide with you and abide with you in the time ahead. And may the best be yet to come for Mt. Zion Lutheran Church!

A Word From the Council Vice-President

The 50th Anniversary of Mt. Zion congregation is cause for celebration and rejoicing. I thank God for those charter members who had the faith to form this congregation and to spread the "good news" throughout the surrounding community. It must have been exciting to be a part of that early growth and development. Many hundreds of people have communed and prayed at Mt. Zion during those 50 years. The community of believers has provided support to one another during good and bad times, happy and sad times. It has been my privilege to be a part of this church family for the past 20 years, to feel that support and, I hope, to give it.

Dedicated members have done the Lord's work here at Mt. Zion for 50 years. I hope that we will be inspired by them to move into the future with joy and optimism, embracing each new day for what it is-a gift from God, an opportunity to serve him.

Barbara McMath

Words from Mt. Zion's 50th Anniversary Chairman

When Joyce and I moved into Elm Grove from Hales Corners, where we attended Whitnall Park Lutheran Church and our sons attended Sunday School and were confirmed, we visited all of the ELCA Churches in the surrounding areas. We finally decided on Mt. Zion due to the friendliness of the congregation and the sermons of Pastor Youngquist. However, much to our regret, the day we joined was Pastor Youngquist's final sermon as Pastor of Mt. Zion. Now, whenever we meet, we kid him if we were the reason for his leaving. We have and always will have the greatest respect for Pastor Youngquist.

We have made some good friends here at Mt. Zion and are impressed with the willingness of members to help with the work in our chairing the 50th Anniversary committee.

As an example how easy it would have been for the volunteers who came to help in the preparation of the invitations to stay home when the temperature was -20 degrees. Great people! We could go on and on about people offering to help but this is what christianity is all about.

Joyce and Harry Nedset.

"The Mt. Zion Story 1946 - 1996"

In November when I volunteered to put together a booklet on Mt. Zion's History, I did not realize that it would turn into ninety plus pages. In fact it probably is a good thing that I only had a few months to put this book together, since I can think of dozens of more articles that could have been written about Mt. Zion.

I have learned a lot through this project, how to use a computer, where the Mt. Zion History Room is located, and when to nag to get articles written. I would like to thank everyone who contributed articles and helped put "The Mt. Zion Story" together, especially Chris and Barbara in this office. **Happy 50th Birthday Mt. Zion!**

Barbara Huth

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History and Houses of Worship

**"We His servants will arise and
build..."** *(Nehemiah 2:20)*

Wauwatosa Church History from "The Wauwatosa Story" by the Wauwatosa Sesquicentennial Committee

In 1835 the first permanent settlement in Wauwatosa was established by Charles Hart. Seventeen other families arrived after in that year. In those early days there was no organized religion and when services were held, everyone who could do so attended them, even though the preacher was of a different faith. Many months often elapsed between the ministers' visits. After waiting many, many months for a circuit-riding preacher to appear, the first marriage between Hannah Hoyt and John Bowen was finally solemnized on December 12, 1837 in Hart's Mill.

The first real sermon was preached in Wauwatosa in 1838 at the home of Jonathan Warren by the Reverend Mr. Crawford, the first Presbyterian minister in the village.

By 1842, members of the various denominations began to feel a need for churches. On March 1, 1842 the First Congregational Church was organized. In 1853 the congregation bought the land on Church Street where the present church now stands.

By October 11, 1845, the First Baptist Church organized. They built their first church on the corner of Wauwatosa and North Avenues in 1852. This building can still be seen in the Wauwatosa cemetery.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wauwatosa was incorporated on May 22, 1848.

Church bells first rang out over the village on Thanksgiving Day in 1855. The bells of the Congregational and Baptist Churches had been purchased at the same time and were rung together.

The first Episcopal services were held in Wauwatosa on March 11, 1844. They were held in private homes until 1889 when the first Trinity Church building was erected.

As more and more settlers moved to Wauwatosa by the 1870's the Germans started to arrive bringing the heritage of their great leader Martin

Luther. The Lutherans conducted their first services in the former school house at Wauwatosa and Harwood Avenues. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was established in 1882. This congregation built the first parochial school in the city in 1888.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church organized in 1920 and in 1926 Pilgrim English Lutheran Church became a mission, organizing permanently in 1929.

A Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated in Wauwatosa in June 1911 and in November 1912 the first resident pastor of St. Bernard's Church was named. St. Jude's Church was organized on March 8, 1918.

On December 10, 1922, the first Christian Science service was held in the Masonic Temple. The cornerstone for the church was laid in July 1934 and services were held there on Thanksgiving Day.

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church started as a mission in 1926, the church was organized on May 25, 1927 and the new church building on North Eightieth was dedicated in 1950.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church was founded in 1931 with its first building on North 88th Street and West Meinecke Avenue. The congregation then built a church on North Avenue and Swan Blvd. which is now a bank building. The current location at 10025 West North Avenue was dedicated in 1968.

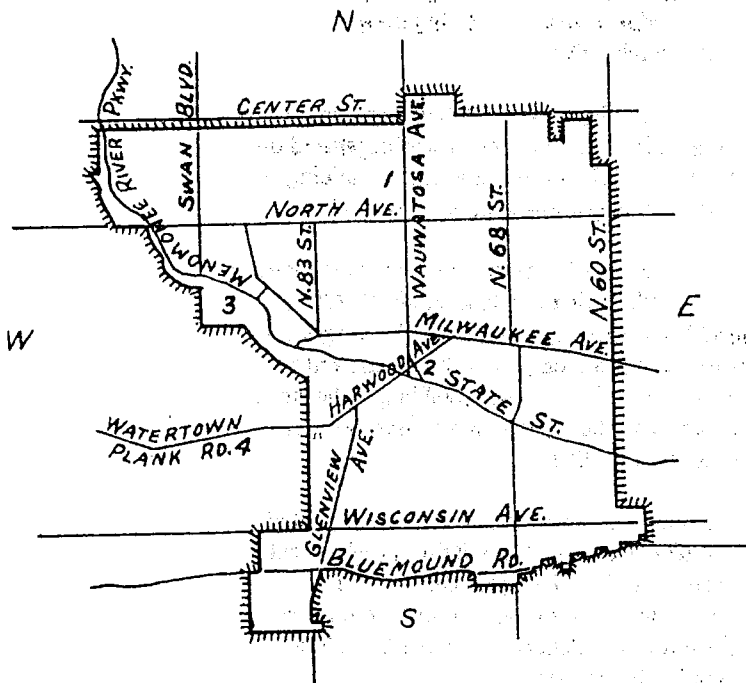
Mt. Zion was a mission church of the United Lutheran Church. The mission development pastor was Rev. Dwight Shelhart. The congregation was officially organized in 1946 at the old Fisher School where the Sheraton-Mayfair Inn is today.

In 1956 the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation began erecting their Frank Lloyd Wright designed church which was completed in 1959.

The growth of Wauwatosa has been paralleled by a growth of the religious community. In 1976 there were thirty-four church buildings in the city,

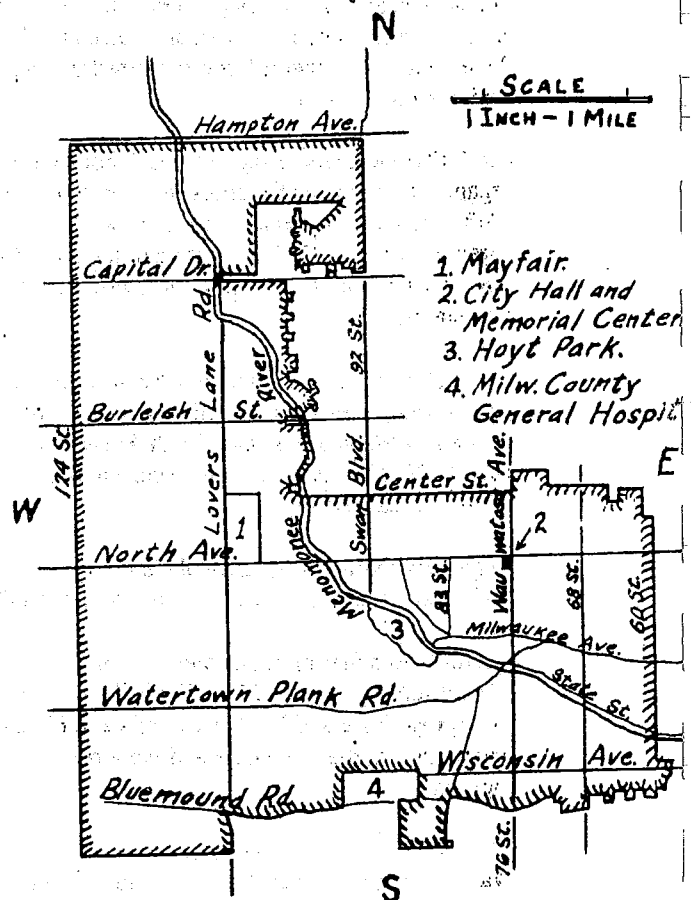
The last quarter century has also seen the establishment of the Wauwatosa Ministerial Association. Its purpose is to foster a close working relationship among the various church group denominations within the City of Wauwatosa.

Religion will always be a part of man's life and heritage. From the pioneers to the present day, this heritage has been an important factor in Wauwatosa's community life.



CITY OF WAUWATOSA

Above: This diagram shows the boundaries of the city until 1952.
Right: After 1952 annexation, Wauwatosa boundaries expanded.

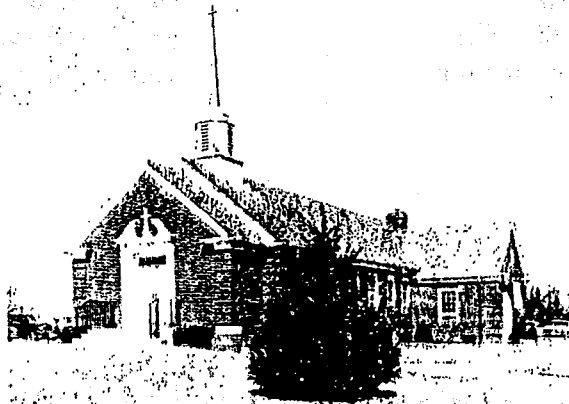


History of Mt. Zion's Place of Worship

April 1946 **Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially organized at Fisher School (then on Highway 100 and West North Avenue, where the Sheraton-Mayfair Hotel is now located) with 97 charter members**

January 1948 **Corner property at 120th and North Avenue was purchased for \$3500**

March 1950 **Dedication of the first building of Mt. Zion, now known as the Chapel**



1956 **Additional property purchased on 120th Street**

September 1957 **Groundbreaking for new sanctuary**

December 1958 **First Service in new sanctuary**

1960 **More property acquired west of building**

May 1966 **Groundbreaking for Christian Education addition**

November 1967 **Dedication of new facilities, including remodeled sanctuary**

1946

1946 was the start of the "baby boomer" years. The President of the United States was Harry S. Truman and Joe McCarthy defeated Robert LaFollette for the Senate. The United Nations held its first session and the first U.S. built rocket to leave the earth's atmosphere reached 50 miles.

Half of the yearly incomes were under \$2,000, postage was 3 cents and bread 10 cents for a one pound loaf. Milk was 18 cents a quart and gas at 21 cents a gallon. An average house was \$12,638.00 and car \$1,649.00. The minimum wage was 40 cents an hour.

It was the year that Liza Minelli and Reggie Jackson were born. The big hits in music were "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" and "Annie Get Your Gun". Academy award winners for best picture "The Best Years of Our Lives", Actress, Olivia de Havilland "To Each His Own", and Actor, Frederic March, "The Best Years of Our Lives". It was the year that "It's a Wonderful Life" was produced. Dr. Spock's "The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care" was published. The World Series was won by the Cardinals in seven games over the Boston Red Sox. But most important, Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized!

Organization Day - April 14, 1946

Order of Service for Palm Sunday, April 14, 1946.
10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Hymn 86

Regular order of service- Dr. P.H. Roth conducting.

Apostles Creed.

Pastor Shelhart { Formal Reception of Members.
{ Order of Confirmation & Baptism of Adults.
{ Order of Infant Baptism.

Hymn 131- 3rd tune

Sermon: Dr. R H Gerberding

Create in me etc.

General Prayer- Dr. A.M. Knudsen.

Lord's Prayer.

Offering

Hymn 260.

Benediction- Pastor Shelhart

Announcements- Pastor Shelhart

Hymn 219 (sing the whole hymn)

ORGANIZATION DAY DINNER

Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

APRIL 14, 1946

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
April 3, 1946

All signed for membership in
Mt. Zion English Ev. Lutheran Church
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Dear Friends:

We bring you important information about your church!
Please note all these things!

1. Sunday, April 7th, at 7:30 p.m. all signers of the membership pledge are asked to gather at the regular place of worship for the business meeting of the organization of the congregation. The constitution will be adopted and the first church council will be elected. All signers, both men and women, have a vote and should be present.

2. On Palm Sunday, April 14th, the congregation will come formally into being. The program is as follows:

10:30 a.m. Formal Reception of Members. Baptism and Confirmation of Adults. Baptism of Children. Sermon by The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D., President of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

VERY VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE TAKE NOTE BELOW!

If you expect to become a member of the congregation you must attend this 10:30 a.m. service or notify the pastor in advance of your intended absence. If you can't possibly attend and we have advance notice of your absence, other arrangements can be made for your formal reception into the congregation. At this service the roll of all signers will be called. If you do not answer roll call and we have no previous notice of your absence your name will be dropped from the roll. **BE THERE!**

If you must notify the pastor of intended absence please call him before 6 p.m. Saturday, April 13th, at Kilbourn 7343W.

1:00 p.m. Congregational Dinner at Underwood Hotel. Speakers: The Rev. Paul H. Roth, D.D., President of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary of Minneapolis and visiting pastors and guests. Reservations for this dinner only by ticket purchased on or before Sunday, April 7th. See any member of the organization committee. Turkey Dinner. Price: \$1.85; children under 12 years 75¢.

7:30 p.m. Service for the Installation of the Church Council. Sermon by The Rev. William Niebling, pastor of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church of Wauwatosa. Music by St. Matthew's choir.

3. Inclosed you will find a special Organization Day Offering Envelope. This offering will be the first for the Lot and Building Fund. Let your offering be as big as your joy this glad day. Bring it to either of the services on April 14th. We have been praying and hoping that the total offering for the day will be \$1000.

4. Immediately after the morning service a picture of the congregation will be taken. The picture may be purchased by members of the congregation. Place your order and deposit price with Mr. Walter Schmidt. He will see that your picture is delivered to you.

In the beginning.....

On Sunday, December 30, 1945 98 persons gathered to worship in the basement of Fisher School on the corner of North Avenue and Mayfair Road where the Mayfair-Sheraton now stands. The first Sunday school was organized with 47 pupils on January 6, 1946.

Organization Day, April 14, 1946, was on Palm Sunday with 175 people in attendance. A dinner was held at the Underwood Hotel which was attended by 125. The meal was a turkey dinner for \$1.85 with children under 12 for seventy-five cents. The offering that Sunday of \$1643.00 was to be used for the purchase of a site for a permanent church.

The first Church Council was elected on April 7, 1946 and installed on April 14, 1946. The Senior Pastor is President of the Church Council. The members of the first Council were:

Henry Poellmann
Hilamer J. Gengler
Herman O. Schultz
Walter W. Schmidt, Ben. Treas.
Wm. R. Mueller, Vice President
Ray E. Hansen
George C. Wirth, Secretary
Gustav E. Wolfgramm, Treasurer
Donald L. Kliese, Financial Sec

On Sunday July 14, 1946 Pastor Dwight H. Shelhart conducted his final service. From 1946 to 1950 the services were held in the Old Fisher School. On August 4, 1946 James D. Bartsch was called as the first pastor and on November 24, 1946 he was installed by his father Dr. Carl Bartsch and Uncle Rev. R. H. Gerberding

The first church picnic was held at Wisconsin Avenue Park on June 23, 1946.

In January 1948 the corner property at 120th and North Avenue was purchased for \$3500.00. Donald Kliese, A.I.A. Charter Member, offered his services as architect for the church and drew up plans for the structure in September 1948. Groundbreaking was the following year on September 11th with the cornerstone laying on November 13, 1949.

Dedication of the first building, now known as the Chapel, was March 26, 1950. This church was constructed through the contribution of time, labor and money by less than 100 families. A description of the church from the 1950 issue of the Elm-Leaves: "The building is an attractive red brick house of worship. Entering one notices an unusual use of knotty pine which makes the altar, pulpit, lectern, pews, and other woodwork throughout giving a warm welcome look. The green of the pastel walls is repeated in the carpeting covering the aisles and chancel, contrasting with the beige tile elsewhere in the nave. Recessed lighting is in the beamed ceiling. On the knotty pine altar, a gold cross and two triple candelabra are backed by a red dossal. The pulpit is to the left; the lectern to the right. Choir benches are in the chancel on either side."

After only five years, by 1955, this church with a seating capacity of 175 was too small for the average Sunday attendance grew to 400.

Fischer School



Fischer School

From 1946 when Mt. Zion was organized until the first church building was finished in 1950, services were held at the Old Fischer School on North Avenue and Hwy. 100.

Saturday afternoons would find the members at the school setting up chairs for the services. The altar was

composed of two sawhorses with a flush door laid on top. Easter baskets were used for the offering. The Sunday School classes would meet in classes set up in the hallways. It was a time when everyone worked together and made Mt. Zion what it is today.

Articles of Incorporation of Mount Zion English Evangelical Lutheran Church

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MOUNT ZION ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned George C. Wirth, Gustav W. Wolfgramm, Donald L. Kliese, Walter W. Schmidt, William R. Mueller, Ray E. Hansen, Henry Poellmann, Hilmer J. Gengler and Herman O. Schultz and those who are or may become associated with them for the purposes hereinafter specified, have organized themselves into a religious society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and become affiliated with The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, which is affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America, located in the Town of Wauwatosa, County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, for religious, charitable and educational purposes, which society shall be known and incorporated in the name of Mount Zion English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 12th day of April 1946.

George C. Wirth
George C. Wirth
Gustav W. Wolfgramm
Gustav E. Wolfgramm
Donald L. Kliese
Donald L. Kliese

Walter W. Schmidt
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REGISTER'S OFFICE) ss.
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Dwight H. Shelhart
Dwight H. Shelhart
A. L. Metzger
A. L. Metzger

We, the undersigned, residents of the community centered in W. North Ave. and N. 124th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and desiring to have a place in our community where we and our children may worship Him, hereby petition the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest and the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America to permit us to organize ourselves into a congregation of that body and support us by such means as they deem wise and advisable to advance our work as a congregation.

If this request is granted, we pledge the Synod of the Northwest and the Board of American Missions that we will faithfully and diligently prepare ourselves for membership in the congregation and will become confirmed members of the congregation on the day that it is formally constituted and organized. As members of the congregation we pledge to support its efforts and do all within our ability to advance its work. Not only will we support the efforts of the local congregation but we will support the efforts of the Synod of the Northwest and the United Lutheran Church in America in the greater work of the church and in the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ to all the world.

SIGNED:

NAME	ADDRESS	METHOD
George C. Wirth	2377 N. 115 th St.	Letter
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Mrs. Gustav E. Wolfgrenson	R. 8 Box 771 E Wauwatosa	Letter
Donald L. Kliest	R. 8. Box 771 E Wauwatosa	Letter
Mrs. Donald L. Kliest	R. 8 Box 771 E Wauwatosa	Letter
A. L. Metzger	2376 No 114 St	Letter
Mrs. A. L. Metzger	2376 N. 114 th St.	Letter
Ralph Dobb	2326 No. 117 th St.	Letter ?
Mrs Ralph Dobb	2326 No 117 St.	Letter ?
Walter W. Schmidt	R 8 Box 850 J Wauwatosa	Confirmation
Mrs. Walter W. Schmidt	R. 8 Box 850 J Wauwatosa	Confirmation
Mrs. J M Goodson	R 8 Box 892 Wauwatosa	Confirmation
Pat Goodson	R 8 Box 892 Wauwatosa	Letter
J. Marion Goodson	2411 N. 113 St.	Confirmation
Calvin W. Wunnenmacher	2207 - No 119 St	Confirmation
Edith Wunnenmacher	2207 - N 119 St.	Confirmation

Charter Members

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A. L. Metzger	2376 N. 114th St.	Letter
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Walter W. Schmidt	R.8 Box 850-J Wauwatosa	Confirmation
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Mrs. J. M. Goodson	R.8 Box 892 Wauwatosa	Confession
Pat Goodson	R.8 Box 892 Wauwatosa	letter
J. Marion Goodson	2411 N. 113th St.	Confirmation
Calvin W. Nunnemacher	2207 N. 119 St.	Confession
Ethel Nunnemacher	2207 N. 119 St.	Confession
Herbert D. Moore	2224 N. 118 St.	Confirmation
Mrs. Herbert Moore	2224 N. 118 St.	letter?
Henry Poellmann	2231 N. 119 St.	Confirmation
Mrs. Henry Poellmann	2231 N. 119 St.	Letter
Harold L. Schultz	Rt.8 Box 848A Wauwatosa	Confession
Mrs. Harold L. Schultz*	Rt.8 Box 848A Wauwatosa	Confirmation
Harold Matthews	Rt. 8 Box 848S Mil. 13	Confession
Mrs. Harold Matthews	Rt.8 Box 848 A Milw. 13	Confession
Mr. Elmer Craft	11134 W. North Ave	letter
Mrs. Elmer Craft	11134 W. North Ave.	Confession
Theodore L. Haberkorn	1666 N. 121st St.	Letter
Mrs. Theo. Haberkorn	1666 N. 121st St.	Letter
Herman O. Schultz	2228 N. 115th St.	Letter?
Mrs. Herman Schultz	2228 N. 115th St.	letter?
Doris M. Schultz	2228 N. 115th St.	letter?
Robert Schultz	2228 N. 115th St.	letter?
Walter Schultz	2228 N. 115th St.	confession
Rudolph Leifer	1259 N. 123rd St.	Confession
Elsa E. Leifer	1259 N. 123rd St.	Confession
Hilmer J. Gengler	N126 & Walnut Rd. Elm Grove	Confession
Ethel Gengler	N126 & Walnut Rd. Elm Grove	Confirmation
Edward F. Kamrath	1722 N. 124th St.	letter
Winifred Kamrath	1722 N. 124th St.	Confirmation
Mr. Elmer Thiel	11725 W. Clarke St.	Confession-letter
Mrs. Elmer Thiel	11725 W. Clarke St.	Confession
John Aeschlimann	2376 N. 115th St.	Confession
Louise Aeschlimann	2376 N. 115th St.	Confession
Helen Aeschlimann	2376 N. 115th St.	Letter
Ruth Kadlec	11640 W. Clarke St.	Letter
Wm. R. Mueller	2415 N. 112th St.	letter?
Mrs. Wm. R. Mueller	2415 N. 112th St.	letter
Mrs. George G. Schmidt	2352 N. 114th St.	Confession
George G. Schmidt	2352 N. 114th St.	Confession
Allan G. Schmidt	2352 N. 114th St.	confession
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Charter Members

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Vernice L. Gersonde	12202 Watertown Plk. Rd.	Letter
Gordon L. Gersonde	12202 Watertown Plk. Rd.	letter
Warren K. Leifer	1259 N. 123rd St.	Confirmation
Mrs. Elmer Kaisler	2129 N. 114th St.	Confession
Elmer W. Kaisler	2129 N. 114th St.	Confession
Robert L. Netz	2450 N. 120th St.	letter
Mrs. Robert Netz	2450 N. 120th St.	letter
Mr. Clarence Stanaway	2344 N. 124th St.	Confirmation
Mrs. Irene Stanaway	2344 N. 124th St.	Confirmation
Mrs. Elmer P. Drescher	2510 N. 118th St.	Confession
Mrs. Ewald Beeskau	1234 N. 122nd St.	letter
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Paul Gengler	W126 & W. Walnut Rd.	Baptism
Ray E. Hansen	2131 N. 118th St.	Letter
Mrs. Ray E. Hansen	2131 N. 118th St.	Letter
Winifred Matthies	2346 N. 118th St.	Confirmation
William J. Matthies	2346 N. 118th St.	confirmation
Mrs. Elroy Fellwock	RR8 Box 850N	Confirmation
Mr. Elroy A. Fellwock	RR8 Box 850M	Confession
Mrs. Henry Braun	R.8 Box 850B	Confession-letter
Henry W. Braun	R.8 Box 850B	Confirmation
Albert Wendorf	10402 W. North Ave	Confession
Edward C. Hartel*	R.8 Box 850E	Confirmation
Dorothy M. Hartel*	R.8 Box 850	Confirmation
Mr. Grover A. Guell	10402 W. North Ave.	confession
Mrs. Veronica Guell	10402 W. North Ave	Confirmation
Mrs. Clara Darling	11111 W. North Ave	Confession
Wm. H. Darling	11111 W. North Ave	Confirmation?
Mrs. Hannah Weisl	R.8 Box 848C	Confession
Shirley Pierce	2450 N. 117th St.	Confession
Cutler Savage	R.8 Box 848E	Baptism
Vivian Savage	R.8 Box 848E	Baptism
Joan M. Rivers	R.8 Box 856	Letter
Mrs. Magdalen M. Ahrendt	Rt.5 Box 297 Waukesha	Confession?
Mr. Stanley W. Ahrendt	Rt.5 Box 297 Waukesha	Confirmation
Mr. Fred A. Schmitter*	R.8 Box 855 Milwaukee	Confession
Mrs. Elvira Schmitter	R.8 Box 855	Letter
Elmer W.F. Nunnemacher	2480 W. Hadley Milwaukee	Confession
Mrs. Winona Nunnemacher	2480 W. Hadley Milwaukee	Confirmation
Virginia Schwartz	2335 N. 120 St.	Letter
Mrs. Lloyd Lynn	2323 N. 101st St.	Confession
Steven D. Pierce	2450 N. 117th St.	Confession
Carol T. Pierce	2450 N. 117th St.	Confession
Mrs. Raymond Bouton	1911 N. Lovers Lane Rd.	Confession
Mr. Raymond Bouton	1911 N. Lovers Lane Rd.	Confession
Alice Bouton	1911 N. Lovers Lane Rd.	Confession
Donald Bouton	1911 N. Lovers Lane Rd.	Confession
Mrs. Elmer Harn*	Rt.5 Box 280 Waukesha	Confession

*Did not join April 14, 1946

Children of Mt. Zion

NAME		BIRTH PLACE	BAP.	PARENTS
Robert George	Milwaukee	yes	George Wirth	
Charles Martin	Milwaukee	yes	Olive Bang	
Susan Ann	Milwaukee	yes		
Linda Ellen	Milwaukee	yes	Gustav E. Wolfgramm	
Richard Gustav	Milwaukee	yes	Dorothy Holzhausen	
Kenneth Alan	Milwaukee	yes	Donald Kliese	
			Lois Froemming	
Carol Joyce	Davenport	IA	yes	A. L. Metzger
Diane Lynn	Milwaukee	no		Alice H. Thode
Nancy Carol	Milwaukee	yes		Ralph Deff
				Amanda Buch
Roger William	Milwaukee	yes	Walter W. Schmidt	
Walter Gordon	Milwaukee	yes	Eleanor McNair	
Mary Julia	Milwaukee	no	J. M. Goodson	
Janice Kay	Milwaukee	no	Edna Thompson	
David Marion	Milwaukee	no		
Nola Viola	Milwaukee	yes	Calvin Nonnemacher	
Sheila Ann	Milwaukee	yes	Ethel Roeder	
Robert Duane	Milwaukee	yes	Herbert Moore	
Gary Allen	Milwaukee	yes	Mildred Haffner	
Patricia Eleanor	Milwaukee	yes	Henry Poellmann	
Marlene Ann	Milwaukee	yes	Sylvia Rodemann	
Karen Louise	Milwaukee	no	Harold L. Schultz	
Gary Allen	Milwaukee	no	Florence Quatz	
Karen Louise	Milwaukee	yes	F. L. Haberkorn	
Mark Leigh	Milwaukee	yes	Irene Bauer	
Richard Lee	Milwaukee	yes	Herman Schultz	
			Gertrude Steffen	
Warren Kirch	Wauwatosa	yes	Rudolph Leifer	
Paul George	Milwaukee	no	Hilmer Gengler	
Jane Katherine	Elm Grove	no	Ethel Plehn	
Elizabeth Ann	Milwaukee	yes	John Aeschlimann	
Nancy	Milwaukee	no	Louise Halscheiter	
James Bradley	Milwaukee	yes	Elmer Thiel	
			Hilda Kneek	
Robert Joseph	Milwaukee	yes	Jerry Kadlec	
Lou Ellen	Milwaukee	yes	Ruth Stauff	
NAME		BIRTH PLACE	BAP.	PARENTS
Garnet Rosemarie	Member of Heppatha Lutheran			Wm. Mueller
Lany Elmer	Milwaukee	yes	Elmer Kaiser	
Sandra Mae	Milwaukee	yes	Maxine Boggs	
Betty Louise	Milwaukee	no		
Sharon Lee	Milwaukee	no		
Robert Louis	Milwaukee	yes	Robert Netz	
Polly Ann	Milwaukee	yes	Mildred Weise	
Alfred Jack	Milwaukee	yes	Clarence Stanaway	
Diane Irene	Milwaukee	yes	Irene Schulz	
Gerald Richard		no	Elmer Drescher	
Phyllis Mae		no	Louise Protzmann	
Carol Lee	Milwaukee	no		
Richard Frederick	Milwaukee	yes	Ray Hansen	
			Marion Hansen	
Wayne Elroy	Milwaukee	yes	Elroy Fellwock	
Lawrence	Milwaukee	no	Violet Richardson	
Richard Henry	Milwaukee	yes	Henry Braun	
			Ruth Schraffe	
Howard Thompson	Milwaukee	no	Cutler Savage	
James Richard	Milwaukee	no	Vivian White	
William Cutler	Milwaukee	no		
Kathleen Joan	Milwaukee	no		
Robert Walter	Milwaukee	yes	Fred A. Schmitter	
Paul Frederick	Milwaukee	yes	Elvera Duecker	
Richard Lloyd	Milwaukee	yes	Lloyd Lynn	
Sandra Jean	Milwaukee	yes	Henrietta Backhaus	
Betty Lee	Milwaukee	yes		
Gordon Raymond	Milwaukee	yes	Stephen Pierce	
Kathleen Diane	Milwaukee	yes	Caroline Klinger	
Melvin Eugene	Wauwatosa	yes	Raymond Bouton	
Betty Jane	Wauwatosa	yes	Rose King	
Raymond James Jr.	Milwaukee	yes	Raymond Bouton	
Robert Allen	Milwaukee	yes	Laura Mesick	
Laura Marie	Milwaukee	no		
Barry Noel	Milwaukee	yes	Elmer Horn	
			Isobel Smith	

Charter Members 1967



Ewald Beeskau Family



Mrs. William Darling



Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Dibb



Mrs. Elmer Drescher



Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gersonde



Gordon Gersonde Family



Mrs. Jerry Kadlec & Kathy



Gordon Pierce Family



Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pierce



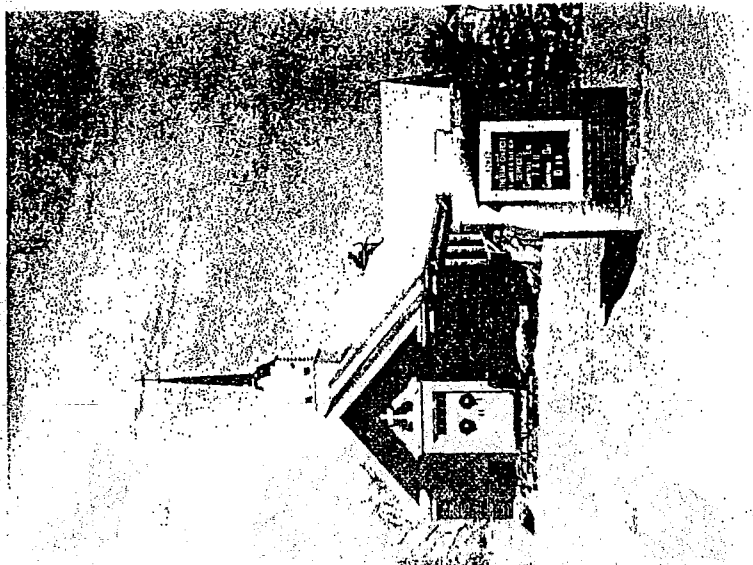
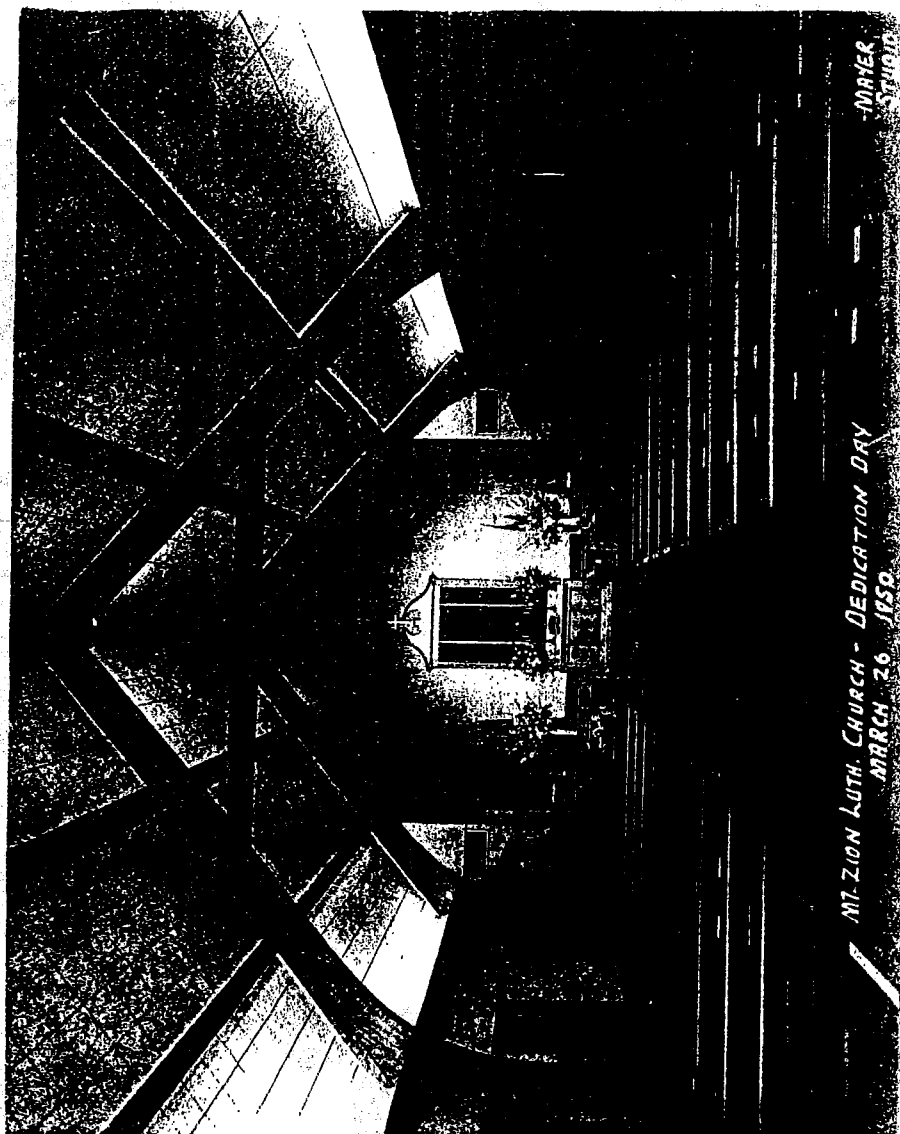
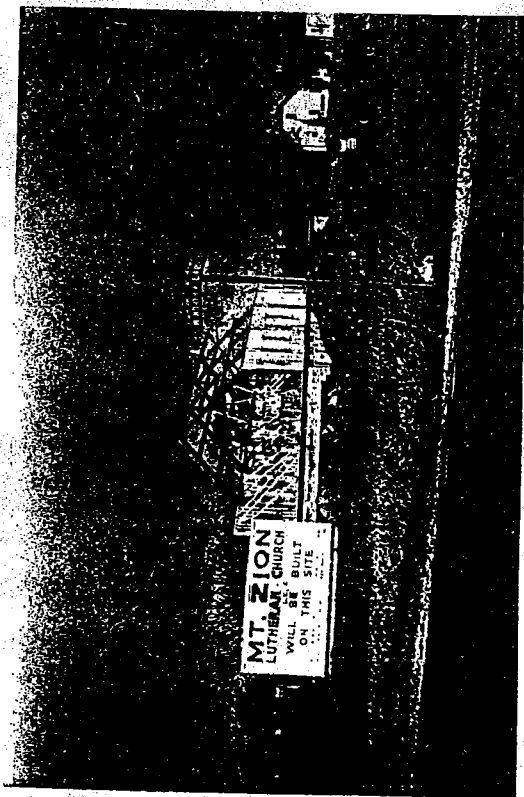
Mr. & Mrs. Cutler Savage



Mrs. Irene Stanaway & Carol



Mr. & Mrs. Gustav Wolfgramr



Growing...

Less than ten years after its organization the congregation approved building a larger church in January 1955 with additional property on 120th Street purchased in 1956. At the regular meeting September 13, 1956, the Mt. Zion Church Council passed a resolution authorizing the architects, Arthur O. Reddemann and Walter A. Domann to proceed with working drawings preparatory to receiving bids on the cost of the proposed new church.

By March of 1957 the congregation had 700 confirmed members and baptized members numbered more than 1,000. The Sunday School had an enrollment of 350 with nearly 50 teachers and staff members. The Superintendents were Mr. Roy Bellin, Mrs. Evelyn Schoeneich and Mrs. Virginia John.

Three choirs provided music for services. They were the Chancel Choir, directed by Mrs. Norman Wismer and having Albert Meisenheimer past president; the Chapel Choir, led by Miss Virginia Schwartz; and the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. James D. Bartsch. The organist was Edward Aldrich and Mrs. Wisner served as assistant organist.

Confirmation classes, a two year program, were held on Saturday mornings. There were two women's missionary societies, Irma Rheingans Missionary Society with Mrs. Robert Engelke as president. Mrs. Howard Newton presided over the Afternoon Women's Missionary Society. There was also an Altar Guild of which Mrs. Al Meisenheimer was president.

The social activities included a Couple's Club, two baseball teams and a dartball team with Orville Teichmiller as captain.

The groundbreaking for the new church was September 15, 1957 with the Cornerstone being laid on May 18, 1958.

The first service in the new sanctuary was held on Christmas Eve in 1959. The dedication of the New Church was June 14, 1959.

The new church was described in the Wauwatosa News Times as "Contemporary, Churchly" with the following description: "Tennessee crab orchard stone makes the exterior of the new structure which members of Mount Zion Lutheran Church will dedicate Sunday afternoon in the special 3 o'clock service.

"The building is done in contemporary style, yet was designed to retain a warm, churchly feeling: simplicity has not become starkness in this \$425,000 edifice, designed by Arthur O. Reddemann and Walter A. Domann.

"Aqua is the color of the narthex walls; the nave walls are a sunny yellow. Spun aluminum lights are dropped from the arched, pine ceiling. Tweed carpeting covers the aisles and the chancel, while the other flooring is beige tile.

"On either side of the altar, backed by a stone chancel wall, are especially designed stained glass windows with liturgical symbols and wording. Blues, reds, and gold are among their colors. The chancel appointments are black walnut, highlighted by brass fixtures.

Firsts...

Baptisms: The first baptism on Mt. Zion Church's records was that of Richard Gustav Wolfgramm on February 24, 1946 when he was six days old. He was baptised at his home by Pastor Shelhart. He was the son of charter members Gustav E. Wolfgramm and Dorothy Holzhausen Wolfgramm with sponsors being his parents and Mrs. L. Kliese and George B. Widule.

On April 14, 1946 16 children and 4 adults were baptised: Nancy Aeschlimann, Laura Marie Bouton, Lawrence Fellwock, Jane Katherine Gengler, Mary Julia, Janice Kay and David Marion Goodson, Betty Louise and Sharon Lee Kaisler, Diane Lynn Metzger, Karen Louise and Gary Allen Schultz, Howard Thompson, James Richard, William Cutler, and Kathleen Joan Savage along with their parents Cutler and Mrs. Savage, the other two adults were William H. Darling and Paul Gengler.

Marriages: The first marriage performed by a Mt. Zion pastor was held in St. Matthews Church on May 31, 1947. Arthur R. Zache and Doris M. Schultz were both members of Mt. Zion. The witnesses were Mrs. James Bartsch and Mrs. C. E. McGrew. Four of the next ten marriages took place in the parsonage at 2243 N. 118th Street.

On May 13, 1950 the first marriage took place in Mt. Zion Church, Frederick Marquandt and Glayds Stoddart who were both members.

Funerals: The first funeral held in Mt. Zion was that of Amalia W. Worm who

died August 12, 1947 at the age of 63 years 10 months and 13 days. The funeral was held on August 15, 1947 with the notation that it was for Rev. Niebling of St. Matthews Church. There were two other funerals that year, Jessie Check who died September 19, 1947 age 71 and Michael Green a child who died September 30, 1947.

In 1948 there was only one funeral and the first of a member of the church. Charter Member Gertrude B. Schultz died of a heart attack on October 26, 1948 at age 44 years 1 month and 3 days. The funeral was held on October 29, 1948.

Three funerals were held in 1949, none of which were Mt. Zion members. One of them was Walter Beier who was killed in World War II and the brother of Rudolph Beier.

Mt. Zion's First Church Council



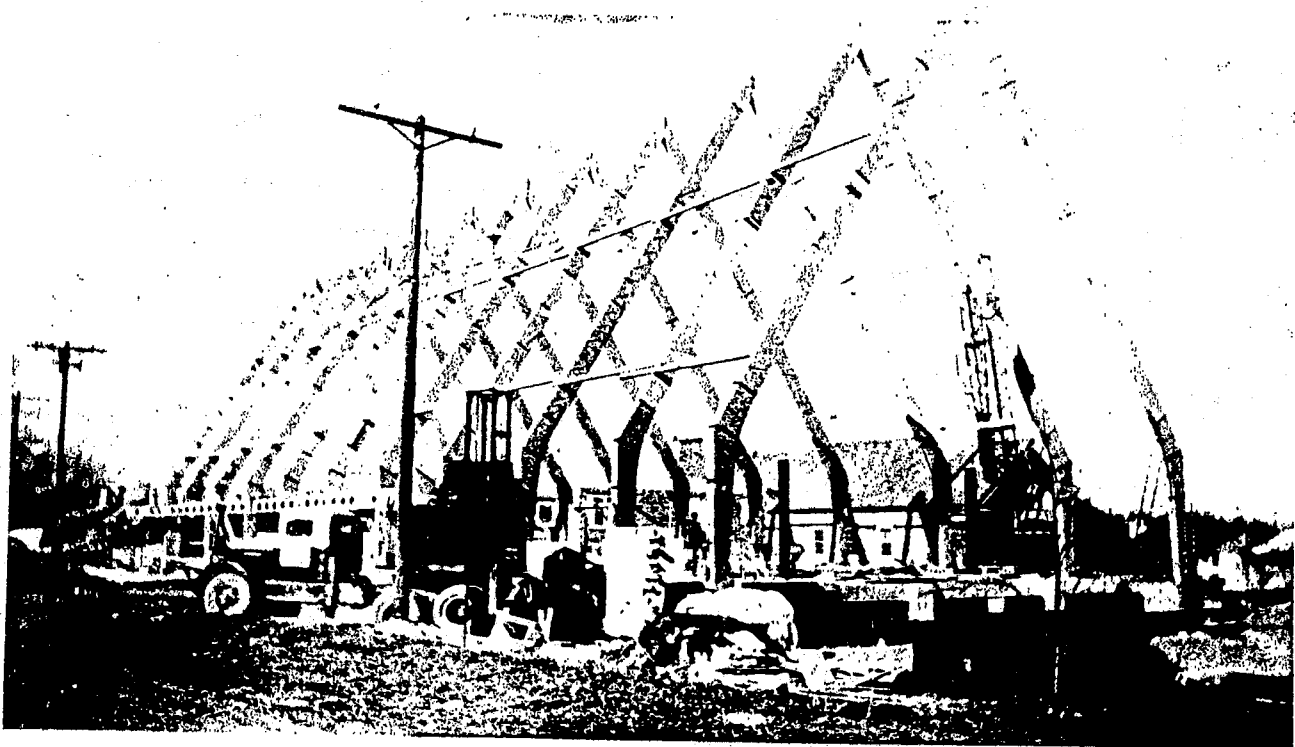
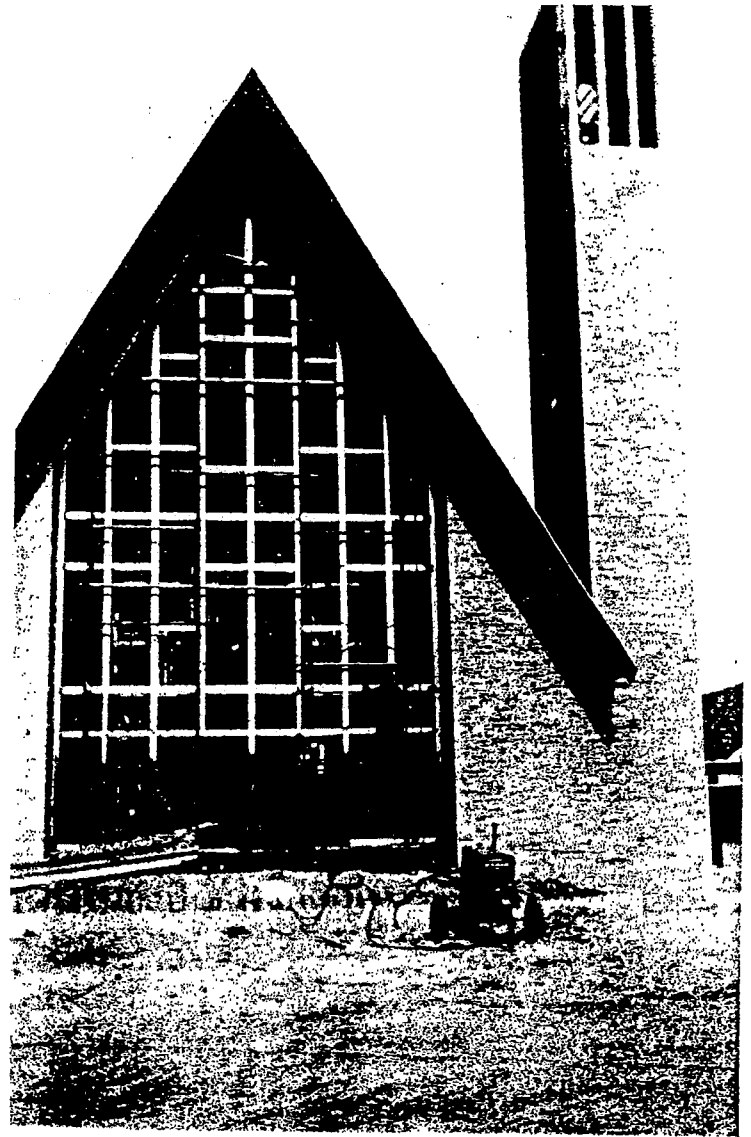
Row 2: George Wirth/Ray Hansen/Gustav Wolfgramm
Donald Kliese/Hilmer Gengler

Row 1: Pastor Shelhart/Herman Schultz/Walter Schmidt
Henry Poellmann/Wm. Mueller

"Choir space is provided in the balcony, which also houses the organ. A pipe organ is planned for Christmas, the Rev. James D. Bartsch, pastor, indicated. Seating in the new church is for 500 persons.

"The previous chapel has been retained and is used for small weddings, for baptisms, and for funerals. Other portions of the old church now are used for Sunday school rooms.

"Fellowship hall, a new area, will seat between 450 and 500 persons and also is used in Sunday school sessions. There also is a new kitchen in the building, and there are new offices."



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

The Bible
The Hymnal
The Constitution
The Currency
The Annual Report
The Paper Clipping
List of Building Costs
The Marriage Certificate

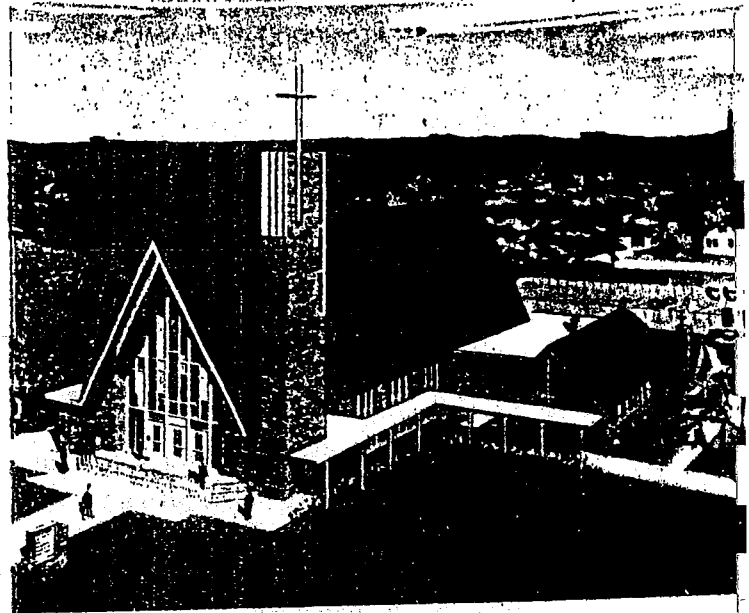
The Confirmation Certificate
The Baptismal Certificate

"The Lutheran"

Architects, General Contractors and Sub-Contractors.
Mr. George Wirth

Rev. Bartsch
Carol Eisenhardt
Orville Teichmiller
Gustav Wolfigramm
Clarence Gersonde
Janice Adams
Verdayne John
Patricia Poellmann &
Frank Schmidt, Jr.
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Pellmann

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Mr. George Wirth



120th & West North Ave.

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Rev. JAMES BARTSCH, pastor

Church: GL 3-7630

Parsonage: SP 4-3190

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CORNER-STONE LAYING CEREMONY

May 18, 1958

The Opening Hymn "I Love Thy Zion, Lord"

I love Thy Zion, Lord, The house of Thine Abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious Blood.

I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee Stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.

Jesus, Thou friend divine, Our Saviour and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe, Shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heaven.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall be said responsively

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Who made heaven and earth.
How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the Courts
of the Lord.
His foundation is in the holy mountains.
The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the
dwellings of Jacob.
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the
house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain
that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh
but in vain.

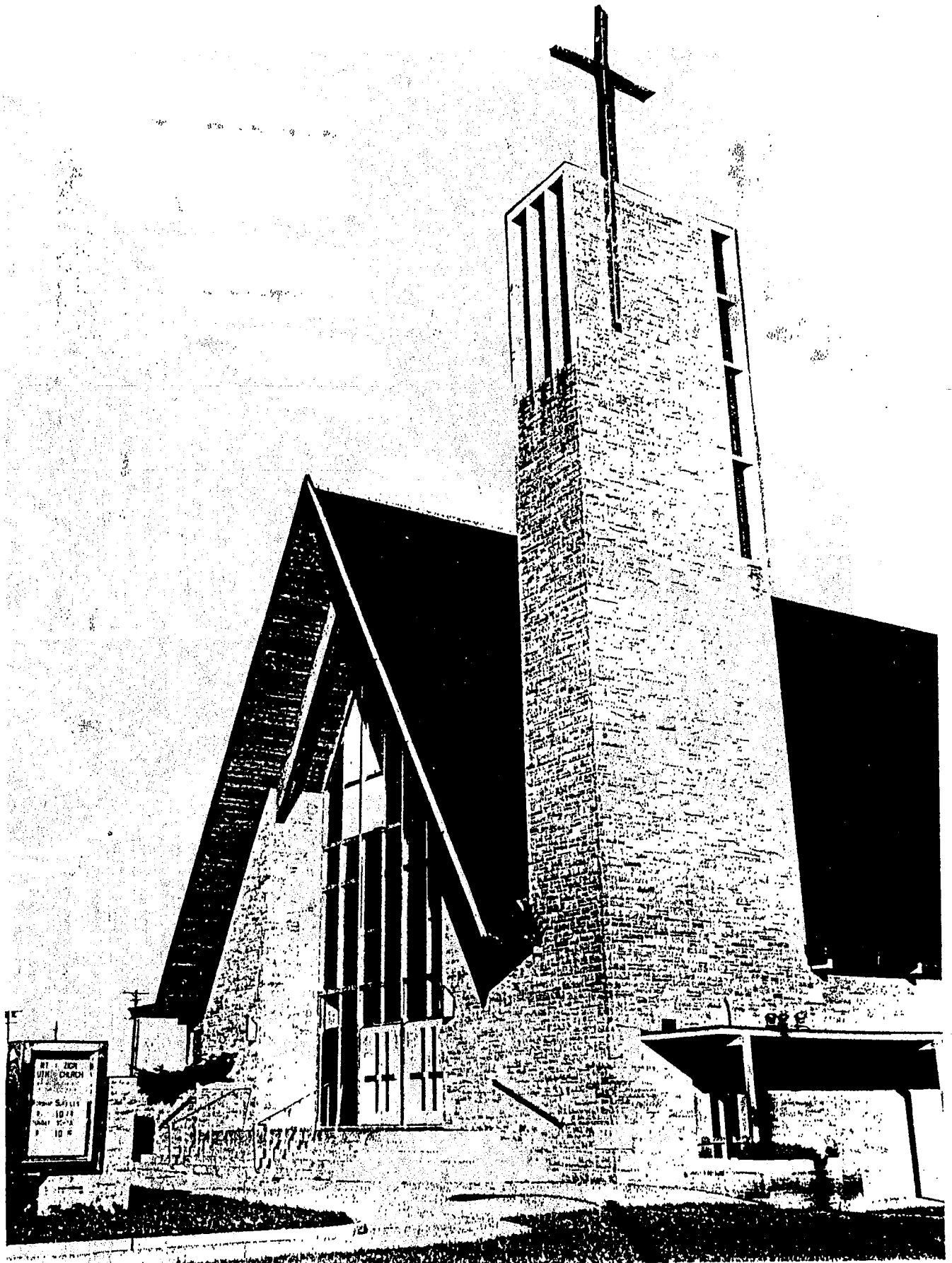
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost;

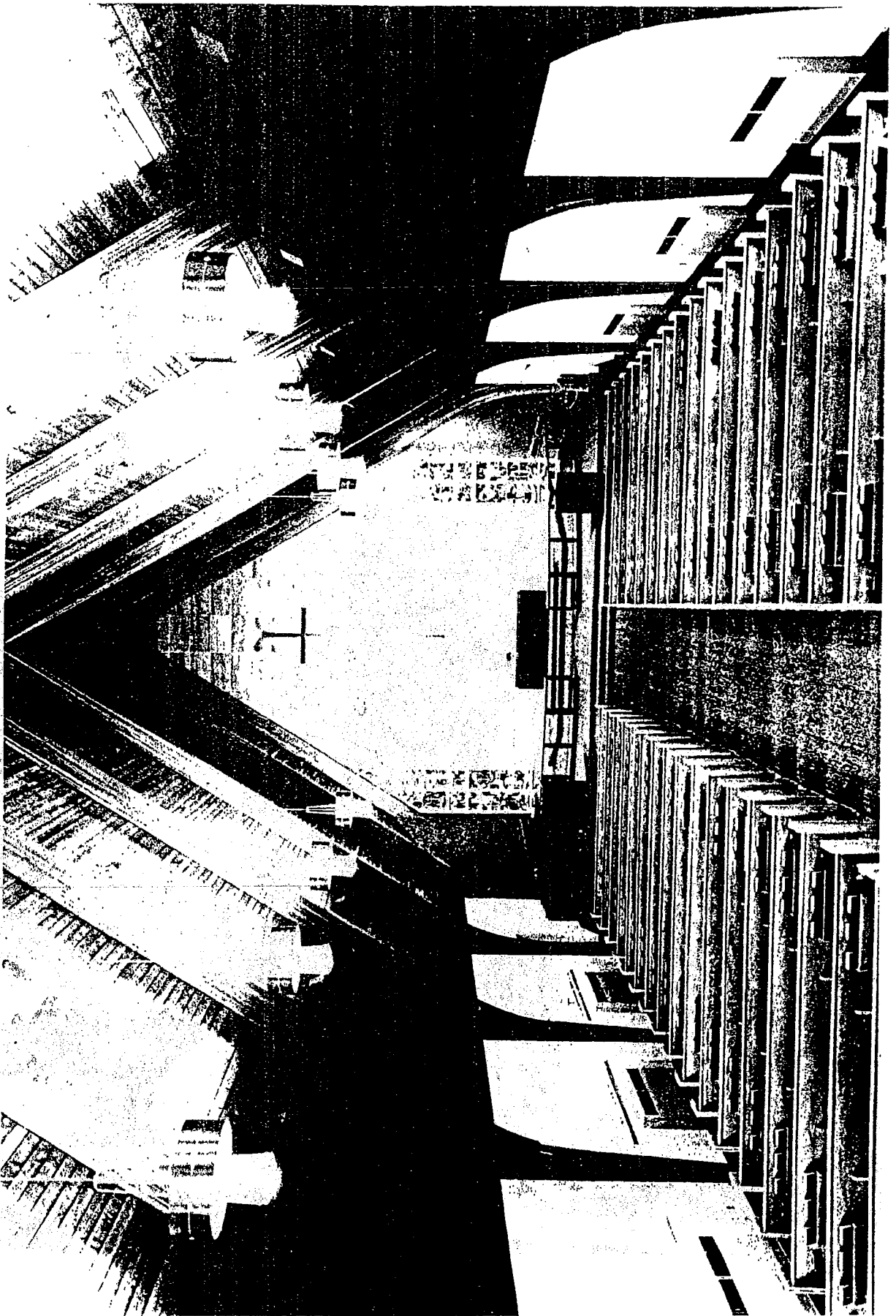
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

The Reading of the Holy Scripture	Rev. D. Erickson
The Apostles' Creed	
Brief Remarks	Rev. R. Bartsch
Placing of the Articles in the Cornerstone	
A Prayer	Rev. D. Erickson
Laying of the Cornerstone	
The Lord's Prayer	
Then shall be said responsively	
The Lord be with you	
And with thy spirit	
Bless we the Lord	
Thanks be to God.	

We are very happy that Rev. Robert L. Bartsch and Rev. Douglas Erickson are with us this afternoon on this very happy occasion. We sincerely thank them for coming to take part in the cornerstone laying ceremony for our new church.

Everyone is cordially invited to tour the new church building, to see what progress has been made. You are all invited to the fellowship hall in the present church for refreshments which our Junior Luther League has prepared.





After the Service of Dedication, a reception will be held in the church parlors, to which you are most cordially invited.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Rev. James D. Bartsch, President
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A Word of Welcome:

We welcome you to the Service of Dedication this afternoon. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we acknowledge the untold support of the members and friends of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church who have made it possible, with their financial assistance and devotion, for this beautiful church to be erected to the Glory of God and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

We also are very appreciative and thankful to the many families who bestowed special gifts upon the church to help furnish this Temple of God. A plaque has been placed in the Northex with the names of those families and persons who have generously given memorial gifts and special gifts to this church. The memorial and special gifts will be dedicated to the Glory of God on Sunday morning, June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all who have labored in the preparations for this wondrous occasion. Let us never be weary in well doing but continue steadfast in the faith and labor unselfishly to extend Christ's Kingdom on earth.

We thank Rev. Paul E. Bishop and Rev. Paul L. Roth for being with us this day in the capacity of guest pastors. We also wish to thank the members of the clergy who have gathered with us this afternoon for this joyous experience.

THE ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Three O'Clock P. M.

(The Ministers, Church Council, Building Committee, Chancel, Chapel and Junior Choirs shall gather in the basement of the new church to march in procession into the new church, bearing the Holy Bible and the Sacramental Vessels.)

Organ Prelude—"Prelude on St. Anne" Wilson Lawrence Shrode

Processional Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter here,
Where my soul, in joyful duty,
Waits for Him Who answers prayer,
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with mercy, light, and grace!

2 O God, I come before Thee,
Come Thou also down to me;
Where we had then and edify Thee,
There a haven on earth must be,
To my heart O enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now.

3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy song is duly sung;
Let my heart, where it is planted,
Bring back precious thoughts alone,
So that all I have may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thus my faith increases and quickens,
Let me keep Thy gift divine;
Henceforth I am Thine, O God,
May Thy Word still be in mine,
At my pastor's through my life,
At my comfort in my strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thine all Thy people lead,
Here of life the heavenly bread,
Here it be for all our need. Amen.

Choir Anthem—Thy Church O God (All Choirs)

Psalm 122. Lociutus Sum Rev. James D. Bartsch
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: Amen.
Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

The Ceremony of the Keys (The chairman of the building committee shall give the Keys of the Building to the Minister on behalf of his committee, the architect, and the contractor.)
Minister: Peace be to this House:
Congregation: And to all that enter therein.

Psalm 122. Lociutus Sum
I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem
Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together:
Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord; unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there are set throned of Judgment: the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will say now, Peace be within thee.
Because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek thy good.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Then shall the Holy Bible and the Sacramental Vessels be placed in the Chancel.)

The Officiating Minister, Preceding to the Altar, Shall Say:
I will go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: Let them lead me;
let them bring me unto Thy Holy Hill, and to Thy Tabernacles, that I may go unto the altar of God, unto God my
exceeding joy, and praise Thee, O God, my God.

Hymn: Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation

1 Christ, Thou art the sure foundation,
Thou the Head and Cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Building all the Church in love;
Thou Thy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence above.

2 To this temple, where we call Thee
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With Thy eternal living Word
Hear Thy people as they pray:
And Thy faithful benediction
Shed within the walls above.

3 Here we kneel to all Thy servants
Whom Thy call of love has led;
What they seek of Thee in pain,
What they give thee, Thou hast heard:
With the blessed to remain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign. Amen.

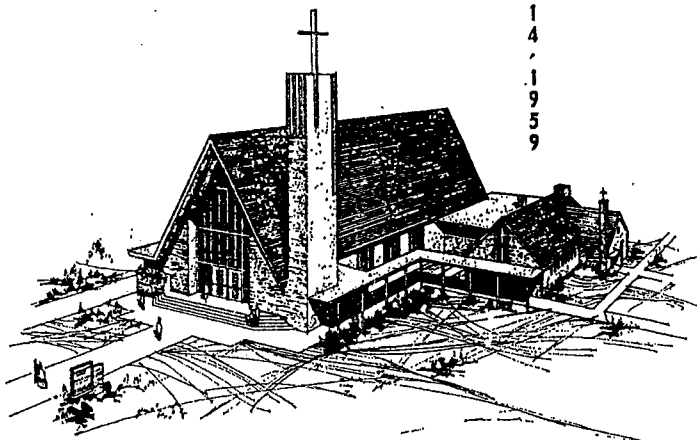
The Lessons: I Kings 8:22-30, I Corinthians 3:17-19 Rev. Robert L. Bartsch

The Dedication Prayer: (The minister standing at the altar shall say)

Let us Pray:
Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ever high upon all them that call upon Thee in truth:
Sanctify and bless this House, we beseech Thee, with Thine special presence, according to Thy promise made
through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, that they who gather here in Thy Name may be enlightened, comforted and strengthened
by Thy manifold gifts of Grace, and made meet for the inheritance of Thy saints in light.
O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou great High Priest, Who hast entered into the sanctuary on high to appear evermore before
God for us: Separate unto Thyself here a true spiritual priesthood of faithful and believing people, to offer unto
Thee within these courts their sacrifice of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.
O Holy Spirit, Who maketh the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Dwell, we beseech Thee, in those who shall

SUNDAY
JUNE 14, 1959

Dedication Day



MT. ZION ENGLISH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

12012 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

REV. JAMES D. BARTSCH, Pastor

worship here, making them Thine own temples, and uniting their hearts in faith and love, and in zeal for the progress of the Gospel among all men.
And so prepare Thy servants who worship here, that when their earthly pilgrimage is ended, they may be received into the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, there to behold Thy glory, O Everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to adore and praise Thee, One God, world without end. Amen.

The Dedication: (Then shall the Minister say)

I do now set apart this Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church as a House of God; and dedicate it to the glory and honor of Almighty God, and to the service of His Holy Church. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Collect for the Day

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is Holy: Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, our God, world without end. Amen.
Congregation: Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made: Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who speaketh by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Choir Anthem—Bless This House (Junior Choir)

Hymn: Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Jesus, still lead on,
Still our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless,
Let our faith and hope be sure;
Guide us by Thy hand
To our Fatherland.

2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let our faithless fears O'ercome us,
Let our faith and hope be sure;
Show us that bright shore
To our Fatherland.

3 When we seek relief
From a long and drear
Way, when our hearts are weary,
Mark us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we seek our rest.

4 Jesus, still lead on,
Still our rest be won;
Hear us, O Father, still direct us,
Still our path be true;
Still our Fatherland Amen.

Sermon

The Reverend Paul L. Roth, Pastor, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God:
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence:

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

The Offering

Choir Anthem—Great Is the Lord (Chancel Choir)

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Dwight H. Sheffert

Rev. George L. Lundquist

Rev. Marie G. Franke

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By water and the Word;
From heaven He came and taught her,
To be His holy Bride,
With Him our blessed Father
And ever His abode.

2 Though with a scourge weeder,
Hee set her sore oppressed;
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon our night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

3 E'er from earth's ruins
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
Ours is the victory,
Ours is the battle, ours is the strife;
For Jesus has said,
And soon our night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And heaviness of war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Organ Postlude—"Deo Gracias" Willan

Lawrence Shrode

and Glory are represented by the sword and crown.

Creation windows depict the six days of Creation. The "Crown of God's Creation" is man. The power of God is symbolized by His hand completing the work of Creation.

The left window pane of the Nativity windows symbolizes the prophesy of the coming of the Messiah. The center window is a tender and beautiful scene of the birth of Christ. The right pane symbolizes the three wise men of the East and their gifts.

In the center of the Gospel windows the twelve year old Christ is surrounded by learned scholars in the temple listening to them and questioning them. The candle in the left pane symbolizes Christ as the Light of the World. The tablets in the right pane are the ten commandments.

The Baptism windows could well be called the "Preparation Windows". In them Christ is preparing for His earthly ministry. On the left the fount is the well-spring of Redemption. In the center Christ is standing in the River Jordan being baptized by John. The right pane, Christ at the center is the vine and the apostles are the branches.

On the left of the Miracle window is beautifully depicted the first miracle of Christ at the marriage feast at Cana. The center Christ is performing the miracle of the loaves and the fishes to feed the multitude. In the turbulent pane on the right Christ is symbolized at the helm of the ship.

The Parable windows on the left depicts the parable of the sower. The center pane shows a merciful father receiving his repentant son. The right pane is the good Shepherd.

The Children's windows must be considered as a single unit because they are so closely related. Christ is beckoning to the children and in a larger sense we, all churches and all people, are truly children of God. In the lower left the artist has commemorated the slaughter of the Innocents under King Herod by showing flowers cut down by the sword. In the center we see a millstone sinking into the water. The churches at the right: The African krall, the Japanaese shrine, the Chinese pagoda and the others all illustrate the universality of Christ.

The left pane of the Passion window depicts the Chalice. In the center the sun is darkened as Mary and John watch Jesus. The right pane completes the set with the symbols of the torch of the soldiers who came to get Jesus in the garden, the sword of Peter, the scourge and the lance which pierced His side.

The left Resurrection window is the triumphant lamb of St. John's revelation standing upon the book with seven seals. In the center pane Christ rises with the pennant of victory over sin and death after the rending of the tomb by the angel. The right depicts the fiery chariot of Elijah, the symbol for the Ascension.

The Revelation windows are different in character than the windows in the Nave of the church. The theme is "Life after Death". The symbolism is principally from the book of Revelations. In the

center pane the new Jerusalem is shown on the ruins. The left pane shows the Tree of Life with the twelve fruits and the leaves for the healing of nations. The right pane the Book of Judgements suggests the Last Judgement. Christ, the Judge is shown as the cross.

The right pane of the two panes on the east wall of the Narthex symbolizes the second coming of Christ. The left side illustrates the works of Mercy in a beautiful, artistic manner.



Spiritual Pledges Are Made

From an article in the December 12, 1964 issue of the *Milwaukee Journal*.

"A Wauwatosa congregation's campaign for capital funds has taken an unusual twist, leading to pledges that members will not only increase their contributions but will also attend church more regularly and participate in Bible study and home devotions. The rev. James D. Bartsch, pastor of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 12012 W. North Ave., Friday reported these results:

532 of 581 families interviewed committed themselves to attend services from 75% to 100% of the time.

305 families committed themselves to attend at least one Bible study series annually.

488 families promised to practice daily devotions.

581 of the 625 families in the congregation pledged cash gifts of \$277,841 in the next three years to pay off existing debts on the church, which was built in 1958, and to erect a new parish education building. Pledges exceeded the goal of \$200,000.

Forty-four families could not be reached for a variety of reasons but will be contacted later. The congregation has 1,425 confirmed members.

'We plan to check periodically to seek how each family is doing so that the drive does not end here.' Pastor Bartsch observed. 'It is really just beginning. In a

sense our goal was more of a spiritual one than to raise money.'



The Cross of Mt. Zion

Pictured here is Kathy Kadlec, daughter of charter members, Ruth and Jerry Kadlec, with the Cross of Mt. Zion. The cross was the first memorial gift for the new Church. It was given by the Charter Members in memory of Donald Kliese, architect of the Chapel.

Education Building

As Mt. Zion continued to grow so did the need for additional facilities. By 1963 Mt. Zion had 1366 confirmed members with an average Sunday attendance of 650 worshipers. In January 1965 a committee for the selection of an architect was formed, the members were: Stuart Lawson, Chairman, Dr. Ben Gjenvick, Jerry Erickson and John W. Carlson. On May 25, 1965 the Church Council unanimously approved the recommendation that Architects III, Inc., Schuett, Erdmann & Gray be hired to prepare the plans for the Parish Education Building. The plans were approved and member, Verdayn John, who had also been the contractor of the large sanctuary, was the low bidder. This was a two-stage construction--the educational building and the changes to the sanctuary of the present building.

Ground breaking took place on May 15, 1966 and work started on changing the main church back to the "old world" style. All of this culminated with the Service of Dedication on November 5, 1967.

In the chancel area a circular, stone perdella, on which the Italian Marble altar stood, was built two steps above the sanctuary floor level, the chancel platform being the first. An arched canopy over the altar had recessed flood lights for the altar and this canopy was suspended by four rods from the pitched ceiling of the sanctuary. The insertion of wood screens on both the east and west sides of the chancel sought to draw a line of separation between the nave and the chancel. These had to be

vertical oak boards which allowed the stained windows behind them to be seen, at the same time cutting out the glare of light to which the worshipper could be exposed.

A Bridge connection the church with the new education wing was constructed. New church offices, meeting rooms and lounge were also part of the new building

During August 1967 plans for landscaping the church property, along with the design of the parking lot and surfacing it with asphalt, were implemented. The Youth room below the chapel sanctuary was given a special treatment, complete with pool table and lounge furniture. By September tenth, it was possible for the congregation to move back into the redesigned sanctuary for Sunday morning services. The first Sunday, however, was done without the benefit of the new pulpit, altar rails and chancel screens.

The dedication of the new building and redesigned sanctuary occurred on Sunday, November 5, 1967. Dr. Harold Lentz, President of Carthage College, was the Preacher at both morning services with his sermon, "The March of Time".

This project represented the final phase of building for the congregation - the original chapel in 1950, the new sanctuary in 1958 and the education building in 1967.

Other changes were also taking place in the church about this time. In 1968 the first two women, Mrs. Gerald (Mickie) Fort and Mrs. Vernon (Alice) Nelson, were elected to the Church Council.



GROUNDBREAKING FOR EDUCATION WING - MAY 15, 1966
 PASTOR DUANE SWENSON - PASTOR INGOLF KINDEM



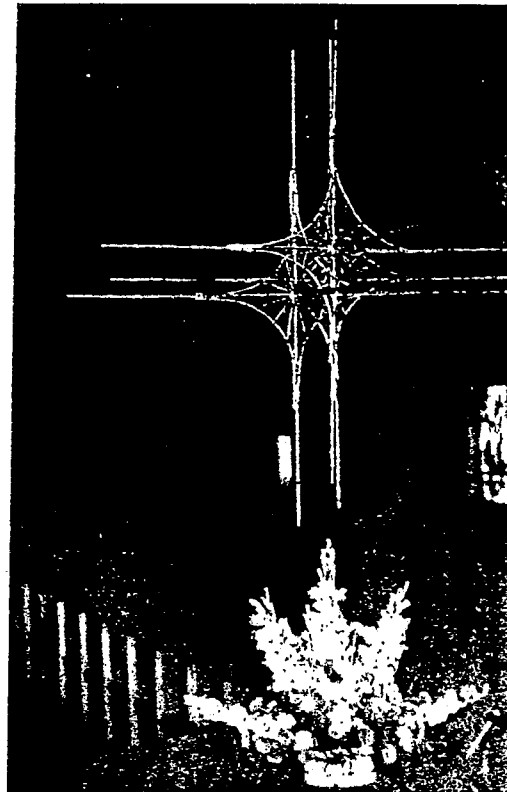
Century Appeal

In the Spring of 1987 Mt. Zion conducted a "Century Appeal" and received pledges of \$184,473 for building refurbishing and \$20,683. for the "One In Mission" appeal of the LCA. Repairs included a new roof, energy efficient and outdoor lighting, improved public address system, improvements of parking lot and walkway, tuckpointing exterior and new landscaping, some new doors, kitchen storage, carpeting, tile and refurbishment of the "Salt Cellar".

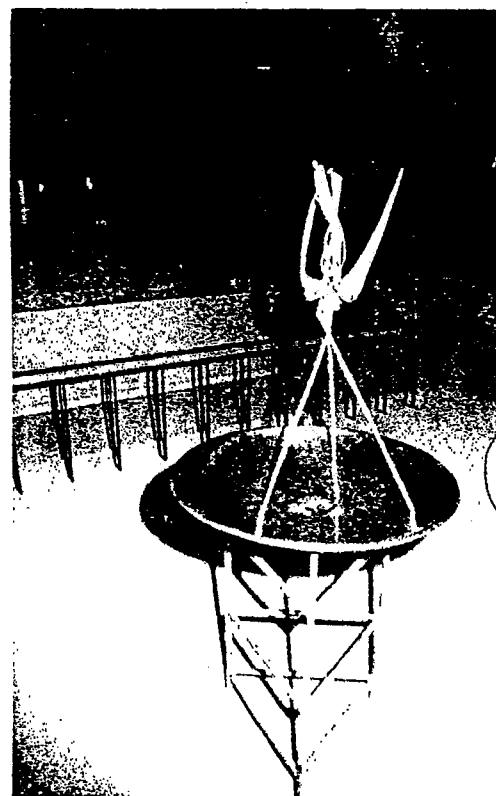
On July 24, 1988 a "Celebration Sunday" was held to celebrate what had been accomplished, the completion of most of the work, the good financial, moral, and work support of the congregation.

At this "Celebration Sunday" the twelve **Charter members** who were still members of Mt. Zion were also honored. They were:

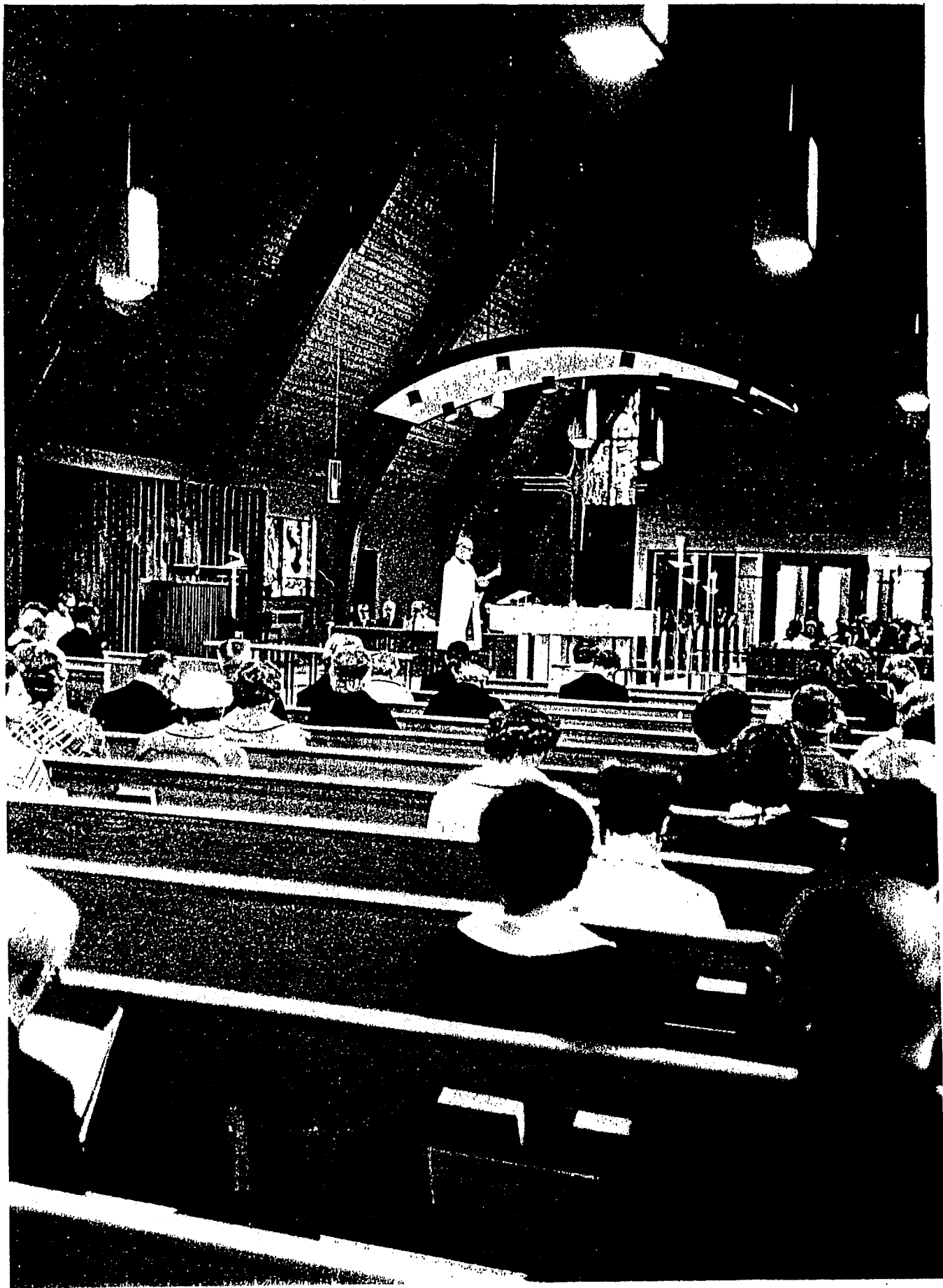
Louis Kleise Adney
Clara Darling
Ralph Dibb
Ethel Gengler
Gordon Gersonde
Ruth Kadlec
Irene Stanaway Kittredge
Henry and Sylvia Poellmann
Vivian Savage
Elvira Schmitter
Dorothy Wolfgramm



THE ALTAR CROSS



THE BAPTISMAL FONT



Pastors and Staff

Over the past fifty years Mount Zion has had a Mission Developer, Pastors, Senior Pastors, Assistant Pastors, Associate Pastors, Lead Pastors, Vice Pastors, Interim Pastors and Interns.

Our Pastors came in all shapes and sizes: young and old, male and female, single and married, tall and short. Some had long hair - short hair - no hair - curly hair - straight hair - grey hair - blond hair - dark hair - and every color in between hair - beards - mustaches - sideburns.

What we called our leaders and how they looked made no difference - **everyone** of them contributed in their own special way.

Pastors of Mt. Zion

In December of 1945 *Pastor Dwight H. Shelhart*, mission developer of the United Lutheran Church in America, called on people in the western area of Wauwatosa. The congregation first worshipped together on December 30, 1945 in the Fisher School on Highway 100.

August 1946	<i>Pastor James Bartsch, First Pastor</i>
January 1964	<i>Pastor Duane Swenson, Assistant Pastor</i>
January 1966	<i>Pastor Ingolf B. Kindem, Pastor</i>
January 1968	<i>Pastor Jim Munson, Associate Pastor</i>
January 1971	<i>Pastor Stephen Samuelson, Assistant Pastor</i>
January 1976	<i>Pastor James Mortenson, Assistant Pastor</i>
June 1979	<i>Pastor Theodore T. Youngquist, Senior Pastor</i>
1982	<i>Pastor William Truby</i>
1982	<i>Pastor Ted Johannsen, Assistant Pastor</i>
September 1986	<i>Pastor Dale R. Skogman, Pastor</i>
July 1987	<i>Pastor Michael K. Girlinghouse, Assistant Pastor</i>
February 1992	<i>Pastor Dale A. Erickson, Senior Pastor</i>
July 1992	<i>Pastor Mary Rowland, Associate Pastor</i>
April 1994	<i>Pastor Richard A. Weeden, Associate Pastor</i>
December 1995	<i>Pastor Gary A. Johnson, Lead Pastor</i>

You can see pictures of many of the pastors of Mt. Zion Church in the Fellowship Hall.

DWIGHT H. SHELHART 1945-1946

Pastor Dwight H. Shelhart was a Field Missionary of the United Lutheran Church in America. He canvassed the western area of Wauwatosa in 1945 where he found a need and a desire for a Lutheran church. He held the first service on Sunday December 30, 1945 with 98 people in attendance.

On June 30, 1946 he sent the following letter to the congregation:

"It is so ordered that my activities among you be terminated as of Sunday, July 14th. I will conduct my final service on that date.

"Steps are going forward as rapidly as possible toward the calling of a pastor for Mt. Zion. If that is not accomplished by the time I leave we have reason to believe it will not be long delayed. A regularly called pastor should be on the field by the time the 1946 fall activities are ready to begin. After my leaving the field, and until a regular pastor has arrived, the president of synod will see that regular pulpit supplies are provided and that the church services are kept on regular schedule as always.

"When I leave the field I want all things to be in the best possible order. You can all help in that good order by seeing that all your regular offering envelopes due by the date I leave are turned in by that date. The statement herewith shows your standing as of June 30th.

"The work of Mt. Zion congregation and the response of the people has given me a lot of joy and satisfaction. It is with regret that I come to sever my

connections with you but that is the regular procedure in my program of work. I like Mt. Zion a lot but now my contacts with you must give way and you must look to your regularly called pastor rather than to me. For the good of the church you must give him your wholehearted support and cooperation and forget about me. It will be impossible for me to visit among you after I have once left the field. I trust you will understand these things and will realize that it is not due to a lack of affection on my part. I seek only to serve the best interests of the congregation. A former pastor who has left the field has no business intruding in the parish of another pastor. To the one you call as your pastor is due all your interest, esteem and respect. I trust you will forget my activities among you and give your wholehearted cooperation to him.

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Very sincerely yours,

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JAMES D. BARTSCH 1945-1965

Pastor Bartsch, the first resident minister, came in September, 1945 to serve the congregation. Previously he had served as a Navy chaplain at Parris Island N.C. with the Marine Corps for 16 months.

His earlier life was spent in Minneapolis, the second son born to Dr. Carl H. Bartsch and his wife Carrie Wineow Bartsch. His father, who died in 1950, had been minister at Holy Trinity Church for 32 years. Pastor Bartsch attended Augsburg College and completed his preparation for the ministry at Northwestern Theological Seminary both in Minneapolis. He was ordained into the Holy Ministry on March 4, 1945 at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church with his father participating in the Ordination. On September 9, 1944 he was married to Rilla Mae McGrew. They have been blessed with two children, James Jr. in Charleston, West Virginia, and Kathleen Walsh in San Bernardino, California, and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

After his nineteen years of ministry at Mt. Zion, Pastor Bartsch accepted a call to First English Lutheran Church in San Bernardino, California where he spent the next ten years. That was followed by an eight year ministry at Bethany Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. and after retirement, in 1984 served as an interim pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Reno, Nevada for six months

In 1994 James and Rilla Bartsch celebrated fifty years of marriage and in

1995 Pastor Bartsch celebrated 50 years in the ministry.

We are excited that Pastor Bartsch will be with us as we celebrate Mt. Zion's 50th anniversary.

"We are looking forward to the 50th Anniversary celebration, at which time I will reflect on some of the wonderful memories of our nineteen years of ministry at Mt. Zion. It was a time of beginnings--services in the basement of Fischer School, building the first unit with much help from the members, and finally building the large edifice in 1957. It was a time of growth, slow at first with some sixty plus charter members to nearly 2,000 members nineteen years later.

"It is in a spirit of thanksgiving and love that we return to celebrate this special occasion with you. My sermon topic will be: 'On Our Way Rejoicing!'"



Mt. Zion Reminiscence - Duane A. Swenson 1964 - 1967

On a cold day in January, 1964, I came to Mt. Zion as Assistant Pastor to Jim Bartsch. My primary responsibilities were to work in Christian education, youth work, and the responsibility of helping the congregation to make a determination regarding the building of a Christian Education Unit.

My reception by the people of Mt. Zion was fantastic. My family and myself were welcomed with open arms and I immediately got to work on my assigned responsibilities. Everything came up roses. The youth were responsive to leadership but the congregation didn't have the money to build a Christian Education Unit. I set about a procedure of informing people which culminated in the hiring of Eugene Pappenheim to conduct a stewardship emphasis for the congregation. This stewardship emphasis benefited not only the financial base of Mt. Zion, but turned the congregation to an emphasis on weekly church attendance, monthly participation in holy communion, volunteer work, Bible study and the giving of a percentage of income doing the Lord's work in and through Mt. Zion. The congregation literally exploded. Church attendance was way up. The emphasis on holy communion was constantly reiterated and became the focal point of individuals in response to the Gospel. Volunteerism was rampant. Every task which needed to be accomplished had willing workers standing in line to accept the responsibility.

Our Parish Worker Ruth Cloniger and myself attended Bethel Bible Series training in Bethel Church, Madison. After a two-year intensive training of ten people, the Bible was being studied by hundreds of Mt. Zion members.

Money literally rolled in. There were people who were inspired by the Gospel to become tithers and all members of Mt. Zion concerned themselves with the concept of good Christian stewardship. As a result of these responses, our beautiful Christian Education Unit, the bridge, and the redesign of the chancel took place and were easily funded. I am getting ahead of myself.

Each Sunday evening, Luther League was made available to the youth of Mt. Zion and to the immediate community. Each young person eligible for either the junior or the senior Luther League seemed to make themselves available to regular participation. Our confirmation classes were in the hundreds of individuals. We went from one-year confirmation to two-year confirmation to three-year confirmation. Parents grouped and youth responded. Our youth went to Miami, Florida to attend a youth convention with 10,000 other members of the Lutheran Church of America. In these meetings, our youth heard from Hubert H. Humphrey, Jackie Gleason, Malcolm Boyd, and one little gnarled old Christian woman by the name of Gert Behanna. Gert so inspired us that we brought her back to be exposed to the entire congregation. Here was a person raised in great wealth, living in the Waldorf Astoria in New York, educated at the Sorbonne in Paris, a father of great wealth, a mother of great beauty and Gert turned to alcohol.

Through her reawakening to life in Christ, she witnessed to our youth about the importance of ridding oneself of all baggage that does not lead them to peace in the Lord. When confronted with Christians for the first time, they describe the fact that Gert had a lot of baggage and she had to surrender it to her Lord. Her quick comment was "You are making the Lord sound like a porter who is going to pick up a few of my heavy bags." The Christian rightfully said to her, "That is right, Gert. The Lord wants to carry your heavy load." Her inspiration caused her to spend the balance of her life talking primarily to young people and then to those other congregations that were fortunate enough to hear her. I will never forget the evening at Mt. Zion when Pastor Jim Davis from the Lighthouse Gospel Mission came into our sanctuary and gave her a hug. He, with his beautiful ebony face, had the most marvelous smile of acceptance of God. Gert looked up at him and said "Will you wait for us?" She was standing in line at the beautiful old Linden Room at Marshall Fields, awaiting dinner, wearing a crucifix with a very bold figure of Christ clothed on the cross. A haughty hostess remarked about her beautiful crucifix. She said "That is my Lord Jesus all dressed up and raring to go." When I picked Gert up at the airport in Chicago to bring her to Mt. Zion, I took a very needy member of the congregation along and we used his Imperial car. As I walked down the corridor to meet her, I knew that I would know her and she would not know me. I had been a part of the 10,000 throng. She, with a twinkle, picked me out right away. I told her that we were going to ride back to Milwaukee in Bob Houston's Imperial

and she said "I love it when the Lord hooks a man with an Imperial." She and Bob then sat in the back seat all the way to Milwaukee and they shared their experiences relating to the acquisition of wealth and the bounty of a relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Bartsch's leaving left a big hole in the congregation. I was the only clergy member of the staff during a ten month interval before Pastor Ingolf B. Kindem came to be Senior Pastor in Easter season, 1966. What a wonderful staff! Orville Teichmiller was custodian and keeper of the kingdom. His faith abounded. Caring for an invalid wife for many, many years, he had a wisdom that was resplendent with his Christianity. Orville used to say, "My mother always said that I was the flower of her life - a blooming idiot!" Orville was not idiot. He was a giving soldier in the kingdom.

Ruth Cloniger served as Parish Worker and she was a rare jewel in that position. She sponsored prayer meetings, she introduced people to a simple Bible faith and she always provided Christian literature specific to a person's needs.

Our secretarial staff consisted of Lois Johnson and Karen Torseth Funk. These two ladies are immediately assigned to the right hand of the Father; they will not pass go! they will not collect \$200. They were two of the most devoted workers ever placed in a Christian congregation.

I could go on and on and I probably will.

The Christian lay persons of Mt. Zion were ready, responsible individuals in every position within the congregation. I

yearn to tell tales of Dr. Gerald and Mickey Fort, Art and Dottie Riemer, Bob Houston, Charlie and Joanne Smith, John and Louise Carlson, Jean and John Finn, Ev and Bob Schoeneich, Lorrie Stanek, Jerry Ericson and Katie Nelson. Why Mt. Zion didn't hover in space with radiant, celestial light at that time is totally unknown to me. Jesus worked through that congregation, the Holy Spirit was active in that congregation and the Father was beneficially present in that congregation. What a thrill it was to be a part of Mt. Zion.

For two years, a group of youth and I prepared for a trip to Luther Land. Each youth was required to prove to me that they had earned at least half of the total cost of this trip themselves. We studied the history of the Lutheran Church in German, we studied the impact of the First and Second World Wars, we learned some of the German language and in the midst of the riots in Milwaukee in the summer of 1967, we journeyed to Germany. This will always be a highlight in my life. I have returned to Europe many, many times over the last 30 years but never did I see Europe in the way in which I did through the eyes of those young people. They were resplendent in their behavior, they were open to learn and we had a blast!

I put together a study group to prepare for a 1968 trip to the Holy Land with a group of people studying together and preparing themselves but it was not to be. Soon after the Germany trip, I received the call to become Senior Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Milwaukee.

How hard it was for me to leave Mt. Zion when I did. I had been made Associate Pastor with the coming of Pastor Kindem and something had happened at Mt. Zion during those days. Pastor Kindem's leadership was sound and responsible. He gave his very best and the people had a terrible time accepting him. He felt this was my fault. I had such a marvelous relationship with everybody and I had a sense of ministry based upon experiences that we had together that he had not had. It was his recommendation that I seek a different call.

I could not have known that I would be so warmly received by the members of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation or that I would soon get over my heart ache from having to leave the blessed people of Mt. Zion. The Lord has a way with people if they are open to His guidance. Doors close, doors open. I will never forget the evening of the horrible tornado in Fargo, North Dakota in June of 1957 when the Lutheran Church on North Broadway, which had recently been built, was completely demolished by the tornado. Some faithful person, moments after the tornado, put up a home written sign which said "The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh. Blessed be the Lord."

And so this ends my epistle regarding four years of sojourn in the land of Mt. Zion.



Ingolf B. Kindem 1966-1978

Pastor Kindem was installed March 20, 1966 about the same time the construction of the new education building was getting underway. Although the plans were completed before his ministry, he inherited all the problems of cost overruns, labor strikes, delivery delays, etc. The ground breaking was held May 15, 1966 with the corner stone being laid on October 30, 1967. By September 10, 1967 it was possible to move back into the redesigned sanctuary for Sunday morning services.

The dedication of the new building and redesigned sanctuary occurred on Sunday November 4, 1967. Within 17 years we went from the original chapel in 1950 to the new sanctuary in 1958 and education building in 1967. It was projected that the primary needs had been met for many years to come. Although we had indebtedness of about \$550,000.

Pastor Kindem started an "Adventures of the Mind" program. It was to provide the opportunity for interested members to meet for the purpose of discussing theological subjects on a professional level. This was suggested by a member who wanted a more solid Bible study than reading a chapter at a time. It began with Quest of the Historical Jesus by Albert Schweitzer. The first Koinonia Program was also instituted. A new series of "Adventures of the Mind" was developed on the subject of Soren Kierkegaard.

With a name like Ingolf, Pastor Kindem started the "Ingolf Open". Yes, it was a golf tournament for parishaners.

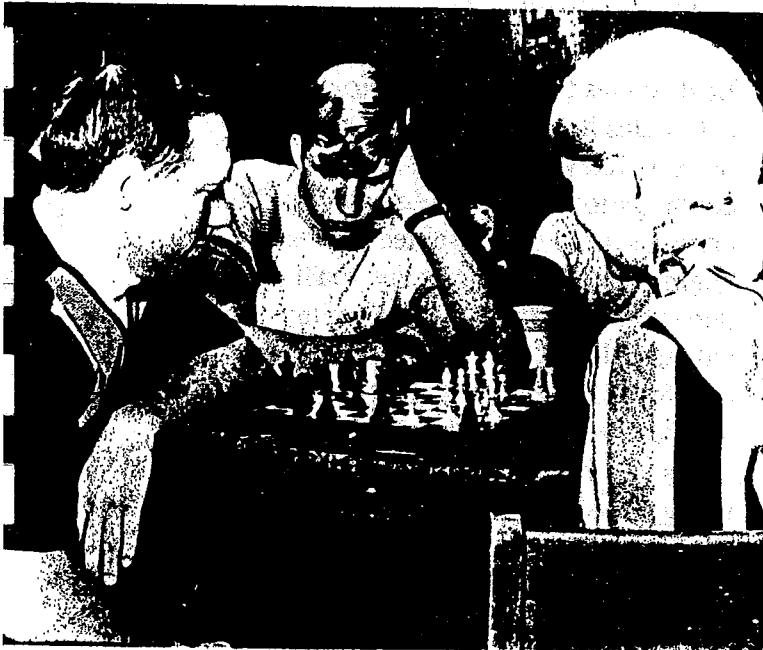
Ingolf Kindem unfortunately passed away in 1985. His wife Betty lives at Amy Bell. Their three sons and one daughter are now grown. Paul and his wife Bette live in Raleigh, NC with sons Mark and Tim; Hap (Gorham) teaches film at the University of North Carolina. His wife is Nancy and three sons Peter, Tom and Paul; Christopher is a dentist in Seattle, WA; and Heather with husband Mark Backus and children Samuel and Laura live in Tacoma, WA.



Jim W. Munson - 1968-1970

Pastor Jim Munson accepted the call to be Associate Pastor in March of 1968 and was installed on June 9 that year. Pastor Munson, his wife, Joanne and daughter spent almost two years at Mt. Zion. He resigned to become Pastor of two churches in Ceresce, Nebraska in December of 1970.

Pastor Munson was instrumental in developing the "Off North" meeting place for area teen-agers.



Steven D. Samuelson - 1971 - 1975

I have many great memories of my ministry at Mount Zion from 1971-1975. Chief among them is the warmth of the congregational members. I value the memories of shooting pool with Sandy Hanisch and friends in the basement, having conversations with the "Facts and Feelings" ladies in the lounge, eating lunch with the senior citizens and their directors, practicing with the choir, and sitting through Harvey Hauboldt's lengthy treasurer's reports (and side comments) at the council meetings. I remember when Ted Crawford came right out and asked me if I was a Democrat or a Republican when I met the council during my initial interview. All of these memories I deeply cherish.

Of course, I have lots of good memories of working with the youth. Part of it was the big years of the musical productions. As I recall we had 100 kids--including a 17 piece band under the direction of Johnny Schaefer and a 10-person light and sound crew--putting on "Jesus Christ Super Star" or "Godspell" in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. The performances at the synod assembly and at the renovated opera house in Copper Harbor were particularly notable. Those kids were the most talented and dedicated I've ever worked with. Interestingly, director Glen Christensen is a son of the congregation I now serve. Unfortunately, he's been a paraplegic since an auto accident on Easter morning about three years ago, on his way to sunrise services at the Grand Canyon. (He's now on the staff at Pine Lake).

I'd like to relive many days at Mt. Zion--especially days of laughter and shared meaning with good friends, Hitch and Betty, and the many members I had the chance to serve in pastoral situations of marriage, birth, and dying. Ones I would not want to relive involve chaperoning the Salt Cellar. While kids from church appreciated having a Saturday night place to go, arranging the program was a lot of work for a bunch of ungrateful kids from the community. I can't believe the council let us smoke up the chapel each Saturday night like that. But, then again, that was the early '70's.

Staff relationships were excellent during my tenure at Mt. Zion. I loved working with Hitch and could not have had a better colleague with whom to begin my ministry, and Bernice Bufton and Joan Smith were just wonderful and made coming to work each day a joy. I'm sure I would have stayed longer had not an opportunity in college chaplaincy suddenly opened up.

Best wishes to the congregation as it celebrates its fiftieth year. It's hard to believe that when I arrived the congregation had just celebrated its 25th anniversary. I am delighted that as you begin your next half century you'll be under the pastoral leadership of my valued colleague Gary Johnson, whom I met when I hired him to be our director for the first Synod Youth Leadership School at Suomi College. You are lucky, indeed, to have Pastor Johnson. He is just as fortunate.

Cordially,

Stephen D. Samuelson

Intern Scott Kling, Intern Paul Dawson, Pastor Steve Samuelson



Pastor Duane Swenson, Pastor James Bartsch



James Mortenson "P.J." - 1976 - 1979

Ah Mt. Zion, My First Love
And God knows...I was in Love with
you.

I Loved your people...your saints of
yesterday - your children - your shut-ins
your enthusiasm for ministry.

And oh how I loved teaching within
your walls - and outside your walls -
Youth Bible Studies in a different home
each week - you opened your doors and
your hearts to me, but more
importantly to "others".

I brought you the dream of Special
Guest Parties and telethons for MDA
And the Pony Express Stewardship
Drive complete with covered wagon and
saddle bags - and I wore western gear.

We shared laughter - with Advent
Breakfasts and Lenten Breakfasts - and
classes in the Library Lounge - and a
program called "Word and Witness" and
your Staff became my immediate family
and I loved you very much...

There was "Dry Bones" and "Godspell"
and "Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat" and Youth
Trips and conventions -

And yes, I threw an eraser or two - but
only to keep my confirmands connected
and excited about God's Word. And I
stood on a table or two - to make a point.
And I told stories and dreamed with you
of what we could do more.

Then there was that Sicilian donkey for
Palm Sunday that marched right down

your aisles, then - was corralled in the
Narthex ... for pictures... and petting ... it
was fun.

I bet you never heard about my organ
playing late at night (not realizing the
outside speakers were on) at around
11:00 or 11:30 pm. - wearing only a pair
of cut-offs - and the Tosa police were
called - and I had to explain who I was
and why I was there.

or

The time after "Hitch" left and I was
alone and had my first funeral with the
body being present at the church
overnight - So again - this time I called
the police to inform them that a body
was present - and again - they showed up
right away -

-or- the "love note" I received saying
that "I looked like a long-haired
motorcycle jockey - lacking only the
helmet" - so - that very next week I
bought a Honda 550 - and rode it to
church with robes flying behind me -
down North Avenue.

And then, while practicing my turns
in the North parking lot - I hit a pothole
and ended up in a neighbors yard - (the
bike stayed in the pothole).

And the little-children in Teaching
Centers - who said "Hi Jesus" -
whenever I met them - in the hallways -
they liked the beard - and then, later -
playing Santa for them-

or

Meeting weekly with the Senior Citizens
Club for "Happy Talk with P.J."

I loved you then
I love you still
You were my first love.
A man never forgets his first love.

Congrat's on your Anniversary -



Theodore A. Youngquist - 1979 - 1985

We arrived in Wauwatosa in August, 1979, having been pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois for eleven years. Mt. Zion had been without senior leadership for nine months.

Agreeing with the suggestion that we live in the Mt. Zion 'neighborhood', and helped by real estate agent Dan Connell, (son of Rex and Jeanne Connell) we purchased a home at 2645 North 115th St. Our immediate neighbors were Alderman George and Dorothy Mathes (south), and Gary and Renee Goll (north). Jim and Grace Goll were across the street. Being welcomed with a large greeting on the front lawn, we felt right "at home".

Continuing on the church staff were Ed Wise, organist/choir director; Assistant Pastor P. J. Mortenson (soon to become pastor at All Saints, Oak Creek); Bernice Brown and Ellen Anderson, secretaries; and Orville Teichmiller, custodian.

In congregational life, evangelism and stewardship became immediate priorities. The Sunday Church School was revitalized, and the catechetical program emphasized. Gladys Limehouse and Philip Kasbeer became great helpers. Gladys also shared in producing two children's musicals (written by Marion) - "Professor Tinker" and "Little Critters" - the latter a joint production with Faith Lutheran, Glen Ellyn, IL. When they arrived in January, the performance meant stalled cars in record cold weather, and 40 shivering youngsters and sponsors. We grew as hardy Christians!

Adult Forum programs were focused on the LCA's outreach ministries, with national leaders and speakers when available. A Tuesday morning breakfast group began in Lent, 1981, and continued for many years.

Christmas and Easter were always special. Don Schneider and his crew decorated huge magnificent Christmas Trees, and Joe Winek made the great German Pyramid which allowed all of us on Christmas Eve to become "children", filled with the wonder of the night. The Good Friday to Easter Prayer Vigil culminated in the early morning transformation of the earthly darkness to the Resurrection Day light, which Don and his crew again made possible, and with spring came the rose garden, tended by Floyd Johnson and Bill Anderson.

The congregation's support of Marion's full length plays like "The Distelfink" was great. While at Mt. Zion she edited the Synod news and became active on the Wauwatosa Public Library Board.

Our "history" includes staff changes and additions with Karen Soli and Mary Ellen Promersberger, secretaries; Louise Torseth, Administrative assistant; Alice Zweifel, Christian Education Director; and Farrell Smith, custodian. Intern Vicars were David deFreese, Bill Shepard, and Charles Miller. Ted Johannsen became an Assistant Pastor, and the parsonage was purchased for the family at 1424 N. 117th St.

Personal highlights are warmly remembered, especially the surprise 35th Anniversary celebration of my ordination (1946). Roy Bellin was chairman and "emcee" and along with

David deFreese and Donald Dahlquist did an outstanding job. Family and friends from a wide area were here in May, 1981.

In April, 1985, I decided to announce "Transitional" retirement from parish ministry. Thirty nine years of strenuous activity had taken its toll. The farewell party on June 2 was a wonderful celebration. Glen Holmquist as "emcee" kept us in high humor.

Upon leaving Mt. Zion I did part time ministry for the LCA, and more recently have been busy with Interim pastorates, Sunday preaching, volunteer work for the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, and Bethphage Mission (our ELCA ministry to the Developmentally Disabled).

When we think of Mt. Zion, Marion and I always remember you as dear people who welcomed us warmly, and served helpfully. We transferred our membership to Redemption congregation because - like parents with adult children - we wanted Mt. Zion to be free to pursue it's own destiny. We wish for you another good fifty years as you re-commit yourselves to worship and service.

Pastor T. A. Youngquist

Prior to coming to Mt. Zion, Pastor Youngquist and family served Faith Lutheran, Glen Ellyn, IL; Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, NE; First Lutheran, Cedar Rapids, IA; Trinity Lutheran, Akron, OH; and began his ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran, Sacramento, CA. He and Marion have four grown children: Eric, Marcia,

Margaret and Mary Ellen; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. They now live at 4481 N. Glenway St. in Wauwatosa.

Besides Mt. Zion's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1996, we must also say **"CONGRATULATIONS"** to Pastor Youngquist on the 50th Anniversary of his ordination!!



Ted Johannsen - 1982

Pastor Johannsen served as an assistant Pastor for about a year. He and his family were the first family to move into our parsonage.



William Truby - 1982

Pastor Truby and his wife Nancy were members of Mt. Zion Church. Although he was not on the staff, he did serve as Chairman of the Property Committee and many Sundays he could be found in the pulpit as a guest preacher. Pastor Truby was President and Executive Officer of the United Lutheran Program for the Aging (Lutheran Manor). He was ordained in 1969 and retired in 1992. He now serves as a consultant for the United Lutheran Program for the Aging and has made his home in Oostburg since his retirement. Pastor Truby and Nancy have four grown children, Michael, Dorothy, Amy, and Polly.

CARL LUND 1985

For a brief time I was privileged to serve as the Vice Pastor, during the time that the congregation prepared to call Pastor Dale Skogman. My time as Vice Pastor did much to continue building close ties with other area sister Lutheran congregations in Wauwatosa.

First I thank God for the many ways that the ministries of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church have helped shape God's children and the community that you have been called to serve your first fifty years of life. You have reached a golden milestone. I have particularly appreciated Mt. Zion's wonderfully cooperative attitude of doing shared ministry with other sister Lutheran congregations. My first memory of Mt. Zion was an evening I spent with your

former assistant pastor and seminary classmate, Steve Samuelson. My next memory was the gracious welcome I received from your pastor Ted Youngquist when I moved to Wauwatosa. We were able to share many ministries together between our two congregations, vacation church schools, youth ministry events, and the building of close relationships between members of our respective congregations. When Pastor Dale Skogman arrived, it was a joy to build on cooperative ministries with Redemption Lutheran Church.

I believe that the next fifty years of Lutheran congregations will reflect a greater cooperative spirit with neighborhood churches. To be wise stewards of the rich resources God has given each congregation. I believe we will grow tremendously by sharing the strengths congregations have with other churches.

Yesterday afternoon I stopped by to briefly meet your new pastor, Gary Johnson. It will be a continuing privilege to work with Pastor Johnson and Weeden as Mt. Zion begins their next fifty years of service in God's Name. I end with the Good Word of the Lord that will be proclaimed this coming Sunday, December 10, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may be rich in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans Chapter 15, Vs. 13)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Carl Lund

Dale R. Skogman 1985 - 1991

The life of Mt. Zion was inter-twined with mine for almost six years. Good years! Years Filled with many memories of people, places, programs, and change! It's impossible to recapture all that transpired in those years, but I'll share a few reflections that tumble through my mind:

Staff, coming and going: Ed, Mary Ellen, Marilyn, Farrell, Kathy, Tom, Alice, Barb, Mike, Pat, Mark, Larry...

Refurbishment, everywhere: Salt cellar, parking lot, planters, landscaping, lounge, sound system, church roof, ETC!

New Programs, initiated: Congregational Serving Groups, Young Adult Fellowship, Junior Youth Group, Lenten Soup Suppers, Handbells, Electronic Keyboard, Children's Sermons...

Associate Pastor, position restored.

Theft: Who stole the whole Easter offering...and my camera???

Negative Press: We "threw" the "Holy Family" in the dumpster and made the front page of the Milwaukee Journal!

Pathos: Jon Zimmerman's untimely death and the "mile long" cortege to the cemetery.

Outreach: The "Vision for Mission" appeal and financial support for St. Francis and The Gathering Place.

Festive Worship: Dozens of Poinsettias at Christmas, Lilies at Easter,

Geraniums at Pentecost, Candles on All Saints Day, and much more...

Pulpit Empathy, ranging from laughter in a graphic "stringing pearls" sermon, to tears as I shared the pain of a son leaving home!

Drama, like the day the workman on the steep church roof slid from the top, finally catching hold of the gutter!

Celebrations: Mt. Zion's 40th Anniversary and Pig Roast; My 25th Anniversary of Ordination; My 50th Birthday; and the Farewell Celebration after my election as bishop!

God's People: Most of all, I remember the "People of God", gathering in worship and departing to serve each other and the world!

Bishop Dale R. Skogman was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1939 and was ordained in Metropolitan, Michigan on May 30, 1965. He married Josephine (Jo) A. Larson in 1964 and was blessed with three children, Laura 28, Bradley 27 and Leah 25.

From 1965-1971 he served at South Range Lutheran Parish in Michigan, and 1971-1976 First Lutheran in Gladstone, Michigan. From 1976-1985 He was Pastor at Holy Communion Lutheran in Racine, Wisconsin, coming to Mt. Zion in 1985. He was elected Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA in 1991 and returned to Michigan.



Pastor Skogman, Pastor Girlinghouse, Farrel Smith, Pat Haarmann
Barbara Vasko, Kathy Zimmerman Roesch, Alice Zweifel



Dale R. Skogman
Pastor

Michael K. Girlinghouse 1987 - 1991

As I look back on my four years at Mount Zion I realize that Mt. Zion was a good place to serve as a "rookie" pastor straight out of seminary. The people of the congregation were supportive, understanding, forgiving and yet, held high expectations for me and my work. Dale Skogman was a wonderful teacher and example. From him, I learned how to do the business of the church, and how to organize and carry out the work of ministry. From Alice Zwiefel, I learned how to put together a Christian Education program that is efficient and that works.

I have many fond memories from my time at Mount Zion. There are a host of experiences with the youth groups that will never be forgotten. For example, I vividly remember the Middle School dances (including some fireworks), the trips to Great America, the horseback riding trips with King's Kids and playing Sardines in the dark church at Lock-ins, to name just a few. The Habitat for Humanity workdays, Special Guest nights and the ministry done with partner congregations in the heart of the city like Incarnation and Reformation were some of the most meaningful experiences of my ministry to date. I also shaped my skills as a teacher during those years at Mt. Zion. The two classes that stand out in my mind are the Word and Witness Group I led and the class on Islam we did during the Gulf War.

Many of these experiences have become recurring themes in my ministry and continue to inform and shape what I do in my current call. However, the best

experiences are the ones that happened one on one or informally between myself, my family and the people of the congregation and community. The conversations, the crises and joys shared, the laughter and the tears and the moments of prayer are the things that truly shaped my life and my ministry at Mt. Zion.

I was born in Milwaukee in March of 1961 and was baptized at Nazareth Lutheran Church (LC-MS) in April of that year. When I was 13, my family moved to a home south of Wisconsin Rapids, and I was confirmed in that community. I graduated from Nekoosa High School, Nekoosa, WI in 1979 and left for college that fall. In 1983 I received my BA from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and even more important, married Terrie Wegner. From there, we went to Chicago, where I received my Master of Divinity Degree in 1987. I was ordained in June of 1987 and began my ministry at Mt. Zion. In 1990, our daughter Rebecca was born. She was baptized at Mt. Zion in January 1991.

I left Mt. Zion in the late summer of 1991 to take a call in Wayne, Nebraska. In Wayne, I served Redeemer Lutheran Church as associate pastor and at Wayne State College as campus pastor. I left Wayne in February of 1995 to accept my current position as campus pastor at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD.

In Christ,
(Pastor Mike)
Pastor Michael K. Girlinghouse

Kenneth W. Wheeler 1991

The Rev. Kenneth W. Wheeler currently serves as Assistant to Bishop Peter Rogness and as Synod Interim Pastor. This was the position he held at Mt. Zion in 1991. He is married to Cloria who is an Administrator for Milwaukee Public Schools. They are the parents of Kenneth 17, Eric 15, and Harrison 8.

Thanks for the opportunity to share with you my recollection of my days at Mt. Zion. I remember the warmth, the energy and the joy that filled the worship space on Sunday morning. I remember also the uniqueness of the worship space and my trying to make sure that I kept eye contact with both sides and not lose my place in the manuscript.

I think back to my first children's sermon and my leading the children to sit in the space that I had chosen only to look back to see that they had all sat in a different place and my sheepishly moving over to join them.

I remember the visits in homes and the many stories I heard that enriched my life and that fed my spirit.

I remember the people, the wonderful people who laughed and played and worshiped together, who cared deeply and who demonstrated that caring in significant ways.

I remember the leaders who worked tirelessly, who gave so much, who loved Mt. Zion with a passion.

I remember the good-bye time. I remember it was the first good bye that

was hard to say. But the people, and the friendships made, I will never forget. Indeed, thanks for the memories and the gift that you were to me.

In peace

The Rev. Kenneth W. Wheeler
Assistant to the Bishop



DALE A. ERICKSON 1992-1993

Remembering the precious moments we shared in worship at Mt. Zion, I say on your 50th Anniversary: "Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." 2 Timothy 1:2

I was invited to write a few lines for your Commemorative Booklet, and I am happy to do so. For I recall with joy the excitement of the call and start of my ministry at Mt. Zion. People responded to new Lenten and Holy Week Services, and a seven week Easter celebration, well-advertised with the beautiful sign on North Ave, culminated with an Ascension Day Festival Service. I am thankful for the additional services we offered to the community on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve. The long overdue organ renovation was planned and ordered while I was pastor, and I was delighted to hear of your dedication of this instrument to enhance your worship of our gracious God.

Also as I reflect on my time with the people of Mt. Zion, the many personal visits and conversations with homebound and inactive members come to mind. Baptisms, weddings, memorial services flood into memory. I treasure the many persons who affirmed my work and prayed for me in times of testing. The people who shared Bible study with me, tutored children at Incarnation, joined Mt. Zion while I was there--all are held in my heart. I am thankful for the successful surgery experienced in Lent of 1993, my second year there.

I never wanted to leave Mt. Zion, but God has often led me to places I did not think of going. Some key leaders and I

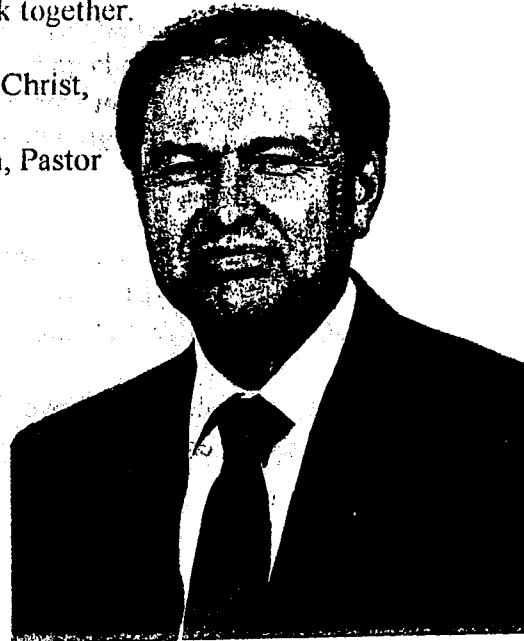
had different perceptions of the mission of the congregation and role of the Senior Pastor. When it became clear that the church council and personnel committee had different expectations than I of our future together, I became open to a new call to ministry elsewhere. Thank God for the patience and consideration of all the people of Mt. Zion. You enabled me to stay in the ministry I dearly love.

I pray for you as you move forward together in Christ. May God richly bless your pastor/people partnership, so that you and unchurched people in your area may grow through your witness.

In addition to "Mt. Zion experiences, memories or reflections", I was invited to include a short biography. Born and reared in New Orleans, trained in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, I served churches in Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Early in my ministry at Zion in Wausau, where I served for 18 years before coming to Mt. Zion, our church joined the AELC and helped in the merger to the ELCA. My spouse Mary and my children, Rachel and Nathan, have been a great part of my life. I now serve at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, where God is blessing our work together.

Peace and joy in Christ,

Dale A. Erickson, Pastor



MARY ROWLAND 1994-1995

As one of your former pastors and now, as a pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, one of your partner congregations, I celebrate with you Mt. Zion's 50th Anniversary Year!

With not much time having passed since I left Mt. Zion it seems difficult to already "remember, back when..." But, of course, many people, events and day to day ministries are memorable. I especially miss our Social Ministry supper meetings at one another's homes. I am glad you carry that on! I realize it can get tedious deciding where to meet and what to eat, but the style fits the ministry! Have more committees caught on to "breaking bread" together?

The community event I remember most is the debate over the cross in Wauwatosa's emblem. The Adult Studies Committee spent considerable time dialoguing about that issue before we could plan a congregational dialogue. The variety of civic, religious, and personal viewpoints were present even in our little committee!

Yes, it is possible to have fun on a youth ski-trip without skiing -- I did it twice!

This Christmas I thought of our Special Guests and the Special Guest Committee every time I heard "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

To say the least, the wedding shower/program you had for Andre and me was memorable. And then, so you could "complete" your work, you showered us again before Serianne's

birth when I was an interim pastor. Thank you again for your generous spirit and gifts!

The varied people Mt. Zion is its gift to the larger people of God, and to its own community, because the work of Christ Jesus is varied! I was excited about the ministries and the "team" spirit I found and joined there among you. Now I look forward to a new kind of teamwork with you all through Reformation's and Mt. Zion's partnership. May you be a blessing to the Wauwatosa community for another half-century and beyond!

Blest Be!

Pastor Mary Rowland



Mary A. Rowland
Associate Pastor



Andre Sjavag

RICHARD WEEDEN 1994 - 1996

Pastor Weeden had been an ordained minister for thirty years when he came to Mt. Zion from being chief of the chaplain Service at the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. Prior to that he was a chief chaplain at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Before his VA experience he had been the Senior Pastor of a congregation in Muncie, Indiana and developed a new congregation and was the first Pastor at Matawan, N.J.

Pastor Weeden is originally from New Jersey and attended Rutgers University for his undergraduate degree and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary (now Luther Seminary) in Minneapolis for his theological training. His choice of seminary was influenced by Beverly, who is from Minnesota and his spouse of thirty nine years. Beverly is the Office coordinator in the Office of Research and Evaluation at Alverno College. She has been a very active member of Mt. Zion and serves as Sunday School Superintendent.

Pastor Weeden and Bev live in Greenfield and have two grown daughters, Barbara in Washington, D.C. and Gail in Chicago along with "Josh" a thirteen year old malamute/shepherd. Pastor Weeden's hobbies include ham radio, home computing, music, walking and sports. We are all familiar with his guitar playing at our early service.

Pastor Weeden has opted for early retirement in May. He will be sorely missed, but we can only wish him and Bev the best of everything and thank

them for all their contributions to Mt. Zion.

Congratulations



on Retirement!

Frank Bauman - 1995

Although Pastor Bauman served for less than a year as an interim pastor, he brought stability, strength, vision and changes to Mt. Zion. Pastor Bauman did not receive the warm welcome at Mt. Zion that he had hoped for--the first Sunday he was here in February there was no heat in the church. On his second Sunday he asked, "What are you all doing here--you all received a pink slip last week!" He immediately set out to change the color and improve our communication cards.

He will be remembered for his compassion, sense of humor, motivating people, animated announcements, Birkenstocks, but mostly for his "Let the congregation say AMEN".

AMEN!!

GARY D. JOHNSON 1995 -

Pastor Gary Johnson, our current Lead Pastor, began his duties at Mt. Zion on Sunday, December 3, and was installed by Bishop Peter Rogness on December 17, 1995.

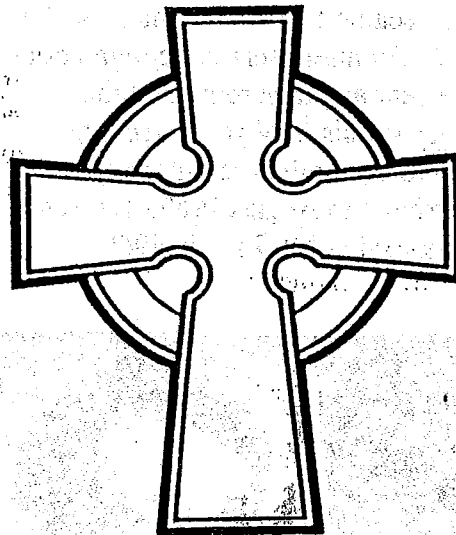
He came to Mt. Zion from Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, Michigan, a Detroit suburb, where he served for the past fifteen years. During his tenure the membership tripled with a professional staff of nine.

He attended Wittenburg College in Columbus, Ohio, and received his theological training at Hamma Divinity School (now Trinity Seminary of the ELCA). He holds his Doctor of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

Although a self-described workaholic, Pastor Johnson enjoys reading, fishing, gardening, watching sports, cooking, and traveling in his leisure time. He has been to the Holy Land several times, and generously shares his first-hand knowledge with the congregation.

Pastor Johnson has a delightful sense of humor and a lovely voice - his impromptu version of "Dry Bones" during the Sunday Service was but a small indication of what we have to look forward to.

Pastor Johnson's wife, Krista is an elementary school teacher. They have three children: Zachary, 11; Hannah, 7; and Caleb, 4. They have recently purchased a home in Wauwatosa and we look forward to a long and blessed relationship with the Johnson Family.



Interns

1967 - 1968 John Binder
1968 - 1969 Paul Dawson
1969 - 1970 Scott Kling
1980 - 1981 David deFreese
1981 - 1982 Bill Shepard
1984 - 1985 Charles Miller

John Binder - 1967 - 1968

Interns became part of Mount Zion staff in 1967. An intern serves a congregation for one year and then returns to the seminary for his final year of school. John Binder was the first intern at Mt. Zion arriving in August 1967. He was also ordained at Mt. Zion in 1969.



John Binder, Intern



Scott Kling, Intern

Scott Kling - 1969 - 1970

Scott Kling also served for one year as an intern.

Paul F. Dawson - 1968 - 1969

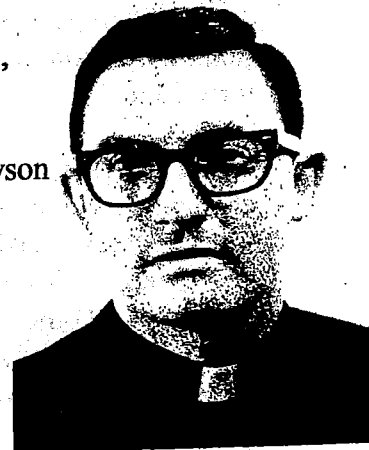
I have fond memories of my intern year at Mt. Zion in 1968-1969. My oldest son, Peter, was born in October of 1968, which alone makes it special. Working with Pastors Hitch Kindem and Jim Munson was a great experience. The members of the congregation were extremely supportive, and we still keep in touch with Vi and Chuck Bishop. I count Mt. Zion as one of my very favorite steps along the pathway of ministry. Congratulations on your 50th. May God bless you in the years ahead.

I have been married 29 years to my wife Marsha. My five kids include Peter, Michael, Scott, Alicia, and Nathan. Nathan is the only one still home, Alicia is a freshman at Augustana College, Rock Island, and Scott is a senior at Marquette. Peter is married to Julie, lives in Kenosha, and teaches at Libertyville High School in Illinois. Mike is still single and works at Abbott Labs in Waukegan, IL.

After my year at Mt. Zion, I spent another year in school before graduating from seminary at LSTC in Chicago in 1970. I have been pastor at Atonement, Racine; Redeemer, Plymouth; and presently am at Holy Nativity, Kenosha.

God bless you all,
Sincerely,

Rev. Paul F. Dawson



Paul Dawson, Intern

Son of Mt. Zion - Jon S. Enslin

Jon Enslin was the first Pastor to be ordained at Mt. Zion, that was in 1964. He is now Bishop Jon S. Enslin of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. During the summer of 1959, as a seminary student, Jon worked with Pastor Bartsch. In 1962 Jon operated a youth program called SWET... Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism and Theology. Its purpose was to "train, educate and instruct youth of Mt. Zion in what the church could do for them and what they could do for the church". Post-Confirmation age youngsters participated in that program. Jon wrote the following paragraphs for our anniversary.

Our family joined St. Matthew's soon after we moved to the Wauwatosa area. My first vivid remembrance of St. Matthew's was saying "my piece" during a children's Christmas celebration. I also remember being in the children's choir and being properly attired. This was in the first unit of the church.

I have remembrance as well of the dedication and the construction of what is now the current sanctuary. It was a festive day.

St. Matthew's played a significant part in my life. Most important to me were the worship services, filled with excellent music and the powerful preaching of Pastor Nebling. Especially significant was my involvement during my high school years.

Most meaningful to me was the time I was required to give a speech in my tenth grade high school speech class.

The class was located in the old Wauwatosa High School building, directly across the street from our church. The speech turned out to be a sermon. Midway through the speech, I happened to glance out the window to observe our church. I heard a voice say, "I want you here". And that was my call into ministry. From that instant I was convinced that God wanted me to serve as a pastor in the Church, and that conviction never wavered.

It was a joy to be part of your anniversary celebration, and I pray that you will give my love.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Jon S. Enslin, Bishop



Jon Enslin

Son of Mt. Zion - Ray Hansen

The first member of Mt. Zion to be Ordained was Ray Hansen. Ray was also the first Sunday Church School Superintendent and after ordination was a Pastor in Camarillo, California. He is now retired and living in California.

William T. Shepard - 1981-1982

William T. Shepard was installed on September 6, 1981 as an intern pastor. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and did graduate work at the University of Ohio, receiving his master of fine arts degree in 1973. He spent two years (1979-81) as a student at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and returned following his internship for his final year of study.

He lived with his wife Diane in Milwaukee and was a member of Lake Park Lutheran Church. During the summer of 1980 he completed his clinical pastoral education requirement at Deaconess Hospital.

Secretaries - Parish workers

Mt. Zion's first secretary and part time parish worker was one of the founders of the church, Mrs. Lois (Kliese) Adney. She served from 1954 until 1957. In 1959 Mrs. Bert (Ruth) Cloninger became a part-time parish worker.

Other secretaries who served Mt. Zion so well were: Barbara Krieger, Karen Funk, Vi Bishop, Bernice Brown, Karen Sattler, Vera Douglas, Ellen Anderson, Karen Sjoli, Louise Torseth, Joan Krozeczarak, Jan Dahlquist, Joan Smith Beguhl, Elaine Calderon, Jane Chapman, Mary Ellen Promersberger, Beth Myers, LaVerne Lalla, Shirley Plantico, Pat Harmann, Lois Braham, Kathy Zimmerman, Barb Vasko, Julie Heun, Martha Schmidt and the current secretaries, Barbara Kreckler and Chris Bremer.

There is always a wonderful staff of volunteers for the "Facts and Feelings" mailing, money counting, and all the extra work involved in running a church.

Treasurer & Finance

A sterling example of the leadership that Mt. Zion has experienced over the years is **Harvey Hauboldt** who served as Financial Secretary of the congregation for over 30 years from 1960 until 1991!

Since that time we have had other very dedicated Financial Secretaries and Treasurers including Art Biesenthal, Gene Meyer and currently Lynn Pearson and Bud Holtze.

Long and late hours are put in balancing our financial records especially at month and year ends.

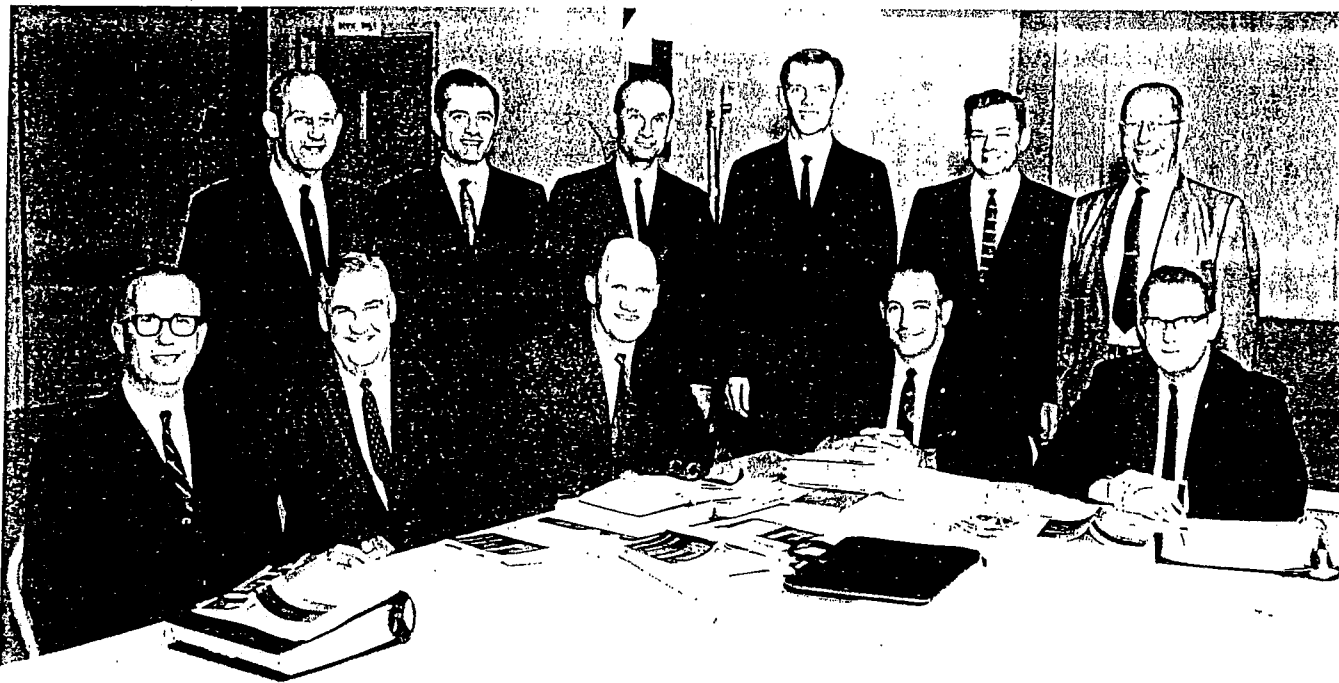
Custodial and Maintenance

The care and upkeep of our church building and grounds has always been an important responsibility. In earlier years, members of the congregation fulfilled the responsibility directly. In 1955 our first custodian was hired. Mt. Zion member, Orville Teichmiller and he diligently served until 1982. During that time members, Cutler Savage and Bill Anderson among others, served as assistant custodians.

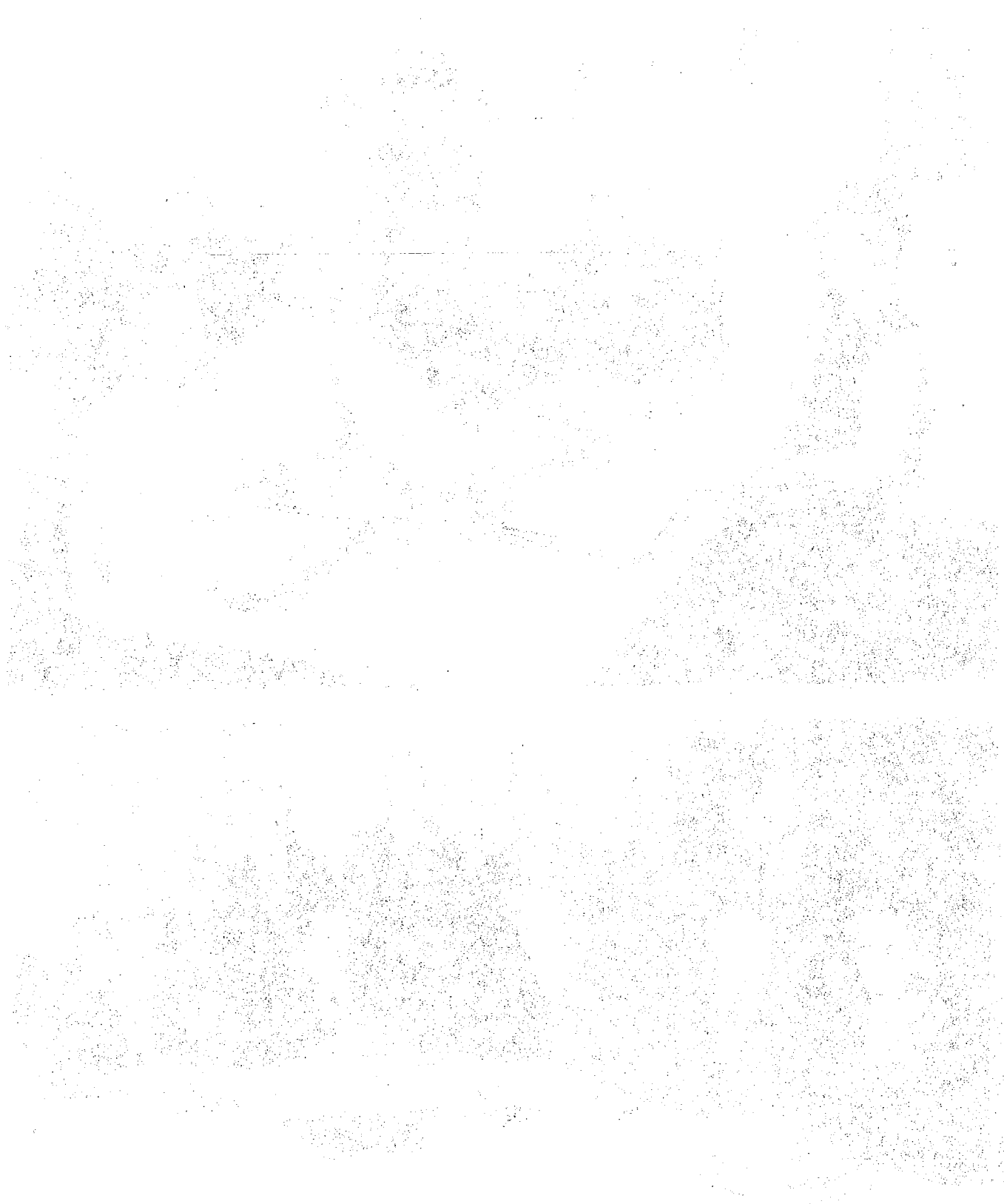
After a few short-term custodians. Farrall Smith was hired in June 1982 until 1989 at which time Mark Wendland held that position until 1995. Many of our members including Mt. Zion youth have worked and volunteered for various custodial duties including Bob Christiansen, Mark Limehouse, Jared Pieper, Kyle Zweifel, Todd Pieper, Bob Hollander and Scott Buchholz.

Members of the Properties Committee, Chairman Arnold Buchholz, take an active role in the building maintenance which is an enormous responsibility.

Staff Meeting 1967 - Ruth Cloninger, Vi Bishop, Hitch Kindem, Karen Funk, Duane Swenson, Orville Teichmiller, Lorraine Schultz



Church Council 1967 - Row 1-Duane Swenson, Roy Bellen, Hitch Kindem, Gerald Fort, George Bark. Row 2 - Hank Boettcher, Frisby Smith, Rex Connell, Don Haarmann, Elroy Venske, Stuart Lawson



Worship, Music and Education

A Mighty Fortress is our God

(Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott)

in Martin Luther's Handwriting from Psalm 46

The image displays a handwritten musical score for the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' (Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott). The score is written in Martin Luther's characteristic cursive hand. It consists of three staves of music, each with a corresponding line of German lyrics written below it. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics for the first staff are: 'Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, ein gute Wehr und Waffen. Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, die uns heute hat befallen. Und wer die Welt vil trügelt an, den wird er gar verfluchen. Zu Pfaffen vor dieser Zeit, so ist uns das gelungen.' The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics: 'Der als bester Feind uns steht, es steht nicht anders. Der freit die frommen, die seine Weisung tun, der ist der Heiland unser. Der freit die frommen, die seine Weisung tun, der ist der Heiland unser.' The third staff concludes the piece, with lyrics: 'Und wer dich, Herr, anrufen thut, auf dich ist nicht Streit. Du bist unser Schutz und Tröst, der uns von allen Feinden thut. Du bist unser Schutz und Tröst, der uns von allen Feinden thut.' The handwriting is clear and legible, reflecting the original manuscript's style.

Standing Committees

To make the congregation run smoothly, Mt. Zion has ten Standing Committees.

They are:

- Christian Education
- Church Growth
- Executive
- Fellowship
- Finance
- Property
- Social Ministry
- Stewardship
- Worship and Music
- Youth

There are also seven organizations and ad hoc committees at this time::

- Women of ELCA
- Mt. Zion Foundation
- Special Guest
- Kings Kids
- Adult Studies
- Altar Committee
- 50th Anniversary

Fellowship - Janet McCarthy

Coffee between services, Lenten Soup Suppers, pot lucks, ice cream socials, new member brunches, funeral luncheons, serving groups, etc. are all steered through the Fellowship Committee. Mt. Zion is a very dynamic, socially active place and fellowship plays a vital role in energizing people to come together.

Church Growth Committee - Marina Fischer

During 1995, with direction from Pastor Bauman, the "Evangelism Committee" adopted the title, "Church Growth Committee".

The committee consists of the following members: Marina Fischer, Kent and Margie Spicer, June Hanisch, Debbie Fifrick and Doris Oberwetter. We have all heard the call for being "witnesses for Christ" and feel God has brought us together for his purpose in the church.

Some of us have attended "Growth Workshops" this year, and learned that an important and necessary function of our committee is a focus on assimilation of new people. We need to incorporate them into groups and with people who can help them get involved. Finding out what special gifts God has given each of us, and using them in service to God and others is what our Christian walk is all about.

Our committee also lines up greeters for each worship service and organizes "Friendship Sundays" and "New Member Receptions".

To obey Jesus' command to "Go and Make Disciples of all Nations"... is our mission for the church

Altar Committee - Pam Hext

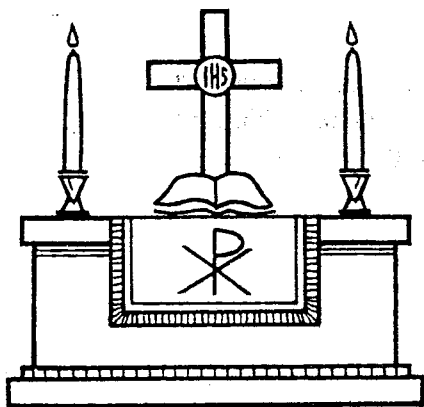
The Altar Committee prepares communion for every Sunday of each month (the first and third Sundays at the 8:00 A.M. service, the second and fourth Sundays at the 10:30 A.M. service, and when there is a fifth Sunday, communion is celebrated at both services through intinction). Communion was also offered during every Thursday evening service this past summer through intinction.

Baptisms were prepared when scheduled and this past summer we celebrated a baptism on a Thursday evening and on a Saturday morning.

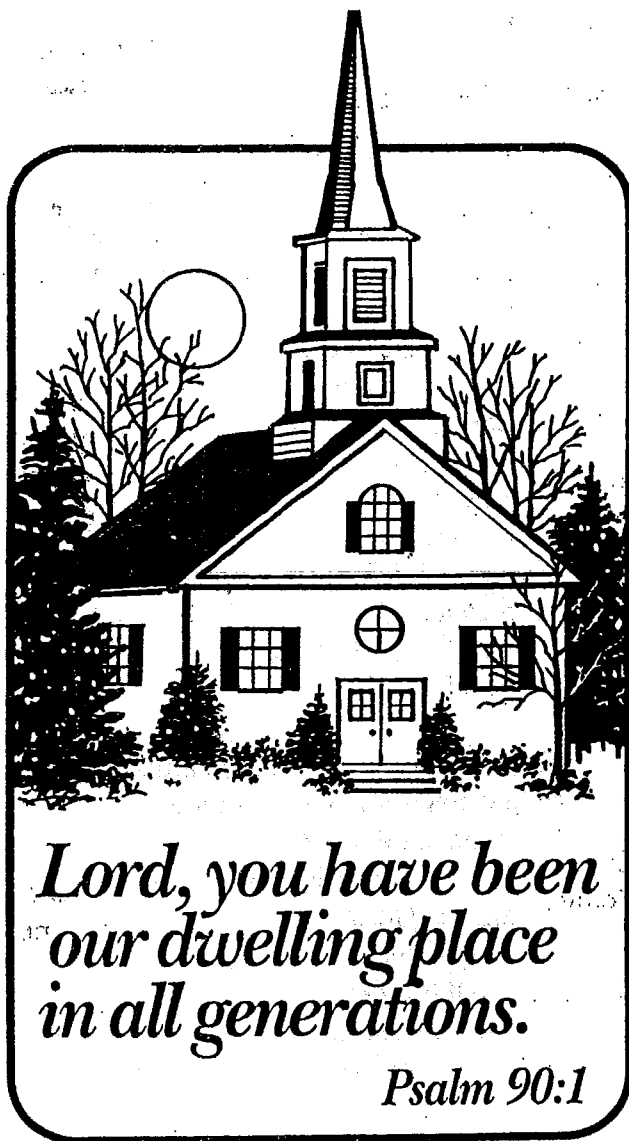
We are a small group of dedicated workers who are ready, willing, and able to serve when called upon to order, prepare, wash, clean, and put away for the next time.

We would like to welcome any men, women, and couples that would like to join us in service to God here at Mt. Zion.

Pam Hext, Chairperson



ALTAR GUILD



*Lord, you have been
our dwelling place
in all generations.*

Psalm 90:1

Koinonia - Peg Bellin

One of the groups that we enjoyed many years ago with a small number of Mt. Zion members meeting in homes once every two weeks was called Koinonia. The fellowship great and the Bible studies most interesting and educational. To have small group meetings such as this was perfect for a large membership church as Mt. Zion was.

Mt. Zion Library - Joan Beguhl

The Mt. Zion Library, located in the Lounge, was started in 1961 by Betty May serving as the librarian, with the help of Dorothy Wolfgramm and Annemarie Widule. It began as a small library for use by the Sunday Church School and Vacation Bible School teachers, pastors and lay leaders. Over the years it gradually grew, by many donated books from members, former pastors and others, and purchased books.

A former member, Delores Coleman, a professional librarian, served as the librarian for several years and classified the books by the Dewey Decimal system. Ellen Steinke was in charge of the library when I started in 1987. I had no experience as a librarian and am still struggling and learning. The church is a member of the National Lutheran Library Association and the local chapter. Their literature, with ideas and suggested book lists, and local workshops are very helpful.

There presently are approximately 4,000 books and over 100 videos in the library which includes adult, youth and children's sections. The library committee is now in the process of weeding out many outdated, irrelevant and unused books to make room for new purchases to have a library that is a better resource center for all members.

The majority of books are religious classified or closely related, covering many subjects: Philosophy and Psychology -- Bible, bible commentaries, dictionaries, reference, stories -- History and geography of biblical times -- History of Christianity,

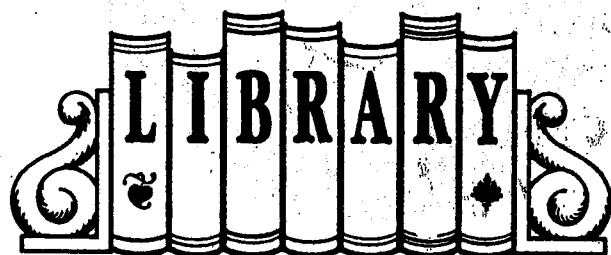
concepts and nature of God -- Christian doctrines, theology and teachings -- Devotional and meditational -- Christian life and experiences, family life, witnessing, stewardship, personal problems specific groups (singles, working mothers, divorce, stress, etc.), self-help books -- Role of church in society -- Christian church history, church denominations, other religions -- Social and life sciences -- Art and literature -- Autobiography and biography -- Fiction.

There is also a youth section and a juvenile/children section, which is the most used part of the library.

The Mt. Zion library is not a substitute for or in competition with our public libraries, but serves as an additional resource for convenience and possible books not available in other libraries. It is and always has been a self-help program with no one on duty on Sunday or specified times so it is always available for members' use at their convenience. Books can be found by using card files by book title, author or subject, or by browsing through the open shelves.

Mt. Zion can be proud of its library with its excellent collection of books. SCS, VBS and confirmation teachers, pastors, committee members, circle members, Bible study groups and any and all individuals can find useful and enjoyable books or videos.

Joan Beguhl, Library Committee Chair



Choir

The members of the Choir at Mt. Zion have always been a very active group. Forty years ago when Dick Daub joined Mt. Zion Church he was asked to join the Choir. As soon as he was told that they have monthly cocktail parties, he immediately joined the Choir. The parties must have been really great since Dick has spent forty years going to Choir practice.

Although Mt. Zion at one time had several choirs, the first Choir Director listed is Lorraine Schultz in 1966. From 1972-1986 Ed Wise was Director of Music (organist and choir director). Marilyn Stulken was organist and choir director from 1986-1987. Current choir director, Tom Halvorsen was hired in 1987.

Larry Shrode has been the organist since 1988. He also served as organist in 1959 and 1966.

The Choir of Mt. Zion is planning a "Choir Alumni Sunday" on Sunday, May 5, 1996 when they will sing at the 10:30 service.



Cherub and Children's Choirs - Karen Engelhardt

I became involved with children's music here at Mt. Zion shortly after Pastor Dale Skogman became our Pastor. He wanted to have children's choirs to sing occasionally at church services.

Prior to that I am unaware of whether or not there were children's choirs. I know that there was group singing during Sunday School. Two people involved in that were Karen Peterson and former member Barb Lange. I helped out when our daughters started Sunday School.

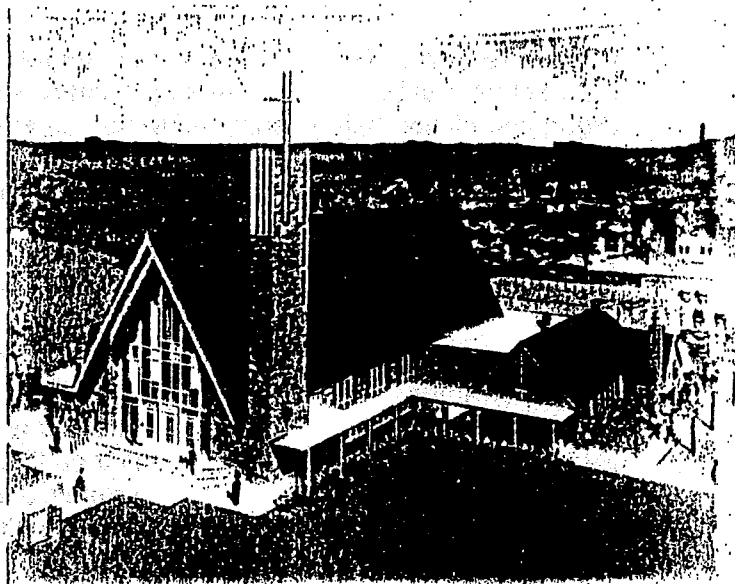
When Pastor Dale's wife, Jo, volunteered to lead the choirs I said I'd accompany. I had taken piano lessons as a child, but had not played the piano much at all for many years. So I was very rusty at first, but really enjoyed the challenge.

When Skogman's left, Sue Merriman, who had been a music teacher and had recently joined the church, volunteered to take over--and the rest is history!

We meet with the three year olds thru first graders from 9:15 to 9:30 and the second thru fifth graders from 10:00 to 10:15 during Sunday School. The younger children usually sing the second Sunday of the month, and the older children sing the fourth Sunday. Occasionally both groups sing together.

Under Sue's very capable leadership we hope the children will continue to sing for many years to come!

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church



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Personage: SP 4-3190

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

12012 West North Avenue

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The Reverend James D. Bartsch - Pastor,
Mr. Lawrence Shrode - Organist

ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE

APRIL 23, 1961

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R/. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

R/. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psalter and harp.

R/. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

R/. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

R/. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:

R/. And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Dedication of the Organ

Hymn No. 403

ORGAN DEDICATORY CONCERT

Mr. Lawrence Shrode

I.

Prelude and Fugue in B^b

J. S. Bach

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

J. S. Bach

Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal J. S. Bach

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach

Solo: O Divine Redeemer

Gounad

Mrs. James D. Bartsch

II.

Abide With Us

Weinberger

Suite Gothique

Boellmann

Introduction - Choral

Allegro

Priere

Toccata

Offering: (To be placed in the Organ Fund)

Solo: O Lord Most Holy C. Franck

III.

Flute Solo

Arne

Brother James's Air

Wright

Song of Peace

Langlais

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Van Hulse

Lord's Prayer and Benediction

We sincerely thank Mr. Shrode for playing our Dedicatory Concert. All members and guests here today are cordially invited to meet Mr. Shrode at the fellowship to be given in his honour in the church parlors. The flowers and reception honouring Mr. Shrode have been given by the Senior Choir of this church.

THE BERGHAUS ORGAN

MT. ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September, 1995

Project History: Mt Zion Congregation founded late '45/early '46, Chapel built in 1950. Large church built in 1958. Partial (abridged) organ installed 1961. Discussions on organ completion held in early 1970s and again 1986 approving a completion, but no action taken. July '93, organ study committee organized. September '93 consultant report from Dr. Paul Bunjes. March '94, alternate proposals reviewed, churches visited. May '94 Organ Committee recommends action to Church Council, gets approval. Congregation approved unanimously June '94. Contract signed September '94. Completion and acceptance, September '95.

The Organ Study Committee

Norma Hollander
Virginia John
Bruce Magnuson (Council)
Dave Marheine (Council)
Galen Pieper (Council)
John Rimbach
Larry Shrode (Organist)

The Organ Appeal Committee

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John Rimbach
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THE ORGAN STOPLIST

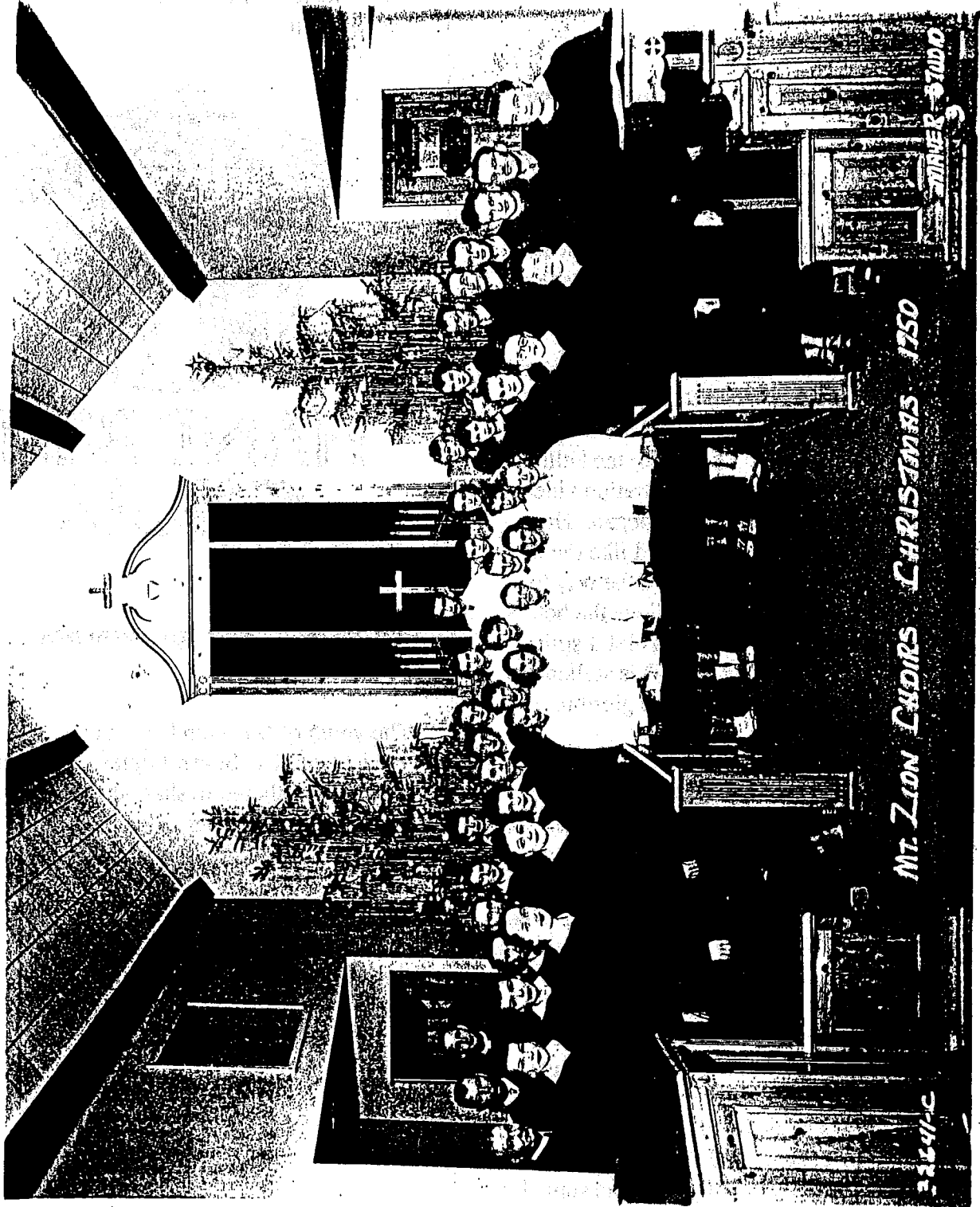
<u>GREAT</u>		<u>SWELL</u>		<u>POSITIF</u>		<u>PEDAL</u>	
Principal	8'	Rohrbourdon	16'	Dulciana	8'	Principal	16'
Holzgedackt	8'	Geigend Principal	8'	Barduen	8'	Subbass	16'
Octave	4'	Viole	8'	Spillfloete	4'	Octave	8'
Holzfloete	4'	Viole Celeste	8'	Principal	2'	Gemshorn	8'
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		Clarion	4'				
		(Tremulant)					

30 VOICES

39 RANKS

2260 PIPES

The Guest Organist: Steven Wente, Dr. Music in Organ Performance, Northwestern University. Assoc. Professor of Music, Concordia University, River Forest, IL from which he holds Master of Church Music. Formerly teacher and church musician at Immanuel Lutheran, Brookfield, WI. Composer of preludes for Concordia Hymn prelude series. Frequent recitalist in USA. Married to Susan, also a teacher and musician. Daughters, Margaret (12) and Karla (7).



Handbell Choir - Joyce Shulist

Ding-a-ling. Ring-a-ling-a-ling.

One and-Two and-Three and-Four and...

Ding-a-ling-a-CLANK.

Is that a preschool class in the Chapel?

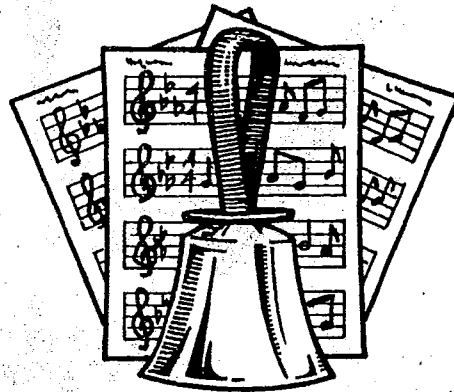
No! It's Mt. Zion's Handbell Choir trying to perfect a new song for next Sunday.

Around ten years ago, someone decided that it would be wonderful to have a handbell choir at Mt. Zion. funds were raised and beautiful bells were purchased. A bell choir demonstrated at church services what a glorious sound they made. Then the hard work began. Ringers (people who shake the bells) were recruited, a demonstration video was shown, and practice began. How come our bells don't sound like the ones we heard? The video said the way to ring a bell is to make believe the bell is filled with water and don't let it spill. Although "lots of water" has spilled, the Choir has learned to make glorious sounds.

The Bell Choir has had three directors, Marilyn Stulken, Sue Erickson, and Tom Halverson. The choir has had many members, but four of the original ringers continue to play (Irene McCarthy, Lynn Pearson, Marlene Christiansen and Joyce Shulist).

Over the years it has been a lot of hard work and also a lot of fun to get ready for each months anthem. As the whole church is made up of many individual members, so is the Bell Choir. Each ringer has one small part of the song, but

playing together produces the final joyful sound. Mt. Zion now has four octaves of bells, but there has only been one time we had enough people to use all four octaves. New ringers are always welcome to join for the short term, or the long haul.



HANDBELL CHOIR

Youth Bells and Instrumental Ensemble

The youth of Mt. Zion have many musical talents. Several times each year they have gathered to share these talents with the congregation. Their enthusiastic playing is always a wonderful addition to the worship service. For many years they have used this talent to play the handbells. More recently a youth instrumental ensemble has been formed, as another way for the youth to share their talents.

Education...

On January 6, 1946 Mt. Zion Sunday School was organized and accepted in the Association of the Racine Convention. The initial attendance of 47 quickly grew to 73 and by 1955 the Sunday School enrollment was 350 students and 50 teachers. The first church and Sunday school picnic was held in June 1946 at Wisconsin Avenue Park following the 10:30 A.M. service.

In 1962 Mrs. Gustav (Dorothy) Wolfgramm, charter member, became the first Director of Education. She was followed by Carroll E. Hansen who served that position from 1970 until the late 1970's.

Alice Zweifel was our Director of Christian Education from 1982 until 1991. This position included supervising the following activities. Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Forum, Youth Forum, Summer Family Forum, Adult Studies, Bethel, Catechetics Classes, First Communion Classes, Nursery, Library, Cradle Roll, Audio-Visual Aids and equipment. Alice also taught workshops and gave speeches and kept detailed logs of her activities. In April 1986, while service as Director of Christian Education at Mt. Zion, she became certified by the LCA as Lay Professional Educator. Later, with the merger forming the ELCA, she became an Associate in Ministry. After traveling as workshop leader on the Educational Ministry team of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod of the LCA, she designed several teacher training seminars. Later she helped the Cluster IV Education Committee plan Education Fairs. She was designated to

represent all the Associates in Ministry of the Synod at the convention which elected ALC Bishop Peter Rogness. Later she was elected Chair of the Education Committee for the Greater Milwaukee Synod and served in that capacity—designing seminars for Pastors, other Directors of Christian Education, and Sunday School Superintendents. Alice left Mt. Zion moving to Sun Prairie in August 1991. She retired from active ministry at the end of 1994, because of progressive problems with scleroderma CREST (each letter stands for another disease for which there is no treatment and no cure). She occasionally substitute preaches and has been teaching an adult Bible class at Spring Prairie Lutheran Church where she grew up.

After Alice's departure Jillayne Waite and Julie Heun served at that position for short periods.

Some of the highlights of our Christian Education program: the distribution of Bibles to all second graders, First Communion classes for fifth graders culminating with a First Communion Sunday, instruction in the catechism in preparation for Confirmation. Pictures of the Mt. Zion Confirmation Classes are on the wall of the Fellowship Hall.



First Sunday School Christmas Program

MT. ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
December 24, 1946.

Pastor: Rev. James D. Bartsch
Superintendent: Mr. Ray Hansen
Pianist: Mrs. Elmer Drescher

Proclamation Pastor Bartsch

Hymn "COME HITHER, YE FAITHFUL" (stanzas 1 & 2)
No. 16 in Parish School Hymnal
No. 21 in Common Service Book

A Radio Message.....Richard Schultz

A Christmas Surprise
"Jack-in-the-Box" boys:

Jerry Asbeck, Gary Bazely, Raymond
Bouton, Jr., Allen Foote, David Goodson,
Richard Hansen, Gary Moore, Paul Shoor,
James Thiel, Robert Netz, William Schroeder
"Angels" girls:

Sandra Demien, Nancy Foote, Carol
Fredrick, Jane Gengler, Carol Ann
Jacobson, Sandra Lynn, Kathleen Pierce,
Kathleen Savage, Teacher--Mrs. Donald Kliese

Song by Primary Department and Sunday School
A Big Word..Robert Kadlec, Robert Fredrick,

Jesus' Birthday..Nancy Fisher, Carol Metzger,
Betty Kaissler Teacher..Miss Shirley Pierce

If.....Claire Asbeck, Wayne Fellwock, Joan
Foote, Janice Goodson, Sandra Kaissler,
Kenny Kliese, Richard Lynn, Marlene
Poellmann, Charles Young.

Teacher--Miss Doris Schultz

Hymn "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" (Stanzas 1 & 2)
No. 23 in Parish School Hymnal
No. 31 in Common Service Book

Greetings

Pastor Bartsch

Offering

Cooking for Santa.....Nancy Aeschlimann,
Nancy Dibb, James Foote, Larry
Kaissler, Nola Nunnemacher, Jack
Stanaway. Teacher--Mrs. Herbert Moore

Bethlehem..LaVerne Fredrick, Mary Goodson,
Patricia Poellmann, Walter
Schmidt, Charles Wirth.
Teacher--Miss Joann Bartelt

Heralds of the Dawn.....Betty Aeschlimann,
Melvin Bouton, Howard Savage,
Roger Schmidt, Paul Schmitter,
Charlotte Stomer

Nativity Scene:
Mary.....Carol Drescher
Joseph.Robert Rivers
Wise Men.....James Savage, Robert
Schmitter, Robert Wirth
Shepherds....Frederick Giencke,
Robert Moore, Gordon
Pierce.
Teachers--Mr. George Wirth
Mr. Steven Pierce

Christmas Story

Pastor Bartsch

Hymn "SILENT NIGHT: HOLY NIGHT!" (stanzas 1 & 3)
No. 20 in Parish School Hymnal

No. 530 in Common Service Book

Benediction

* * Pastor Bartsch

Distribution of Gifts

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday School Services 9 A.M.
Church Services 10:30A.M.
Special Christmas Service 9 A.M.

What Mt. Zion Means to Me - from the Fifth Grade SCS

Mt. Zion means different things to each of us but most important in our lives is a place to learn about God through Sunday School and Church. We also feel Mt. Zion is not only a church, but a family of God. It helps us in bad times and good times. It's a place to make new friends and have fun. Events like baptisms, weddings, Christmas programs, special church services, singing, Kings' Kids, and looking forward to our first communion are events in our Mt. Zion life that our faith is built on. We feel special because we know people worked hard to make Mt. Zion the church we have today.



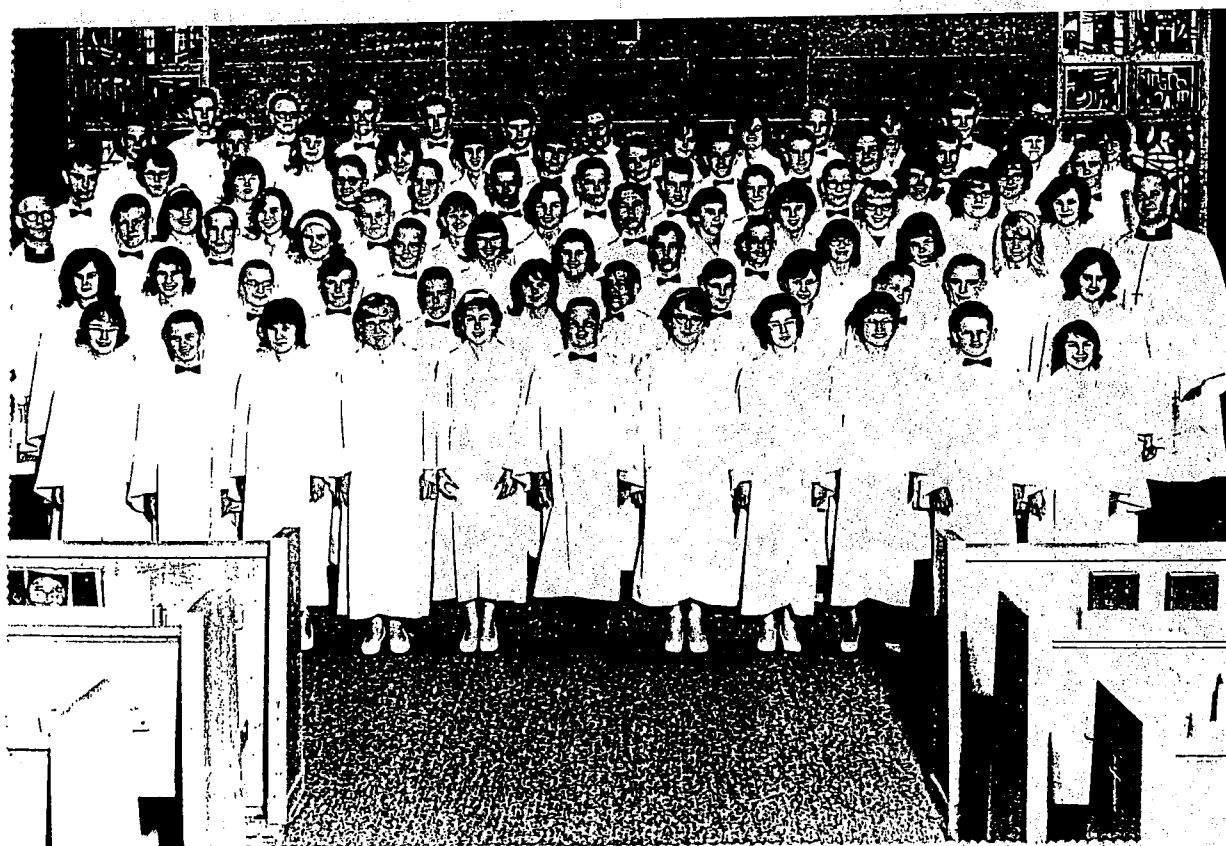
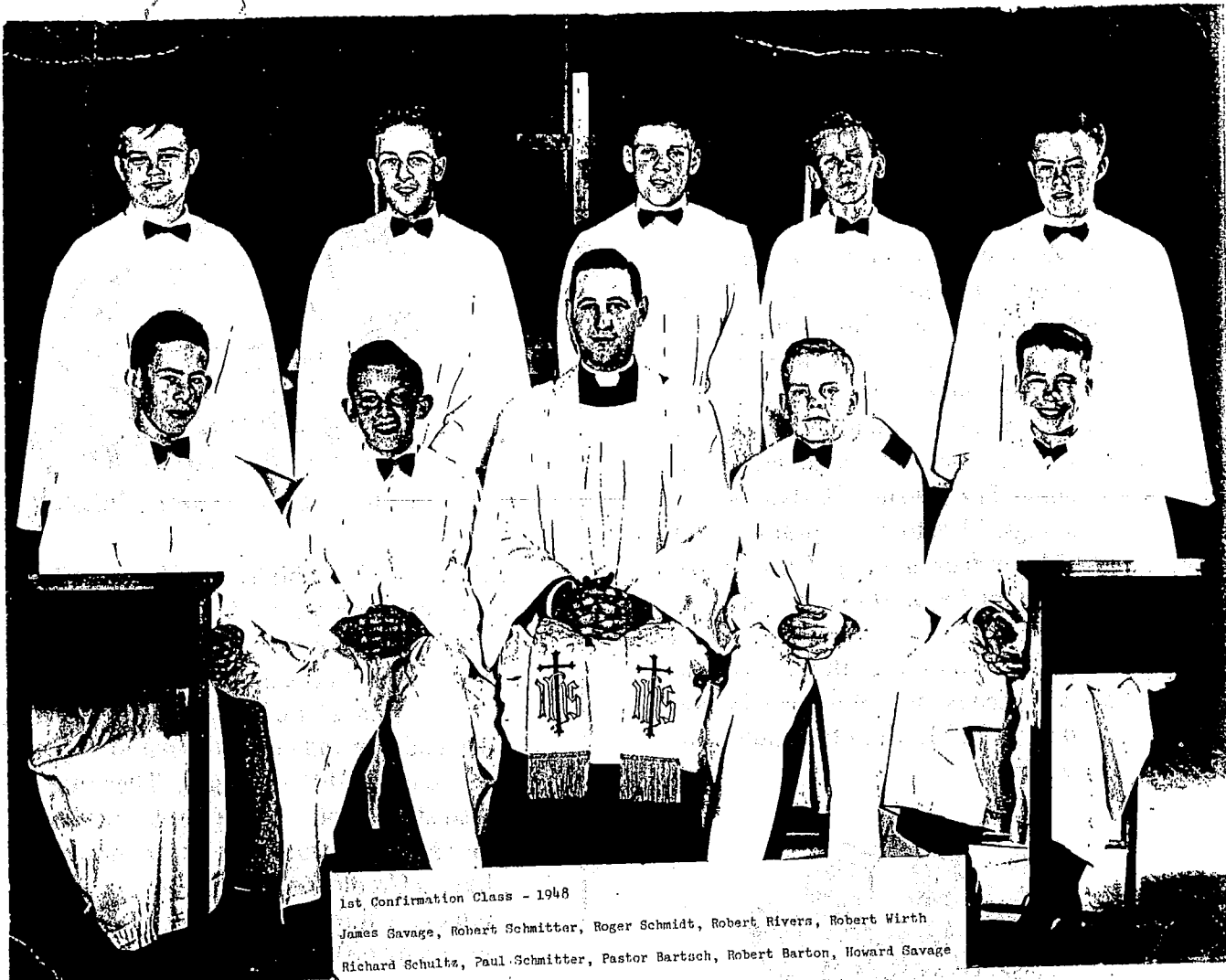
NURSERY

The Cradle Roll - Doris Jaklich

From the time children are born until they are three years old, they and their parents receive interesting things in the mail, and this is called **The Cradle Roll**. These "things" are letters to the parents with advice and news of what to expect of a child at different ages. There are also story books, prayer books, birthday cards and record books. Right now we have a Cradle Roll with letters to be sent out every three months. A church can get many different types of Cradle Rolls. For many years I sent letters to each family every month. Also, for a short time, I tried to deliver the first mail, in order to meet the people. I have been enjoying this job for eighteen years.



Sunday School
Classroom
in the kitchen



Confirmation 1965

The Pyramid - Dorothy Winek

The pyramid that helps us celebrate the birth of Christ each Christmas at Mt. Zion, was built by Joseph Winek in 1986. It has been rebuilt and improved upon ever since.

Mt. Zion was first introduced to the pyramid in 1984. Pastor Youngquist was relatively new and he invited the sexton, a German man named Mr. Stuenkel, of his former church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois to share a pyramid with us.

Joe took many pictures and measurements of Mr. Stuenkel's creation and got to work on Mt. Zion's pyramid.

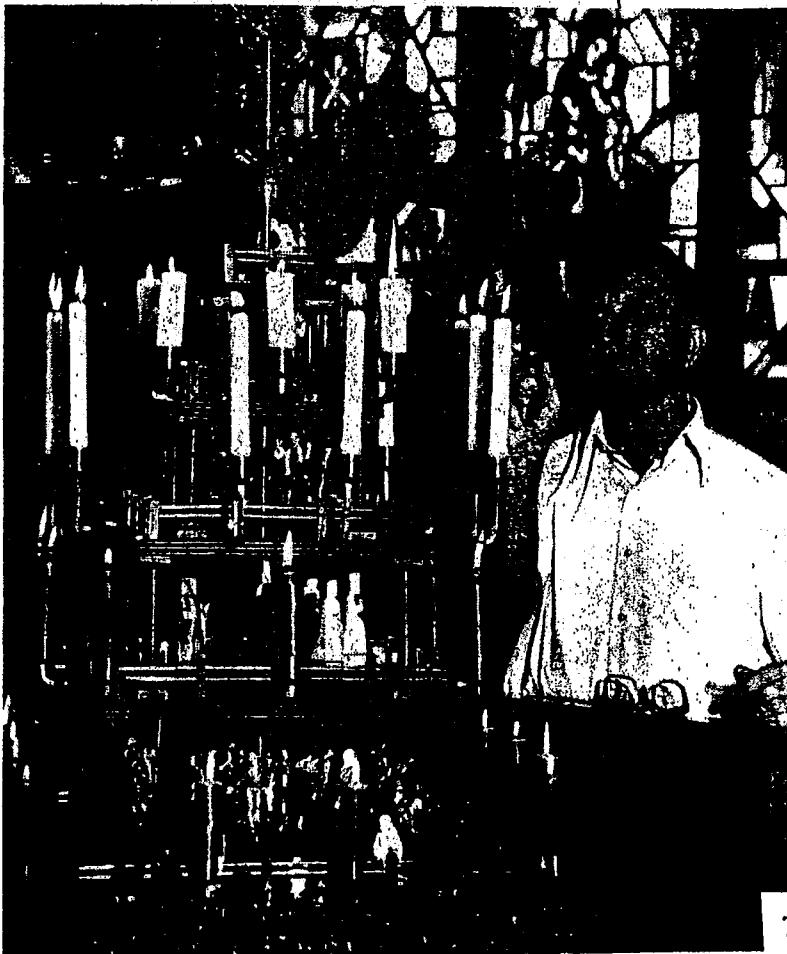
The pyramid stands 45 inches tall, has five levels of graduated circular shelves. It is powered by 42 candles. The lit candles create heated air currents that

turn a sixteen-bladed propeller, which in turn turn the shelves. The shelves are used to carry a display of appropriate figurines for the season.

All who have sat through the lighting of the pyramid have learned a lot about air currents. Over the years we have learned that all doors of the sanctuary must be closed. The ceiling fans must be on low or off. One year the choir circled the altar and sang. The pyramid stopped. The blades of the propeller must be tilted at just the right angle to regulate the speed of the shelves. Too little tilt can cause excessive speed and the figurines cannot be viewed; too much tilt will result in no movement.

There is always a hush of anticipation in the congregation as the pyramid is lit.

It is always beautiful and exciting!!!



December 23, 1986
Milwaukee Sentinel

"Jesus Christ, Superstar" - Pastor Kindem

One of the big events for the parish was the presentation of "Jesus Christ, Superstar". This youth chorus and drama group, which had developed from the campfire week at Pine Lake the summer before, took on the ambitious project of this popular "rock" opera. The initial announcement in the March 13th church paper advertised three showings at Mt. Zion in April (3, 5 & 7) and said about it:

"...As many of you know, this is the worship service that over 80 of our Youth have been preparing for the last four months. It will involve over 60 people in the solo, chorus and dance portions of the service, a ten-piece band, and others involved in sound, lighting and costuming. Under the direction of Glen Christensen; with the assistance of Ellen Pender in musical direction; Sonja Asunto in choreography; and Johnny Schaefer in band direction, the cast has spent many long hours in rehearsal, and is hoping many Mt. Zion members will join them in this worship experience."

While it was billed as a "worship service" and "worship experience", it was known that the style as "rock opera" would likely have a shock-affect upon our staid Lutheran audience. We tried to prepare the congregation for this by accenting the fact that it was our young people involved and by explaining what the rock style was expressing. Much to the delight of all involved, the total attendance at the three showings

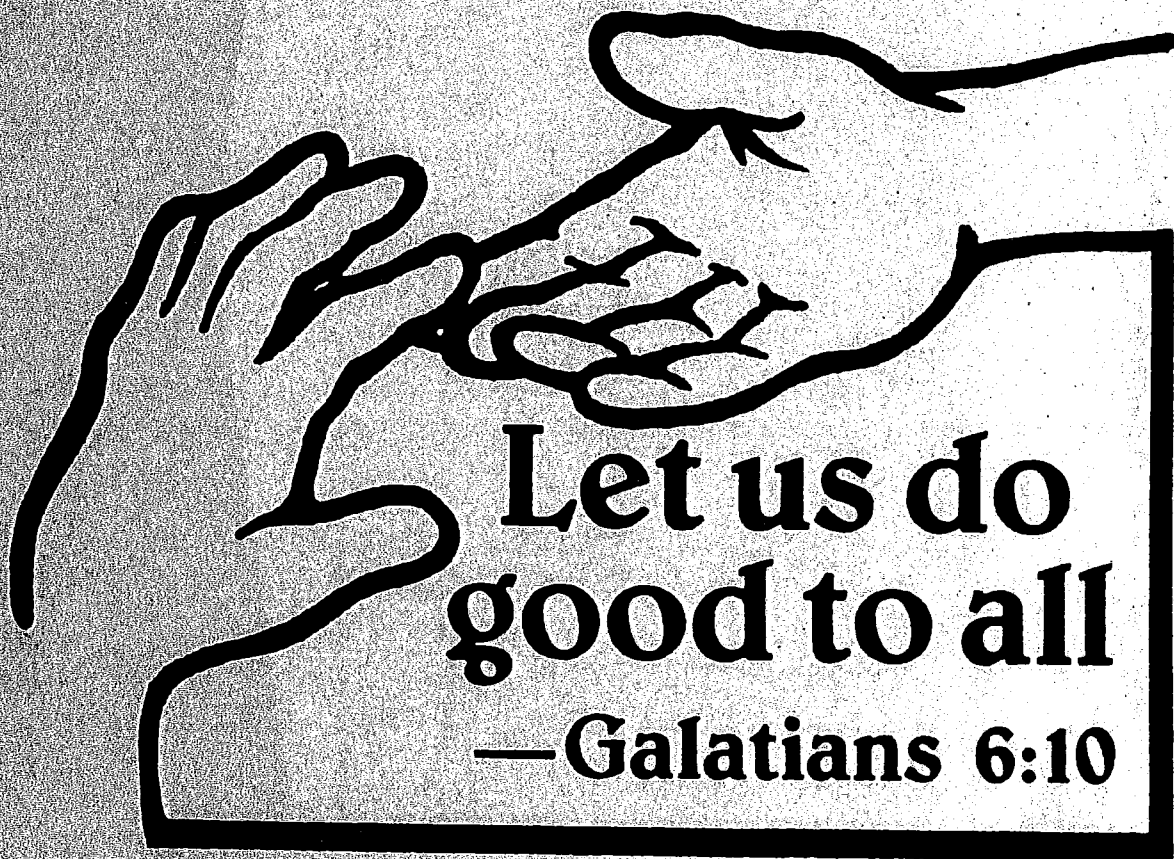
exceeded two thousand. And, strange to say, these very people who had in the past objected so strenuously to any changes in the worship service on Sunday morning or protested involvement in issues of social justice, took the prancing and dancing and shouting and singing and pounding and blare and noise in great stride! Reason: it was their sons and daughters, their grandchildren who were putting it on and this made them proud — particularly to see what a near-professional job they did.

The show went on the road. They had seven shows outside the home parish; going to Wales School for Boys, to Mt. Hope and Resurrection Lutheran churches in Milwaukee, St. Gilbert's Catholic Church at Gray's Lake, Illinois, St. Mark's Lutheran at Rockford, Luther Memorial at Madison and—of all things—exerpts from the production were invited to be presented in connection with the farewell banquet at the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod convention at Carthage College attended by close to 900 people, honoring Dr. Ted Matson who was retiring from his office that year. This was a rare and wonderful privilege which gave the kids and the church a great deal of publicity. They did excellently. Sitting in the balcony of the gym, where I was for the presentation, my attention alternated between the stage and Glen Christiansen's gyrations (who was also in the balcony before me). He was excited to a fever pitch in his empathetic responses to the music and it did me proud to see our kids do so well. I was happy for Steve and for Mt. Zion; it was a great tribute to both and for our kids, the experience was beyond description.

Outreach

Memories

Reflections



**Let us do
good to all**

—Galatians 6:10

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Mt. Zion and the Community

Mt. Zion is not just a building where worshipers gather for a few hours on Sunday mornings. Instead it is a vital and visible part of the community. The education wing is used daily as the Teach-a-Tot Nursery serves children Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Saturdays 25 students learn German through classes offered by D.A.N.K., a German-American organization

Fellowship hall is home to Jazzercise on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday for luncheons, devotions and various activities.

Evenings are filled with not only church meetings, Bible studies, Circles and activities but also local AA, AOCA and Alanon meetings, Chinese Student Bible Study and Cross Town Harmony. In the past rooms were rented out to the Wisconsin Conservative of Music and Lutheran Social Services for their classes and meetings.

In the late 60's and early 70's "Off North" was a teenage gathering spot and coffee house for the area which was in the Salt Cellar. It is wonderful that we have the space and can provide a community service by making our building available.

Comunidad Rutilio Grande - Lucy Fischer

I have a vivid picture in my mind of standing in a small community building on a very hot, very dusty day in Comunidad Rutilio Grande, El

Salvador, holding up a banner proclaiming "Rejoice!" The year was 1992 and Gerhard and I were on a delegation visiting our Synod's sister-community. Pastor Dale had suggested we take this Mt. Zion banner as a gift to the people who were rebuilding after a devastating civil war. This delegation and the one in 1990 when Penny Boylan and Gerhard went were life-giving signs of solidarity to suffering sisters and brothers. We were told so again and again. The hearts and hands of Mt. Zion's members raised prayers and money for farmland and livestock. Remember the chicken project? the cow project? We in turn were gifted with a larger vision of God's world and a sense of unity with brothers and sisters in Christ wherever they may reside.

Special Guest Night - Bob Christiansen

We believe Special Guest Night was started in 1976 by Pastor P. J. Mortenson to entertain and involve mentally challenged young adults in an evening of fun and games and food five times a year. It has been a very rewarding for both the guests and the volunteers. Programs include the popular musical group "6 Friars and a Monk", Bingo Night, Christmas Party and Valentine Dance.

The special guests appreciate every thing to much and are the most loving and kind people you'll ever meet and the volunteers are richly blest also.

I believe that Special Guest Night is probably the most important out-reach program at Mt. Zion. If you don't believe it, come and see.

Mission of the Month - 1996

The Social Ministry Committee is comprised of about 12 members who meet once a month for supper. They select twelve Missions each year, one for each month. They learn about each mission and then inform the congregation and give everyone an opportunity to support these missions with their prayers, gifts and hands-on help. The 1996 Missions selected were:

El Salvador which is our Synod Sister Community.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee where the children in the heart of the city have a safe haven and can learn and play as children should.

Milwaukee Habitat that 90 families who never dreamed of being homeowners are living in decent and affordable homes of their own.

Environmental Emphasis in our pledge to keep God's Creation beautiful. We help with gifts of plants for our own church and also Reformatations.

Reformation is one of our partner churches.

Incarnation is our other partner church. We have helped with their after-school tutoring program and help with Christmas gifts through Operation Christmas.

The Next Door Foundation helps students reach their God-given potential through tutoring and gifts of books.

SOS Center stands with struggling people who want to learn to read and be educated for the fuller life God has promised to us all.

Sojourner Truth House is a shelter for battered women and their children where they can come to rest and restart their lives.

Lutheran Human Relations Association stretches us to think in new ways about God's justice for all. Lutheran Human Relations Association's (LHRA) goal is to overcome racism, sexism, and related forms of oppression. It is the only Lutheran organization whose purpose is to bring people together across racial, cultural, gender, age, ability, and class lines to build a new and just community that truly values and brings out the best in people.

Project Return helps men and women in their transition from prison to urban living.

These Missions of the Month help us to get closer to what church is all about,

Women's Missionary Society 1953-1954

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETINGS

WHEN.....Third Thursday of each month

TIME.....8:00 P.M.

WHERE.....At the church unless notified

DATE OF MEETINGS FOR 1953-54

September.....17, 1953
October.....15, 1953
November.....19, 1953
December.....17, 1953
January.....21, 1954
February.....18, 1954
March.....18, 1954
April.....15, 1954
May.....20, 1954
June.....17, 1954

THANK-OFFERING MONTHS

February - May - August - November

THANK-OFFERING THOUGHT

A Daily Gift - A Daily Prayer - That
all the World - Our Christ may share.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Education.....Shirley Scheffner
Devotions.....Olive Wirth
Magazine & Sunshine...Lorraine Mayer
Promotion.....Ellen Bendell
Thank-Offering.....Dorothy Mathes
Special Aids.....Gloyd Marquardt
Life Membership.....Bernice Kehoss
Patron & Protege.....Ethel Gengler
Publicity.....Gloyd Marquardt
Historian.....Gertrude Mayer
Kitchen.....Carol Pierce
Mission Study.....Irma Rheingans

What you are, is God's gift to you,
What you make of yourself, is your gift
to Him.

OFFICERS: 1953-54

President...Mrs. Lou Drescher
V. Pres.....Mrs. Shirley Scheffner
Secretary...Mrs. Alice Erickson
Treasurer...Mrs. Bernice Kehoss

MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

God be merciful to us, and bless us
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

HOSTESSES

September Lou Drescher - Ellen
Bendell - Gloyd Marquardt
October Valerie Moore - Alice
Metzger
November Esther Goeckerman - Dorothy
Wolfgramm
December Marge Gettleman - Bernice
Kehoss - Lois Kliese
January Shirley Scheffner - Evelyn
Newton
February Ruth Schultz - Ruth
Thommesen
March Hannah Weisel - Lillian
Swanson
April Dorothy Mathes - Alice
Erickson
May Erna Paspe - Sylvia
Poellmann - Ruth Witt
June Jeanne Jacobson - Ethel
Gengler

MEMBERS

Abraham, Joan	1723 N. 118th St. 13 Sp. 4-2409 May 14	Mayer, Melanie	Rt. 14, Box 343 14 Su. 2-8779 Oct. 27
Asbeck, Daisy	2630 Eastwood La. 10 Bl. 8-1209 Sept. 22	Metzger, Alice	Rt. 4, Box 361-Waukeesh Su. 2-9432 Mar. 27
Balmes, Inga	2440 N. Thornapple La. Su. 2-8757 Apr. 13	Moore, Valerie	1390 N. 123d St. 13 Gl. 3-3054 May 21
Bartsch, Rilla Mae	2243 N. 118th St. 13 Sp. 4-3190 Dec. 5	Newton, Evelyn	Box 319-Elm Grove Su. 2-9375 Mar. 18
Bendell, Ellen	2205 N. 115th St. 13 Bl. 8-5897 Apr. 22	Paspe, Erna	2533 N. 97th St. 10 Bl. 8-3288 July 27
Drescher, Lou	2510 N. 118th St. 10 Gl. 3-5130 Aug. 3	Pierce, Carol	2450 N. 117th St. 10 Gl. 3-0432 Mar. 26
Erickson, Alice	2224 N. 104th St. 13 Gl. 3-6043 Oct. 20	Poellmann, Sylvia	2231 N. 119th St. 13 Bl. 8-8219 May 28
Gengler, Ethel	Elm Grove, Wis. Su. 2-8336 June 9	Pollich, Eva	1833 N. 118th St. 13 Sp. 4-6954 Aug. 20
Gersonde, Vernice	12202A Watertown Pl. Rd. Sp. 4-1487 Oct. 17	Rheingans, Irma	2435 N. Eastwood Dr. Su. 2-8247 Mar. 3
Gettelman, Marge	9824 Argonne Dr. 10 Bl. 2-7791 June 14	Richter, Betty	1560 N. 124th St. 13 Sp. 4-3846 Sept. 14
Goeckerman, Esther	2372 N. 116th St. 10 Sp. 4-2525 Aug. 9	Savage, Vivian	13420 Adelaide Lane 10 Bl. 8-9625-R Apr. 26
Jacobson, Jeanne	Grandview Dr., Elm Grove - Su. 2-7459 Jan. 17	Scheffner, Shirley	1834 N. 118th St. 13 Sp. 4-7443 Sept. 25
Kamrath, Winifred	5059- 5029 N. 54th St. 16 June 29	Schultz, Ruth	Rt. 5, Box 300-Wauke- sha Su. 2-8883 Oct. 10
Kehoss, Bernice	2246 N. 118th St. 13 Gl. 3-4183 Nov. 8	Swanson, Lillian	2450 Thornapple Lane/ Su. 2-8424 Apr. 17
Kliese, Lois	Rt. 8, Box 10 13 Su. 2-8518 Jan. 10	Thommesen, Ruth	2348 N. 120th St. 10 Sp. 4-8226 Mar. 7
Leifer, Elsa	1259 N. 123d St. 13 Bl. 8-3871 Apr. 5	Wegner, Vivienne	1936 N. 119th St. 13 Gl. 3-1464 July 27
Leopold, Mae	1834 N. 118th St. 13 Sp. 4-7443 June 9	Weisl, Hannah	Rt. 8, Box 139 Gr. 6-9671-Rt. Sept. 18
Mathes, Dorothy	2639 N. 115th St. 10 Sp. 4-4004 Aug. 22	Wirth, Olive	2377 N. 115th St. 10 Sp. 4-3192 May 13
Marquardt, Gloyd	2224 N. 119th St. 13 Sp. 4-4509 Oct. 6	Witt, Ruth	3122 N. 44th St. 16 Up. 3-6518 Dec. 13
Mayer, Gertrude	Rt. 14, Box 354A 14 Su. 2-6308 Br. 6-1982 July 16	Wold, Sofie	11121 W. Wisconsin 13 Sp. 4-4142 Sept. 26
Mayer, Lorraine	Rt. 14, Box 343 14 Su. 2-8779 July 10	Wolfgramm, Dorothy	Rt. 8, Box 503 13 Sp. 4-9125 Apr. 14
		Van Dyke, Lauralee	2362 N. 112th St. 10 Sp. 4-0517 Apr. 10

The Mt. Zion - Luther Manor Connection

Luther Manor is a 29 acre campus which provides a comprehensive and compassionate program of excellent housing, care and services for today's older adults. At this time 19 of Mt. Zion's members live in the Terrace apartments and two members live in the Residence. 129 members of Mt. Zion belong to the Luther Manor Auxiliary and Bud Holze is currently on the Board of Directors. Mary Jo Hillyer and Marge Spicer are staff members of Luther Manor.

Fourteen of Mt. Zion members are volunteers at Luther Manor. In 1995 Mt. Zion's financial support was \$2,000. As the women of Mt. Zion know, October is cookie month and we try to supply Luther Manor with 100 dozen cookies (no nuts). Luther Manor co-sponsors Mt. Zion's Senior Citizen Group.

Luther Manor serves 870 residents through assisted living, nursing care, independent living and also has weekend and overnight respite care. Their outreach program includes the parish Senior Adult Centers, adult day care center, parish nurse program, community support groups for Alzheimer's and Alcoholics Anonymous and an information and referral service.

We at Mt. Zion are proud to be closely associated with Luther Manor.

Christmons

In the early 1970's Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Women took on the challenging project of making Christmons for the Christmas tree. A Christmon is a monogram of Christ. All of the designs of Christmon Ornaments are symbols for Christ which have been passed down through the centuries of Christian history. These help to make more meaningful the celebration of Christmas.

Christmons are intricate designs and made with just wire and beads in white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God.

Some of the designs made and the symbolism it represents were: A circle, the symbol of eternity, the Alpha and omega-beginning and end, the Greek letter, Chi, first letter of Christ, Chi rho, the first two letters of Christ, the butterfly for the resurrection, IHS the first three letters of JESus, the cross, the crown, the sun, the stars, the rose.

After Christmas these delicate ornaments had to be handled with care and wrapped individually in blue tissue paper to keep them from discoloring.



Mt. Zion Senior Center

The Mt. Zion Senior Center was started in the 1970's under the guidance of Sandy LaBraake and Karen Benz. This developed into one of Mt. Zion's strongest and longest running outreach programs. In August 1981 Lillian Hansen became director. This program is in partnership with Lutheran Manor. In Lillian Hansen's 1995 report for the *Mt. Zion Annual Report of the Congregation* she writes:

"The Salt Cellar is a happy place on Wednesdays, where cards, crafts and lots of varied conversations takes place. Pastor Bauman retired to the church basement with a group for bible Study at 10:15 a.m., Pastor Richard Weeden has now taken over the Bible Study. Our lunch generally is soup, crackers, and a sandwich unless we have leftovers from our once-a-month catered luncheon. Afternoons are spent with discussions, cards, or a group game. We are also contemplating doing some volunteer work.

"Our catered luncheons are always well attended. Morning programs are generally educational. Prue Smith, our Parish Nurse has had a Health and Wellness Program which we find very interesting. The afternoon programs are comprised of travelogues, choruses, bands, dancers, a magician, and videos.

"One day tours have been popular—traveling to see plays and musicals, city tours, or going on boat trips. Extended tours this year were to Ohio Amish Area, Upper Michigan, and over-night at The Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. They

were a lot of fun and we visited many beautiful and interesting places.

"I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers - LaVerne Lalla, Norma Stephenson, Mable Goethel, and Tora Johnson who make our lunches run smoothly. Dolores Gegenhuber for taking blood pressures and having a sympathetic ear to health concerns of our members, to Pastor Bauman and Pastor Weeden for interesting stories, devotions, and Bible Studies, and last but not least, the office staff for their patience and help in getting out our newsletter.

"Our center is a happy place where members meet, work, learn, love, and show concern for each other. We would be happy to welcome more members of Mt. Zion and the community into our center."



Wildlife at Mt. Zion --Lynn Pearson

Twas the morning of Easter and all through the nave, the flowers were blooming the smell was the rave.

The flowers were hung by the pillars with care, in hopes that parishioners would take them to share.

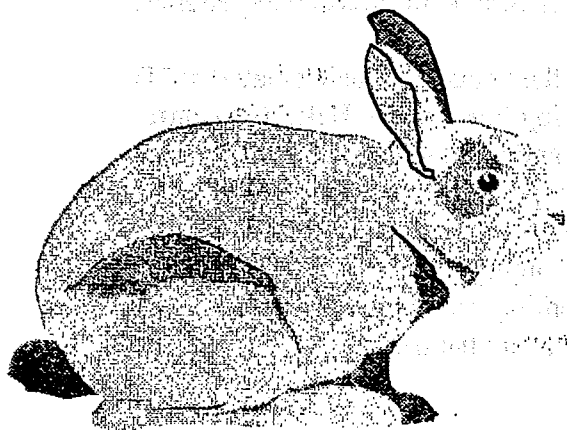
Mama in her bonnet and the children in their best, had just settled for P.J.'s* sermonette.

The congregation was awaiting the sermon with no dread, while visions of ham danced in their heads.

Downstairs, pork sausage and pancakes were frying, the congregation to concentrate on the sermon, was trying.

The light through the stain glass windows cast colored patterns on the carpeting below.

When what to my wandering eyes should appear, but four furry feet with a bunny attached, hopping so near.



The service was over in a flash and all headed to Fellowship hall with a dash.

The youth had prepared a delicious feast, with juice, pancakes and breads of yeast.

I had finished Easter Breakfast and was turning around, when the Fellowship Hall was filled with a sound.

The braying and barking was really quite loud, and was still heard over the din of the crowd.

What was it we all were aghast, ran up to the bridge to see what had collapsed.

The bridge basked in the sunlight of a winter day with the smell of fresh, new mown hay.

There on the bridge, right in the middle was a cute little donkey, which made us all giggle.



He was gray with a cute white face and four black hoofs to run any race.

The children approached with glee, and the adults all said "carefully".

The children all had rides and the parent's eyes showed nothing but pride.

The morning was over so very quick, and we all headed home with the flowers we picked.

I heard P.J. exclaim as we drove out of sight, "Happy Easter to all and to all a Good Night".

* P.J. is Pastor James Mortenson

The Meeting Place - Galen M. Pieper (member since 1985)

Every church has some distinct characteristic feature which distinguishes it from other churches. For Mt. Zion, I think that this is the sanctuary with its centrally-located altar, eternal candle and the surrounding communion rail. I have come to believe that this unique feature has a very powerful impact on visitors and members alike. While this design has not always been a permanent feature, I believe that its conception is important and symbolic of the change that has occurred in Mt. Zion over the years.

Mt. Zion began as a mission church 50 years ago. At that time, it was predominately a neighborhood, community-based congregation. Over the years, Mt. Zion has evolved into a church which draws membership from over 17 different cities, towns and communities. That fact underscores the evolution in the depth and potential influence of Mt. Zion's voice in the metropolitan area over the years. Indeed, Mt. Zion is no longer the unidimensional, neighborhood congregation of the past, but rather, it is one characterized by touching the lives of people from diverse backgrounds and experiences living miles away.

In that sense, the centrally-located altar and the communion rail represent a "Meeting Place" for members from these different cities and towns to come together as one community, one Body of Christ. When we kneel at the rail for the Eucharist, one can see the hope and aspirations of Christ's communion with us in the faces of fellow members

viewed across the rail. It may be the face of someone we know very well, or it may be someone we don't know, someone who may be very different from us. Yet, that someone, like us, is there kneeling across from us at the rail - "The Meeting Place".

One of the most extraordinary pieces of music that I have recently heard is from the compact disc produced by Martin Craddick entitled "Baka Beyond- The Meeting Pool". It blends a rather unusual combination of modern electronic instruments and ancient rhythms intertwining hints of Celtic, gypsy jazz and Arabic influences. Sounds of the music of water drumming of the Baka rain forest, a forest harp, the djembe and sabar, the dzouma (a Turkish cantor), and the Australian didgeridoo were all interwoven into a fascinating piece. "The Meeting Pool" became a focal point for bringing tribes from the north, south, east and west to create beautiful music from people of very different cultures and experiences.

Like the beautiful music created at "The Meeting Pool" of the Baka, the central altar and communion rail at Mt. Zion is a very powerful and symbolic "meeting place" for the current membership of this congregation. It is a place where something very beautiful and very special can happen.

Happy 50th Mt. Zion! - Erik Swenson

The nave turned as black as night. The friendly greetings and electric atmosphere of the "full house" crowd immediately responded with a still and a silence. Filled with an anticipation of one of the most meaningful and fulfilling spiritual journeys they had ever experienced in their lives, could it possible be worth the investment? Thousands of hours of preparation by one hundred or more youth in their middle and high school years who depended on their parents to get them to twenty, thirty, or forty or more practices over the previous three months. Whole weekends were shot with dress rehearsals, making sure the "final product" would be one we could all be proud of. The show all came down to tonight--there were no more second chances--just this one chance to show the world what we understand this God person to be all about. It all comes down to now.

Boom--the spot lights on the balcony and the scaffolding on the north side of the church where the pews had been removed are hit... the towers of speakers reaching to the ceiling come alive with the sound of the first song we sing... the fifteen to twenty piece orchestra supports this soloist in an equally majestic and powerful fashion... the night of a lifetime is now underway, the lives of everyone in attendance will never be the same.

For the next ninety minutes or more the aisles and the altar will fill the church with both song and dance. The youth who participate will be made aware of

talents, gifts, and blessings that would likely never have been made known to them had it not been for this wonderful opportunity. Harmonies could be heard while weaving the tale of Christ's life that would literally bring tears to the eyes of most everyone in attendance, and night after night the program would close with a seemingly endless, thunderous applause, the audience's way of saying "thank you" for making all their dreams come true, for helping them feel the closeness to our everloving God that is far too rarely felt in "real" life, and much, much more.

Welcome to an interpretation of Christianity that put Christ in our hearts and in our lives, not the person whose wrath we hear about in a Sunday morning sermon. Welcome to a place and a time that put the church first in the lives of one hundred youth or more at a time, who touched literally thousands of their friends, family, and fellow church members every year through the sharing of their seemingly endless God given talents. Welcome to one of the few places in the world where the peer pressure at this questionable time in these youth's lives pressured you into doing good and right things (at least most of the time), strangely leading others to Christianity, rather than experiment with the always new and enticing chemical opportunities that seemed to be ever blossoming in the world around us. Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to just one of the many accomplishments of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church's youth program!

The brainchild of a young Pine Like camp counselor, hope-to-be-actor by the

name of Glenn Christiansen, the show began in 1973 with the undertaking of "Jesus Christ Superstar", a rock opera that was released a year earlier, depicting Christ in a manner that could be understood by the troubled youth of the day. Under the Pastoral guidance of Steve Samuelson, who brought Glenn in to do the show, it proved in this first year to be a worthy project, and one we should consider in the coming years as well.

After a success in our first year beyond almost anyone's greatest anticipation, Glenn's personal life called him to be moving on. In stepped a young man by the name of John Schaeffer, a church member who was attending Marquette University at the time. Not only did Johnny pick up where Glenn had left off, but he personally orchestrated the show through the next several years of its existence, taking it to new heights each and every year. Whether it was the hundreds upon hundreds of people who saw these works of love at Mt. Zion, the numerous churches we traveled to throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, or even some of the original inter-denominational ministry shared between Mt. Zion and our Catholic friends at St. Joes, we were all truly blessed by this wonderful period of Mt. Zion's history.

Mt. Zion's youth group of the seventies was made possible by a program that began in the sixties. Under the direction of Pastor Duane Swenson, Mt. Zion developed a tremendous and well deserved reputation for youth ministry through the implementation of a program that met the needs of the youth of a very challenging and soul searching

generation. The youth program was as massive as the congregation was at that time, with confirmation classes often numbering in excess of 100 youth or more. From high school dances featuring live local bands to traveling to some of the original national youth conferences, from bible studies to a trip to Germany tracing the history of Martin Luther, Mt. Zion's youth program was a model for others to learn from. It allowed the youth members of Mt. Zion and the community of Wauwatosa to learn and grow in Christ, within the institution of and under the principles of a not too popular place at that period of time, the Lutheran Church.

Mt. Zion's youth program since that of the seventies has shared some of the same traits of both of the above periods of time. Since I became involved with the youth in a position of leadership (beginning in 1988), we have continued to be blessed in many ways by the youth program at Mt. Zion.

For starters, though the faith community of Mt. Zion is substantially less than the hey days of the sixties (as evidenced by occasional confirmation classes numbering as few as three or four people), we have continued to be in a position to touch literally hundreds of lives of youth from Mt. Zion and the community around us. Traditions that continue from the days of old include such annual activities as our annual ski trip to Upper Michigan (the new and improved version, that is, with three days of skiing, rather than the old two), providing Mt. Zion's Easter Breakfast, occasional participation in Mt. Zion's Special Guest Night, and Christmas Caroling to Mt. Zion's shut in members.

Other activities that have been added throughout the years include annual trips to Great America, our infamous twice yearly overnights, and one of my personal favorites, the (almost) annual Youth Worship Services. We have given great thought to and worked very diligently toward the goal of providing meaningful worship opportunities in a relatively non-traditional worship setting, and the feedback we have received after the completion of each of these services leads us to believe we have accomplished all that we had hoped for and more. We have even had the opportunity to share our gifts with others who experienced tragedies in their lives, including the families of Al Lechner, Jon Zimmerman, Jeff Spicer, and Dale Breitlow. I have been very proud of the roles Mt. Zion's youth program has assumed in these unfortunate situations.

In the event you're beginning to feel there might be an underlying love, care, and appreciation for Mt. Zion in my heart, it's only because I believe a good deal of who I am today is the result of the impact Mt. Zion has had on my life. memories of feeling loved and a strong sense of belonging began quite young when my dad was the Assistant and Associate Pastor here. Our family returned after a five year absence to a place that became my home away from home, and the focus of my faith journey in life. I lived through the programs of the middle seventies, only to return in the latter seventies to begin to share all that I had learned throughout the years in a position of youth leadership. It was at that time a friendship was rekindled with a young lady I had met in one of the

shows several years earlier, and Lori and I were married at Mt. Zion five years later. Our sons Josh and Jeremy were both baptized here, and have already come to know Mt. Zion as the place in their lives for spiritual growth, many, many friendships, and a place to go to have a whole lot of fun.

Happy birthday, Mt. Zion, and thank you for all you have done for our family. Though there have been some trying times in the fifty years of ministry you have provided to this point in time, you have provided a life and an understanding of what Christianity is all about in a manner that has touched literally thousands of lives throughout the years.

With love, thanks, and an eagerness to see what the next fifty years will hold,

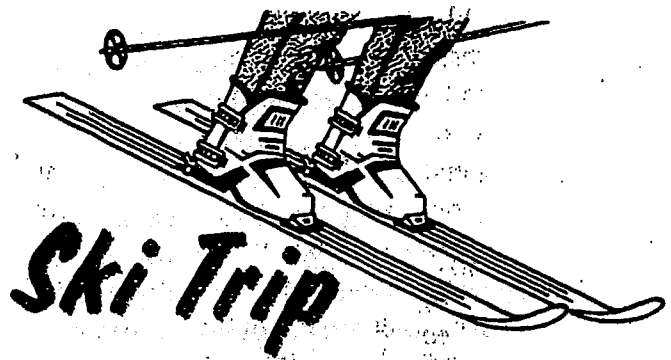
Erik Swenson

Youth Group



Mt. Zion Youth Group - Todd Pieper

Years ago I had yearned to participate in Mt. Zion's youth group. I had waited for the time when I would be able to join the older youth in overnights and ski trips. The time came and I was glad to be a part of the activities. Through the years, however, my eagerness has diminished, activities I once looked forward to do not hold what they used to for me. There was still one, however, that held my interest--horse-back riding. It took place in the Autumn, when the air had a certain chill, a crispness, a clarity. I loved it--riding through the Kettle Moraine with an abundance of life all around. Trees acting as sentinels of the forest, as well as their tinier counterparts, dominated the scenery. Yes, the Mt. Zion Youth Group offered chances such as these in addition to fellowship with others. Though I have only about a year left as a member, I will certainly remember the time that I spent as one.



DECORATING THE CHURCH IS NOT ALL WORK!!

We have had many strange things happen while decorating the church during the past 50 years....from almost all the needles dropping off a frozen tree to bunnies and a lamb hopping down the aisle for Easter. Even one Christmas when a 16 foot poinsettia was erected on the Bell Tower on a Saturday, only to be blown down and smashed before Sunday service.

The one that stands out as the funniest was when our creative minded Pastor Jim Bartsch asked us to erect a 35 foot simulated Christmas tree on the front of the church. I bought yards and yards of fresh evergreen roping, and we laid it out on the stairs all the way to the curb on North Avenue. We wired them all together in the shape of a tree. My good buddy, George Malen, was able to borrow from his company large silver plastic bells, which we wired onto the green garland. Now another member fastened a horseshoe shaped piece of metal with a pulley on it. This had to be bolted to the stainless steel dividers on the windows. An extra long step ladder, which took 5 men to handle, was leaned against the window casing.

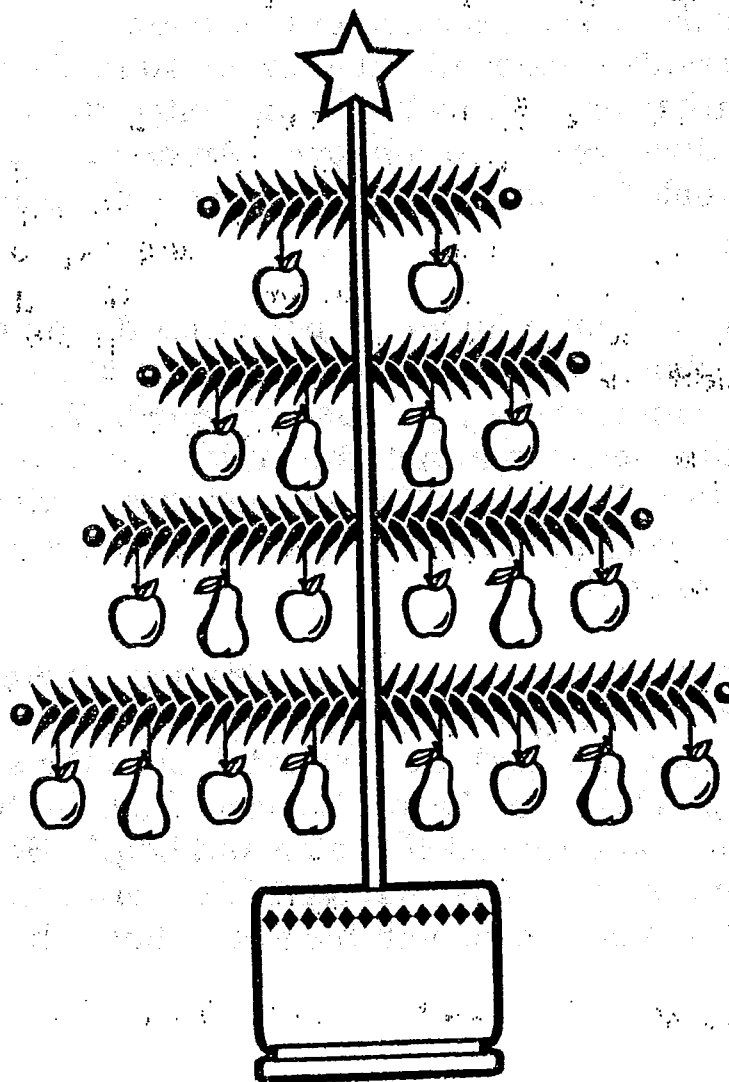
Keep in mind that George Malen insisted that the brand new 100 foot clothesline he got from Ralph Nitz would do the job! This is how I remember the year this happened: When it came time to climb the ladder to attach the pulley, everyone had an excuse not to do it, but seeing that my daughter - who is now 35 - wasn't born yet, and everyone else had children to support, I was elected.

Here's where you have to use your imagination...there were 8 men, all in a row like tug of war, pulling this huge Christmas tree. Two feet from our goal, we just didn't have the strength to reach the top. Just then Pastor Bartsch drove in the side driveway, got out, and we yelled "Come and help". He raised his hand to the top of the tree and said "The Lord will give you strength"! At the same time, with his raised hand, he made

the sign of the Cross. At that moment, the rope snapped, 8 men tumbled into one pile, and the tree crashed to the ground with the tinkling of the plastic bells. As 8 men laid there laughing hysterically, without a word Pastor Bartsch got into his car and backed out of the driveway. He felt he did enough!

Now for the rest of the story: After a dozen or so "I told you so", somebody went back to Nitz's and this time got a length of wire cable. Sunday morning, and all through the Christmas Season, everyone thought the tree with all the silver bells looked so great...but no one knew all the fun we had putting it up.

Don Schneider
Decorating Committee



Memories -- Eileen Bartelt

When asked to write a remembrance for the Mt. Zion Anniversary book, I had a difficult time keeping this to an article and not an epistle.

Sorting through some old home movies, I found footage from a Mother/Daughter Luncheon-Fashion Show held in Fellowship Hall in 1974. The fashions modeled were wedding dresses that dated back to about 1890. Betty Kindem wrote and delivered a wonderful narrative for the program. One of the models was Amina Jaffer wearing her wedding saari. This brings me to Part II of my article--**The Jaffer Family...**

The Koinonia group we belonged to in 1972 decided to sponsor a Ugandan refugee family to this country. We worked with LSS to help these people flee the ravaging torment of Idi Amin. We've kept in touch with the Jaffers and I thought you might like an update. Gulame (Mr.) Jaffer is working at GE, the same place Bob Swenson found him a job 23 years ago. Amina (Mrs.) keeps the home fires burning at 1700 Drexel Blvd. in South Milwaukee. Daughter Nazima has her masters in journalism and is living with her husband and eight week old baby boy in Toronto, Canada. Ali Raza is doing his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Jaffers always ask to be remembered to their friends at Mt. Zion--so be it!

God bless you and guide you through all He has in store for you during your 50th anniversary year and each year to follow!

Kinder, Kueche, Kirche-- Barbara Huth

This old German saying means that a woman's place is in the kitchen, church and with the children. That certainly was true at Mt. Zion before the educational wing was built, since the nursery was in the kitchen of the church. Since the nursery was somewhat unorganized, I still recall the Saturday night phone calls from Pastor Swenson--"There's no one for the nursery tomorrow, can you be there?"

I remember the Vacation Bible School when the "nursery lady", the "kool-aid lady" and the "cookie lady" (Butch Lutness, Dottie Swenson, Jeanne Finn and I don't know who was who) spent their mornings in the kitchen with my son Erik as their only charge.

The new dishwasher arrived and there were a few brave souls who learned to be the "dishwasher operators".

The one mystery of the church kitchen which goes on forever and has never been solved is "Where have all the towels gone?"



STOVE, COFFEE POTS AND CLEANSER ARE PART OF THE NURSERY CLASS

Remember When...

Hymnals engraved with their names were given to seven of the nine boys in the first confirmation class because they could recite from memory the whole of the small Catechism?

Pastor Shelhart always managed to arrange his Saturday calling schedule to end near Gustav Wolfgramm's home where he would join the family for hamburgers?

Henry Poellmann built the altar used at Fisher School out of flush doors?

Pastor Shelhart was the guest preacher at St. Matthew's Church in Wauwatosa and announced from the pulpit that all members of that church who lived west of 92nd Street should join the new congregation he was forming?

A small unruly child caught his arm between the slats of a Sunday School chair and couldn't remove it because it was swollen? And his biggest problem was that he misunderstood Mrs. Robert Schoeneich's remark that it would have to be cut off . . . she meant the chair!

Several men of the congregation were struggling valiantly to raise garlands of greens to top off the new church to form a tree on the outside of the building, and Pastor Bartsch drove up, talked to them and started to give a blessing at which point the whole framework fell down? His remark as he drove off was, "I don't know what kind of sinners you are . . ."

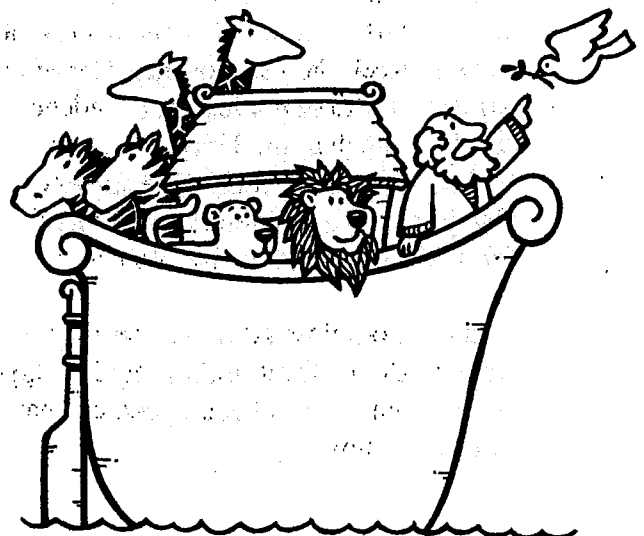
The Savage's donated a Christmas tree and it took twelve men to set it up.

The instant storm from the north that blew in around the North doors and Pastor Youngquist and Don Schneider mopped up.

Pastor Youngquist had a service of "Burning of the Greens". All had been cleared with the fire department (so we thought) when up drove a full contingent of fire trucks. The day shift had forgotten to tell the night shift of Mt. Zion's plans.

From the May 10, 1964 Bulletin

All the women of Mt. Zion are invited to come and to bring a sandwich for the noon get-together on the day of our **SPRING CLEANING**. What better way to witness for the Lord than to give him a clean church. Please come, we need your help.



Memories - Carol Drescher Wagner

My mother, Louise Drescher, was one of the charter members and she was very active in the church until 1968 when my parents moved to northern Wisconsin. Mother was a Sunday school teacher for many years, and she played the piano each Sunday for the Sunday school services when the church was in its beginnings at the old Fisher School. I well remember sitting in the school basement on the rickety wooden folding chairs listening to the services, and I can still see my mother sitting at the piano playing the hymns on the slightly out-of-tune instrument. I also remember the old school because my sisters, brother and I graduated from the eighth grade there. My mother was also a very active member of the Womens Missionary Society, and she may have served as one of its officers at some point.

When the new church was built on 120th and West North Avenue the choir was formed. My sister, Phyllis was among the first members to participate in this small but spirited group of voices.

On September 1, 1956, I was married in the first church, now the chapel. Reverend James D. Bartsch officiated at our wedding. Looking back at our old wedding album, there were the wonderfully nostalgic photos of the first Mt. Zion. It was a charming structure of red brick with white trim, well suited for the still rural part of Wauwatosa of the 1950's.

Mother passed away in 1989 at the age of 94.

Congratulations to the congregation for 50 successful years.

Memories - Lois Kliese Adney

As a Charter Member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church I have many wonderful memories.

Our group of 97 dedicated members had one goal--to build our church--to make it a reality.

With implicit faith, physical hard work and an unparalleled determination, we worked together, laughed together, and cried together, and with our Lord's help and love it was accomplished!

We had our Church in which to worship with our children and children's children and for future generations.

I feel so blessed to be a Charter Member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church!

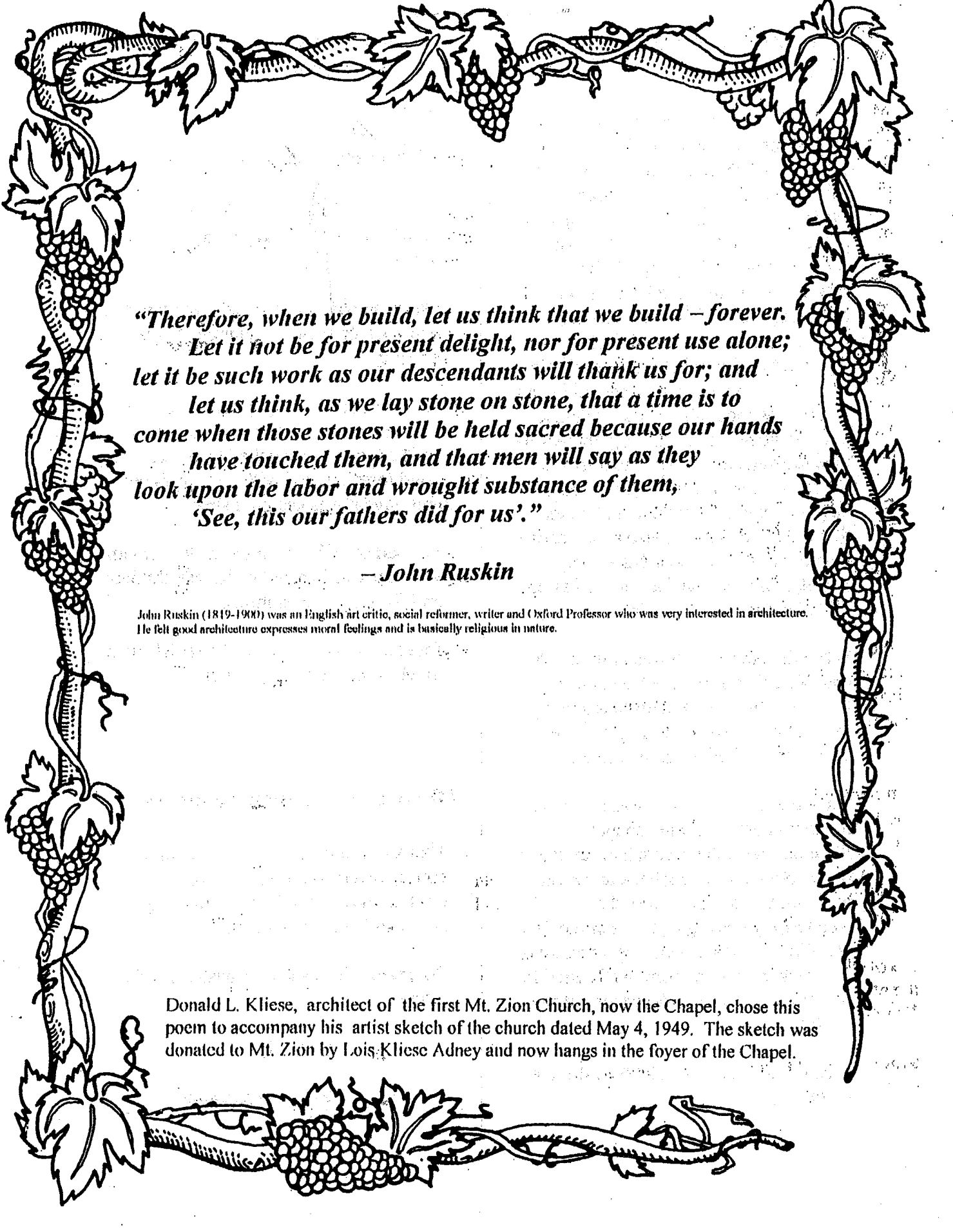
Dear Congregation Members-

Thanks so much for inviting me to the 50th anniversary. I would love to come but I am now a resident of a nursing home and unable to travel.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Vernice Gersonde



*"Therefore, when we build, let us think that we build – forever.
Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone;
let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for; and
let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to
come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands
have touched them, and that men will say as they
look upon the labor and wrought substance of them,
'See, this our fathers did for us'."*

– John Ruskin

John Ruskin (1819-1900) was an English art critic, social reformer, writer and Oxford Professor who was very interested in architecture. He felt good architecture expresses moral feelings and is basically religious in nature.

Donald L. Kliese, architect of the first Mt. Zion Church, now the Chapel, chose this poem to accompany his artist sketch of the church dated May 4, 1949. The sketch was donated to Mt. Zion by Lois Kliese Adney and now hangs in the foyer of the Chapel.

Mt Zion Lutheran Church

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

A new mission church

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come . . . this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Christ. Here we come to worship . . . and in humility to pray.

April 1946	Mount Zion English Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially organized at Fisher School (then on Hwy 100 and North Avenue where the Radisson Hotel is now located) with 97 charter members
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Saturday afternoons would find the members at the school setting up chairs for the services. The altar was composed of two sawhorses with a flush door laid on top. Easter baskets were used for the offering. The Sunday School classes would meet in the hallways. It was a time when everyone worked together and made Mt. Zion what it is today.

January 1948	The corner property at 120 th and North Avenue was purchased for \$3,500
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March 1950	Dedication of the first building of Mt. Zion, now known as the Chapel
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A growing ministry

1956	Additional property was purchased on 120 th Street
September 1957	Groundbreaking for a new sanctuary
December 1958	The first service was held in the new sanctuary
1960	More property was acquired west of the building
May 1966	Groundbreaking for Christian Education addition
November 1967	Dedication of new facilities, including a remodeled sanctuary
1995	More organ pipes installed
1998	New stained glass windows installed at south end (originally there were only 3 windows) Sanctuary recarpeted
September 2004	Ground breaking for remodeling of administration area, new gathering space, nursery, elevator and upper room
September 2005	Dedication of new space
June 2011	Renovation, painting / carpeting / theater installation in Education Wing
September 2012	Wifi system installed
December 2012	New sound system and video in sanctuary, gathering space and nursery
December 2013	New LED sign installed
June 2014	Air conditioning installed in sanctuary
December 2015	After over 20 years of silence, Mt. Zion's bell tower is restored

Our Pastors

In December of 1945 Pastor Dwight H. Shelhart, mission developer of the United Lutheran Church in America, called on people in the western area of Wauwatosa. The congregation first worshipped together on December 30, 1945 in the Fisher School on Highway 100 and North Avenue.

1946-1965	James Bartsch, First Pastor
1964-1967	Duane Swenson, Assistant Pastor
1966-1978	Ingolf B. Kindem, Pastor
1967-1968	John Binder, Intern
1968-1970	Jim Munson, Associate Pastor
1968-1969	Paul Dawson, Intern
1969-1970	Scott Kling, Intern
1971-1975	Steve Samuelson, Assistant Pastor
1976-1979	James Mortenson, Assistant Pastor
1979-1985	Theodore Youngquist, Senior Pastor
1981-1982	William Shepard, Intern
1982	Ted Johannsen, Assistant Pastor
1985	Carl Lund, Associate Pastor
1985-1991	Dale R. Skogman, Senior Pastor
1987-1991	Michael K. Girlinghouse, Assistant Pastor
1991	Kenneth Wheller, Interim Pastor
1992-1993	Dale A. Erickson, Senior Pastor
1994-1995	Mary Rowland, Associate Pastor
1994-1996	Richard Weeden, Associate Pastor
1995	Frank Bauman, Interim Pastor
1995-2009	Gary Johnson, Senior Pastor
1996-1998	Rachel Young-Binter, Assistant Pastor
1999-2003	Amy Reumann, Associate Pastor
2000-2010	Marvin Oechler, Visitation Pastor
2005-2010	Kendra Mohn, Associate Pastor
2009-2010	Jan Veseth, Intern
2009-2011	Mick Roschke, Interim Pastor
2010-2018	Steven & Deborah Ohrtman, Senior Pastors
2018-	Joshua A. Graber, Interim Pastor