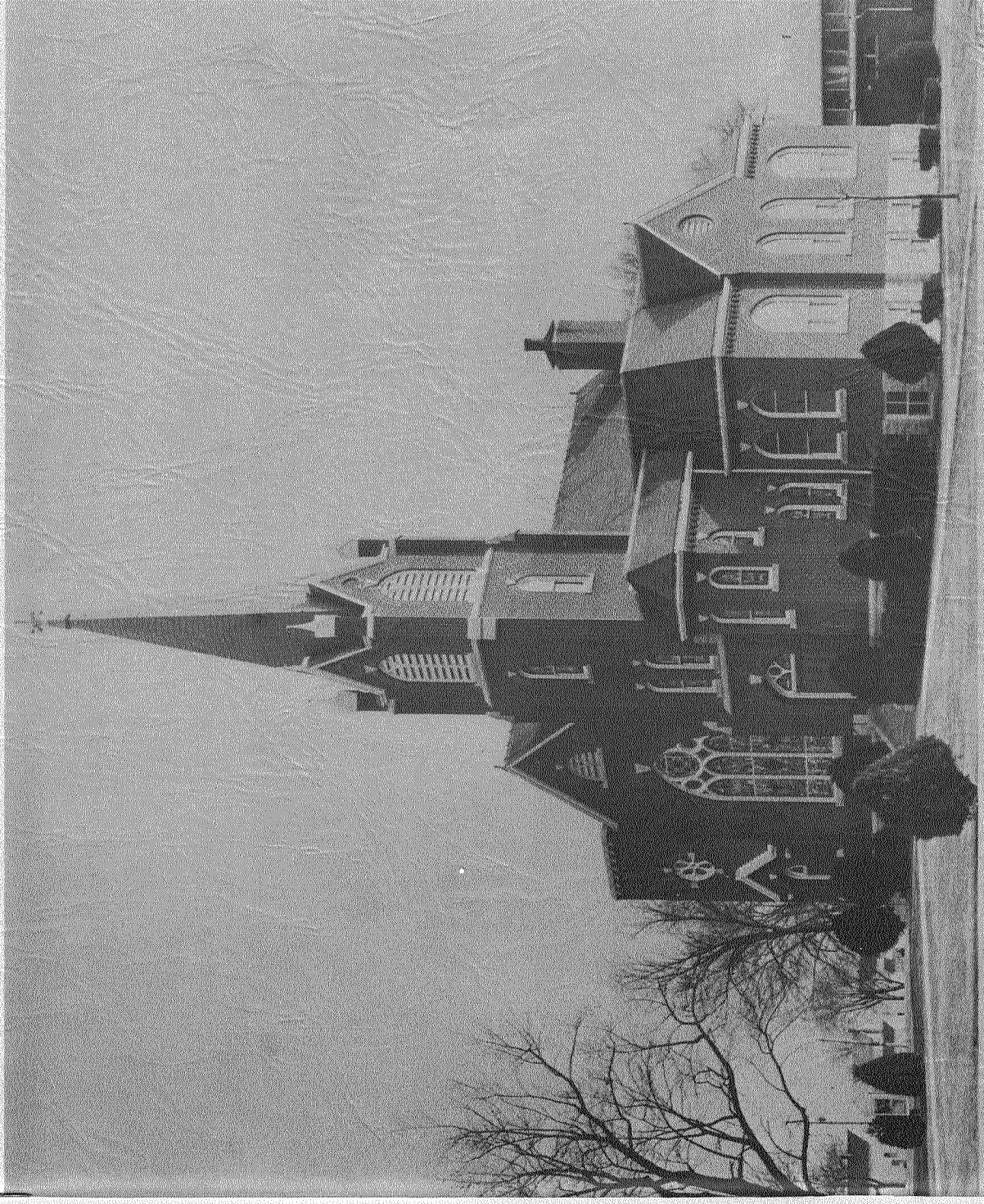


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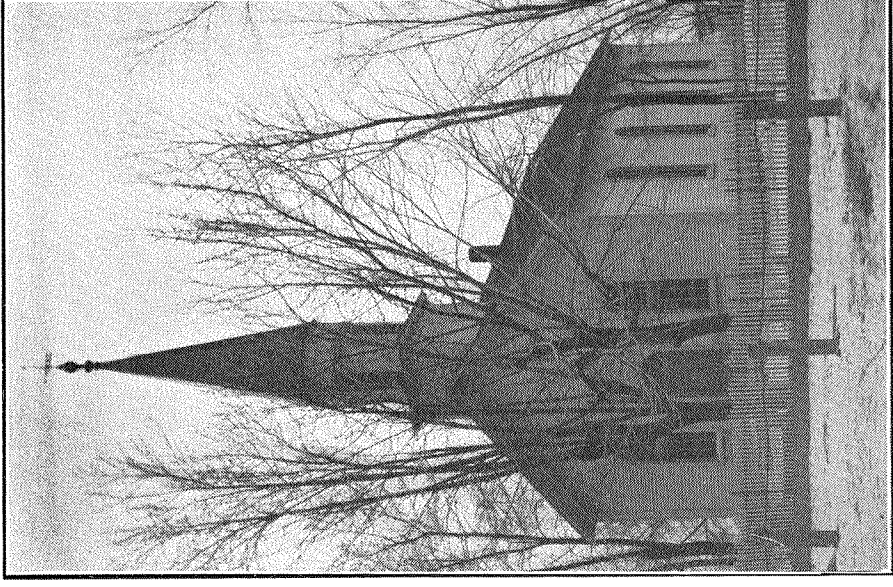


Zion United Church of Christ

Addieville, Illinois

1871

1971



THE FIRST CHURCH

July 3, 1871

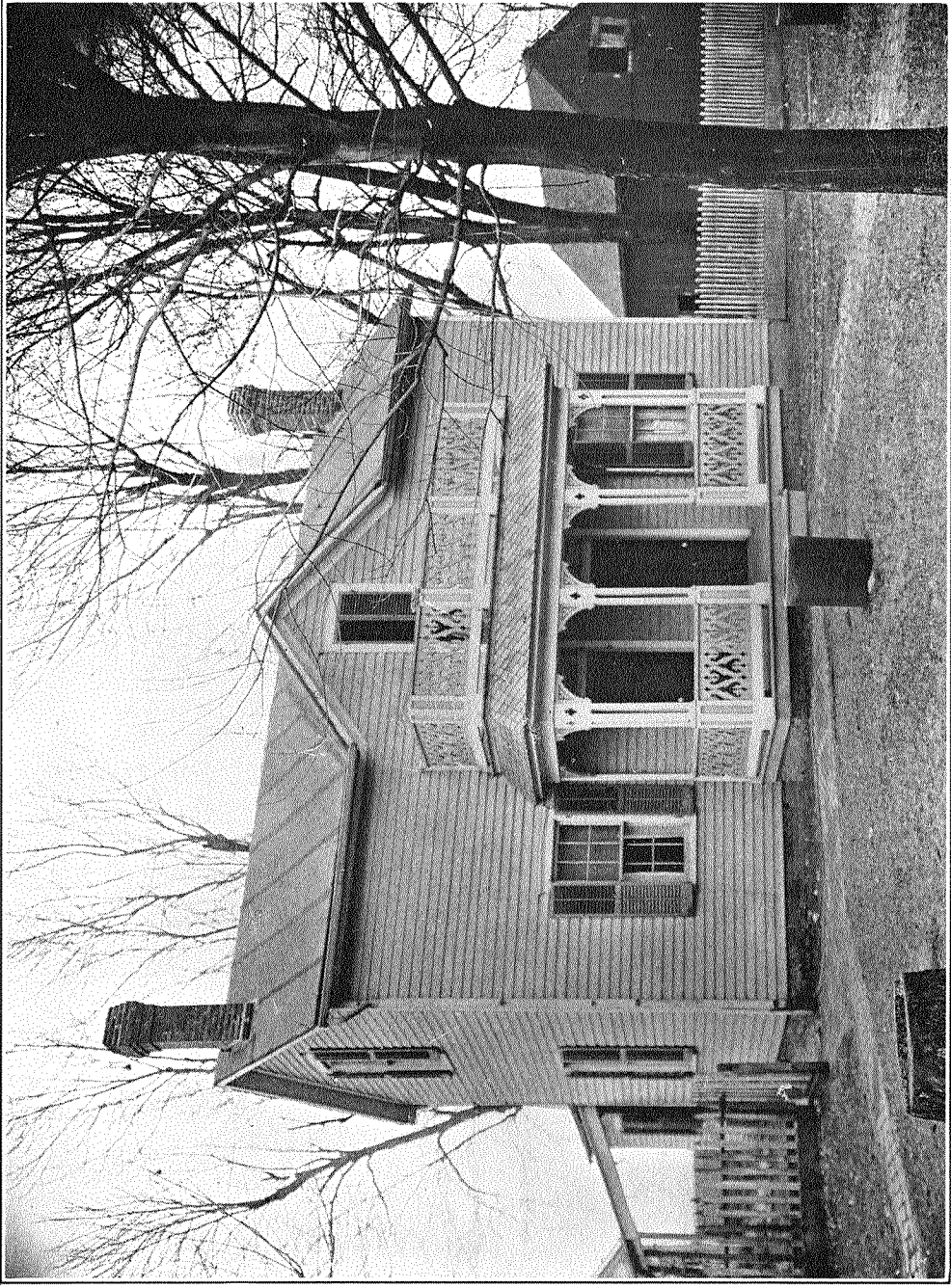
Dedication

This book is dedicated to all those, living and dead, who have given of themselves and their treasure to preserve the faith of our fathers and the buildings in which they worshipped; with the fervent prayer that each new generation of Zion Church will have the wisdom and strength from the Almighty God to continue that which they have received.

We are God's children and our building is his house and by his grace and power they all exist; therefore what good we have done and will do, we do in thanksgiving, for the greater honor and glory belongs to Him.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

June 6, 1971



FIRST PARSONAGE
Built in 1871

Early History

The beginnings of Zion United Church of Christ date back to the early 1800's. In the summer of 1851, Rev. Charles Witte was sent to Washington County by the German Evangelical Synod, which had a seminary at Marthasville, Mo. The small handful of German settlers who lived in this area, some of whom had arrived as early as 1845, felt the need for a place of worship. Many of them were driving to the communities of Plum Hill and Okawville for services. They were encouraged in their efforts by Col. James L. D. Morrison of Shiloh Valley, St. Clair County, who owned extensive land in this area. He offered, to those who planned to remain here,

four acres of land within the plat of the Village of Addieville plus a cash donation, to be used within a specified time, toward the building of a church. Col. Morrison had laid out the Village of Addieville the previous year in August, 1870, and named the village after his wife, Adele Sharpy Morrison.

The early settlers wasted no time in accepting Col. Morrison's generous offer. Meetings were held and plans were made toward formation of a church. Members from the Plum Hill and Okawville congregations volunteered to meet with the small group of men and assist them in their plans.

Traditional stories tell that the first meet-

ing was held under a farm wagon due to a severe thunderstorm. At this meeting the trustees appointed were: Gerhard Grattendick, Chris Lunte, Wm. Gaebe, and Fr. Trentelmann. The name chosen for the new church was the German Zion Evangelischen Kirche of Addieville. Mr. Lunte moved shortly thereafter and Hy. C. Brennecke was appointed to replace him.

Meetings continued to be held and soon with the cooperation of neighbors and friends, all plans were completed for the first "organized meeting" of our future congregation. This meeting was held on July 3, 1871, and nine families responded to the call and were enrolled as charter members. At this meeting a call was extended to Rev. J. Haak to become the first minister and he served in that capacity 5 years.

Under the leadership of the trustees, plans were made to build a church and a parsonage. Christ Thoms and John Meyer were appointed to the Building Committee. Again traditional stories tell us that these two gentle-

Jno Grattendick
Carl Gaebe
Christ Suedmeyer
J. H. C. Meier
Frank Doetze
Wm. Wehmeyer
Hy. Toensing
Wm. Krone
Wm. Hagemeyer
C. H. Thoms
Wm. Eigenrauch
Franz Krone

Christ Becker
Christ Schmalriede
Hy. C. Brennecke
Fr. Trentelmann
Hy. Holle
Frank Nieman
Hy. Wessel
Jno Meyer
Wm. Bartling
Casper Vogelpohl
C. Grattendick
F. Groennert

Wm. Bohbrink
Wm. Gaebe
Friedrich Gaebe
Gerhard Eltjendier
Wm. Hoelscher
Christ Klingenberg
Christ Ehret
Christ Gaebe
Wm. Brueggeman
F. Lange
Herman Erke

men went to nearby woods and cut old bent trees for rafters, leaving the bark intact. This was evident when the old church was dismantled. As work progressed, members held services in the homes of various members.

On Aug. 15, 1871, about one month after the first meeting, the cornerstone of the first church was laid. Neighboring ministers, F. Daries of Plum Hill and G. Maul of Okawville (Bridgeport) were in charge of services for this event.

At a special meeting it was voted on to start building the parsonage and in the fall of 1871, a two-room parsonage was completed and dedicated.

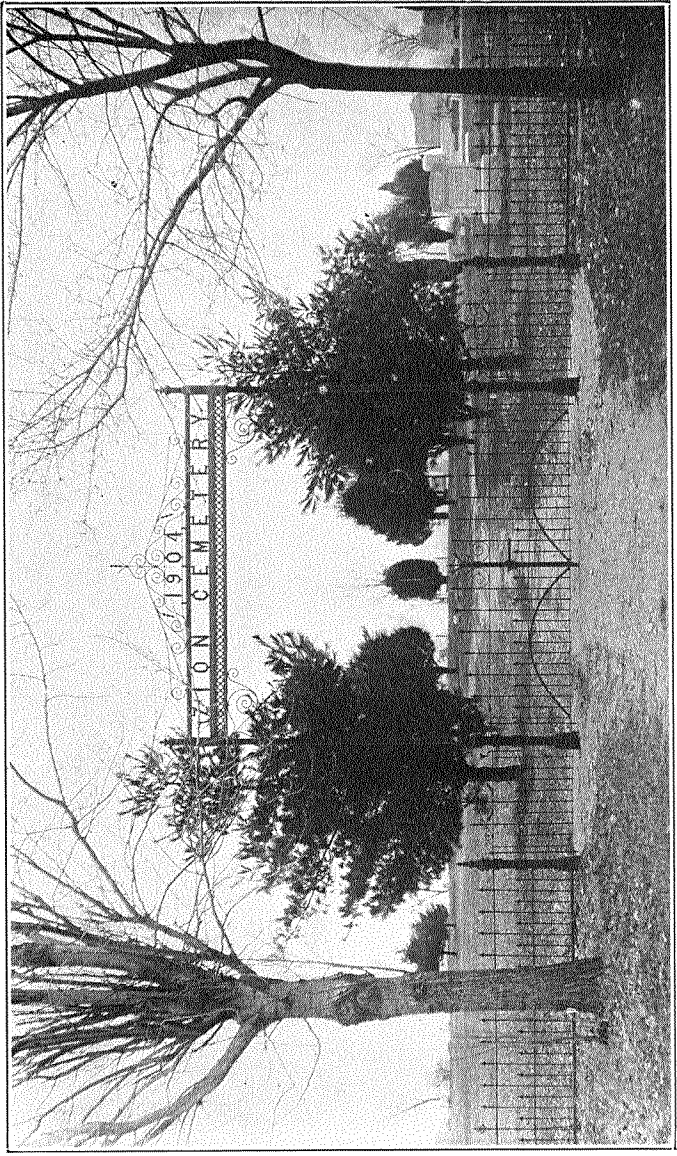
The first communion service was held on Christmas 1871 with 37 communicants participating. At the New Year's meeting of the congregation, the charter membership list was considered closed and the 37 members who had joined during the year were accepted as the Charter Members of Zion Evangelischen Kirche of Addieville. They were:

On March 3, 1872, Rev. J. Haak (1871-1876) was installed as the first minister of Zion church by the two neighboring ministers. Ten members had transferred from Plum Hill and the church as well as the village continued to grow.

As the Church neared completion, the only thing lacking was the bell. On April 2, 1872, enough money had been collected to purchase a 1200-pound bell at a cost of \$490.00 Included in the original grant from Col. Morris-

son was enough land for a cemetery. This was laid out east of the church. It is no longer in use.

The first confirmation class was small but three young people, Ernestine Rust, Wilhelmina Krone, and Charlotte Krone, were confirmed on May 9, 1872. A few days later, on May 12, 1872, dedication services were held in the new church with members from neighboring congregations joining in the services.



OLD CEMETERY
1904

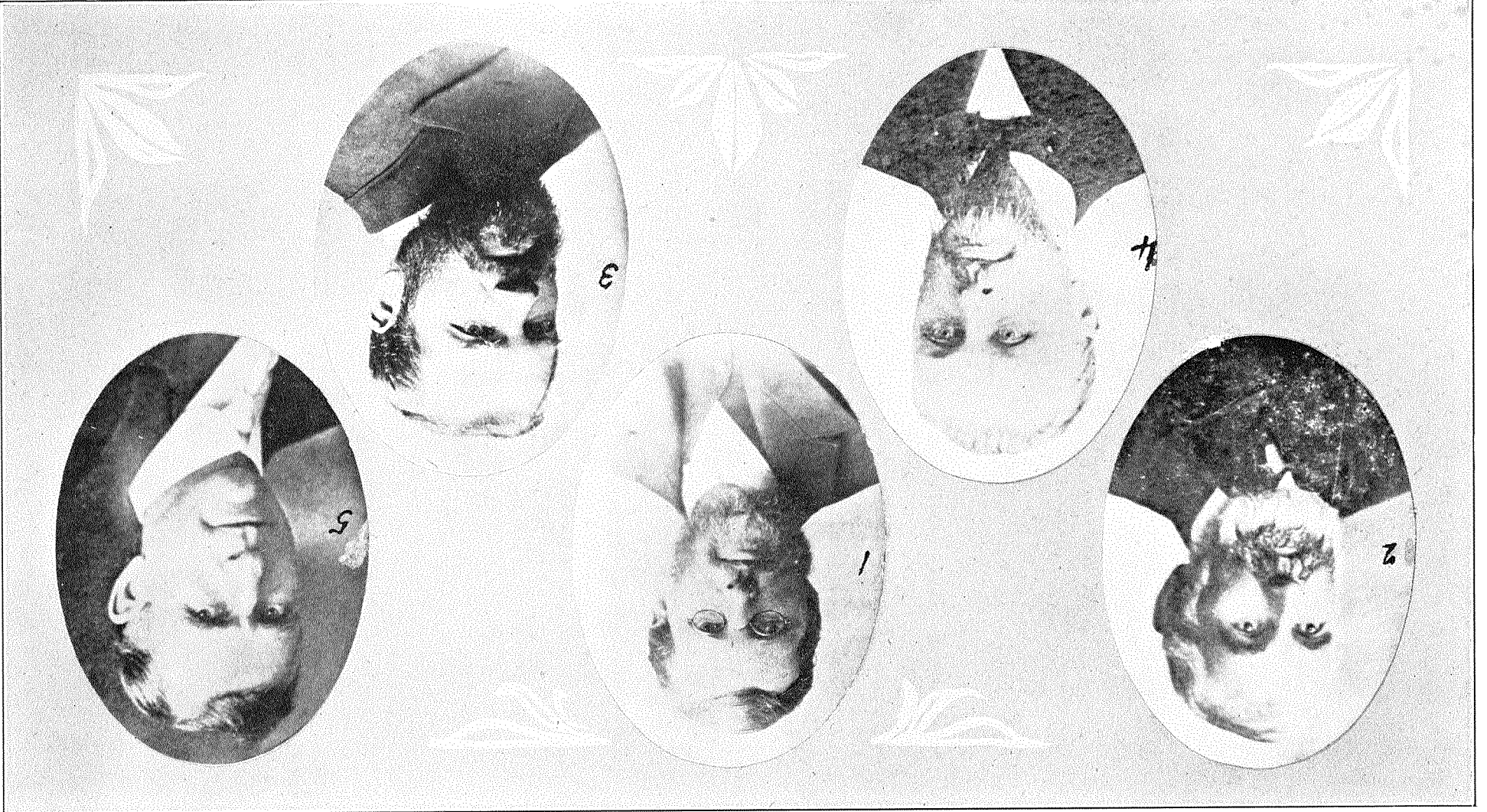
After the church and parsonage were built, the congregation turned their efforts to building a school in which to conduct religious education. Rev. Haak taught school in the German language in the church building. Col. Morrison again came to their aid and donated three more lots on which to erect the school and this project began on July 3, 1872, one year after the founding of the church. The cost for building purposes at this time amounted to \$5240.00.

After the school house was completed, ministers taught until the congregation and the public school district, which was formed in 1875, agreed to have the teachers teach in the church school. German was taught two days a week and English three. Teaching under this method were Mr. A. Wallis, Mr. F. Karlbach, and L. Stieguity. In 1882 the congregation resumed parochial classes under Rev. Doernenberg. The children went 6 years to public school, 2 years to German school, and then one year back in public school. After age 14 they were confirmed. Some of our older members tell us that there was summer school, usually lasting for 6 wks. which often started in May. During Rev. Oberhellman's

ministry, he was unable to cope with both and teachers were employed to teach the parochial classes in the one-room frame school. Some of them were: J. Flottman (1895-1897), Rev. Chas. Mohr. (1897-1902), Geo. Hohman (1902-1905), Miss Frieda Mische (1905-1906), H. Lindenmeyer (1906-1908), Miss Amalia Baltzer (1908-1909), who later married Rev. Langerhans, P. Papsdorf (1909-1910), and Miss Louise Hillgardt (1910-1912).

After 1912 the ministers again taught German school and during World War I there was a question about having German instruction. Eventually, in 1920, English became the preferred language and parochial school was discontinued. Prior to confirmation, young people had instruction two days a week, either Tues. and Sat., or Wed. and Sat., until finally all instruction was given on Saturdays. Rev. Westerbeck was the last minister to teach in the German school.

On Jan. 3, 1876, Rev. Haak resigned and Rev. J. Lang (1876-1884) was called to fill the vacancy. He was installed on Sept. 3, 1876, and pastored Zion for 8 years. During this time the church needed its first repair



FIRST MINISTERS

- (1) J. Haak (1871-1876), (2) J. J. Lang (1876-1884), (3) G. Doernenberg (1884-1893)
- (4) F. Stoerker (1899-1905), (5) C. L. Langerhans (1905-1916)



**Rev. Oberhellmann
1893-1899**

work. On June 30, 1877, lightning struck the steeple, hopped across the roof, and did extensive damage. Some redecorating was done at this time. The parsonage had also become too small and two rooms were added. By 1877, the membership had grown to 54. In 1882, new lights and carpeting were placed in the church.

On January 14, 1884, Rev. Lang resigned and a call was extended to Rev. G. Doernenberg (1884-1893). He accepted and was in-



**Rev. Westerbeck
1916-1921**

stalled in August 1884. The remaining debt of \$800, which the congregation still owed, was paid off in the next few years.

In August, 1893, Rev. Doernenberg resigned and Rev. Theo. Oberhellmann (1893-1899) accepted a call to serve Zion Church, he served for 6 years. In 1894, the Church again was redecorated, and on November 15, 1895, the women of the church organized a German-speaking women's organization known as the Frauenverein.

On July 15, 1899, Rev. Oberhellmann resigned and Rev. F. Stoerker (Aug., 1899-Apr., 1905) accepted the call to become the 5th minister of our church. On January 9, 1903, at the Annual Meeting it was decided to buy land for a new Cemetery to be located east of town and away from the village limits. In April of 1903, 4 acres of land was purchased from Wm. Grattendick for \$600.00. By Oct. of 1903, it was laid out in lots and dedicated in 1904. This is the site of our present cemetery. Rev. Stoerker resigned at the Annual Meeting, and in July of 1905, Rev. C. L. Langerhans (July, 1905-Aug., 1916) accepted the call from the congregation and was installed as the 6th pastor of our Church. He served in that capacity 11 years, the second longest term of any of the pastors.

The next few years the village as well as the congregation continued to grow. The church was filled to capacity on Sundays and on special occasions. It was impossible to accommodate those who came to worship. There was talk to build a new church during Oberhellmann's term, but nothing materialized. During Rev. Stoerker's pastorate a resolution was passed in Nov., 1901, to establish a fund by subscription for building a new church, but poor crops caused postponement of the idea. In July of 1906 the trustees were authorized to find out how much money could be raised by subscription for a new church. After \$8000 had been subscribed, a committee of John Meyer, John Klosterhoff, Herman Kropp, Wm. Grattendick, John Gaebe, and Rev. Langerhans was appointed to draw up plans for the new building. The plans submitted placed the cost at \$12,000, and by a vote of 2/3 of the congregation, it was decided to build. The complete plans were drawn up by architect C. F. May of St. Louis, Mo. The contract was let to Luecke &



**Rev. Heithaus
1921-1925**

Secy., Elda Schoenberg, Treas. Carrie Holt, and assist pianist, Leona Lehde.

Rev. Heithaus resigned in March of 1925, and Rev. J. Kreuzer (Sept., 1925-Oct., 1928) accepted a call to fill the vacancy. He served in that capacity 3 years and resigned in Oct., 1928. Rev. Kreuzer was the second past minister to be buried in the minister's circle of Zion cemetery on March 5, 1966.

Rev. Louis Kurz (Feb., 1929-Oct., 1943) ar-



**Rev. Kreuzer
1925-1928**

Bopp Construction Co., for a low bid of \$18,000, in July, 1907.

On Sept. 15, 1907, the cornerstone of our present church was laid. Contents included, among other things, church constitution, church membership list, a catechism, song books, and church calendar.

By May 31st, 1908, the new church was completed at a cost of about \$23,000, and was considered the finest structure in the county. Dedication services were held on that day with over 3000 people in attendance. The dedication services began at 9:30 a.m. with a farewell service in the old church led by Rev. Langerhans. Then the procession proceeded to the new church. The service was opened by a prelude by the Addieville Band, after which the building and the organ were dedicated by Rev. Langerhans. Rev. Oberhellmann delivered the dedication sermon. Services were held throughout the day with ministers from Okawville and Nashville and the Rev. John Gaebe of Stone Church, participating.

Rev. Langerhans resigned in Aug. of 1916, and Rev. E. J. Westerbeck (Oct., 1916-June, 1921) accepted a call as the next pastor. During the next year the Ladies Aid and Sunday School purchased the first electric lights in the church. In 1919 the Bible Class installed an electric motor in the organ replacing the hand pump. The congregation paid off their remaining debt and on May 22, 1921, the congregation celebrated their 50th Anniversary as a church.

In June of 1921 Rev. Westerbeck resigned and Rev. B. H. Heithaus (Sept., 1921-Mar., 1925) accepted a call to become the 8th minister of Zion Church.

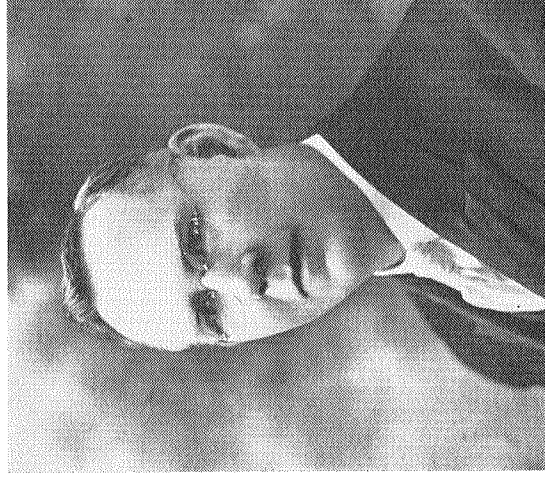
In 1922 the old parsonage was sold and the congregation voted to build a new parsonage. Work on the parsonage progressed rapidly and the project was completed at a cost of \$7250, and dedicated on March 11, 1923. In Nov. of 1923, Rev. Heithaus extended a call to the men of the congregation to form a Brotherhood. Twelve men attended the meeting and drew up a constitution. In Dec. of 1923, again under the leadership of Rev. Heithaus, a Young People's League was formed with 27 young people as members. Officers were: Pres. Otto Becker, Vice-Pres. Oliver Gaebe, Secy. Nora Klosterhoff, Fin.

rived and became the 10th pastor. He served in that capacity 13 years, until his death in Oct., 1943, having had the longest ministry of any pastor in the history of Zion Church. In Feb., 1930, the Women's Union was formed under the instigation of Mrs. Ida Kurz, wife of the pastor. It was an English-speaking organization for the ladies who did not speak German. In 1931 a tin ceiling was placed in the church and still remains attractive as well as unique. In 1934 the interior was redecorated. Rev. Kurz had the distinction of being the last minister to conduct services in the German language, usually once a month. Rev. Kurz served the congregation faithfully until his death and was the first minister of Zion to be buried in our cemetery.

Rev. F. W. Weltge of Plum Hill served as interim pastor until the vacancy could be filled. In June of 1944, Rev. Paul Niedermeyer (June, 1944-Sept., 1951) became pastor of Zion. On July 7, 1946, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Zion. The church had been redecorated and new carpeting laid for the occasion. In August of 1944, the Youth Fellowship was formed under Rev. Niedermeyer's leadership, thereby reactivating an organization for the young people. It was also during this time that the German lettering above the entrance to the church was replaced by English lettering.

Rev. Niedermeyer resigned in Sept. of 1951, and Rev. Edward Fresen (June, 1952-Mar., 1957) accepted a call to pastor the Zion congregation. In Oct., 1956, it was voted on by the congregation to build a new Educational Building. Committees were appointed and plans drawn up but disagreement about the type of building and location halted building plans. Rev. Fresen resigned in 1957 and Rev. Kurt Simon (June, 1957-Sept., 1961) accepted the call to Zion. During the year, discussion on the new Educational Building continued. Plans were drawn up and the groundbreaking services took place on Sun., Sept. 1, 1957. The architects for the project were Hanner, Bartels, of Chester, Ill. In Jan., 1958, the congregation voted to purchase the Brandhorst property to use as a parking area adjacent to the new building.

On July 13, 1958, a special service was held to commemorate 50 yrs. of worship in our present sanctuary. During 1958 construction



Rev. Kurz
1929-1943

continued despite delays and the project was completed in 1959 at a cost of \$65,000. On Sunday, April 26, 1959, the new Educational Building was dedicated, replacing the old parish hall which had been in use 86 years. The members of the building committee were: Chr., Owen Lehde, Vice-Chr., Wim. Groenert, Secy., Ted Graebe, Treas., Herb Meyer, Hy. Brueggmann, Mrs. Geo. Hemminghaus and Roy Holtgrewe.

Rev. Simon resigned in Sept., 1961, and Rev. Joseph Seiler (Nov., 1961-June, 1964)

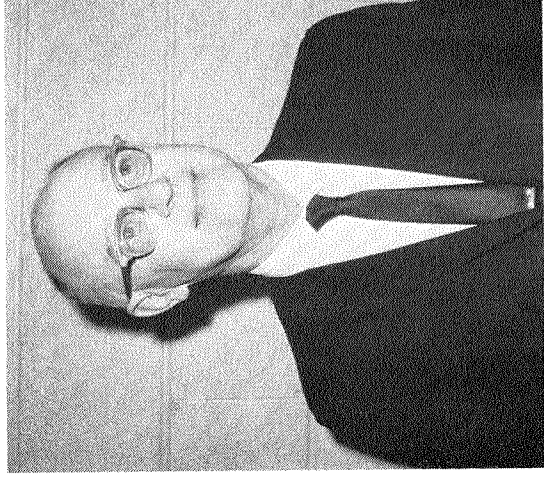


Rev. Niedermeyer
1944-1951

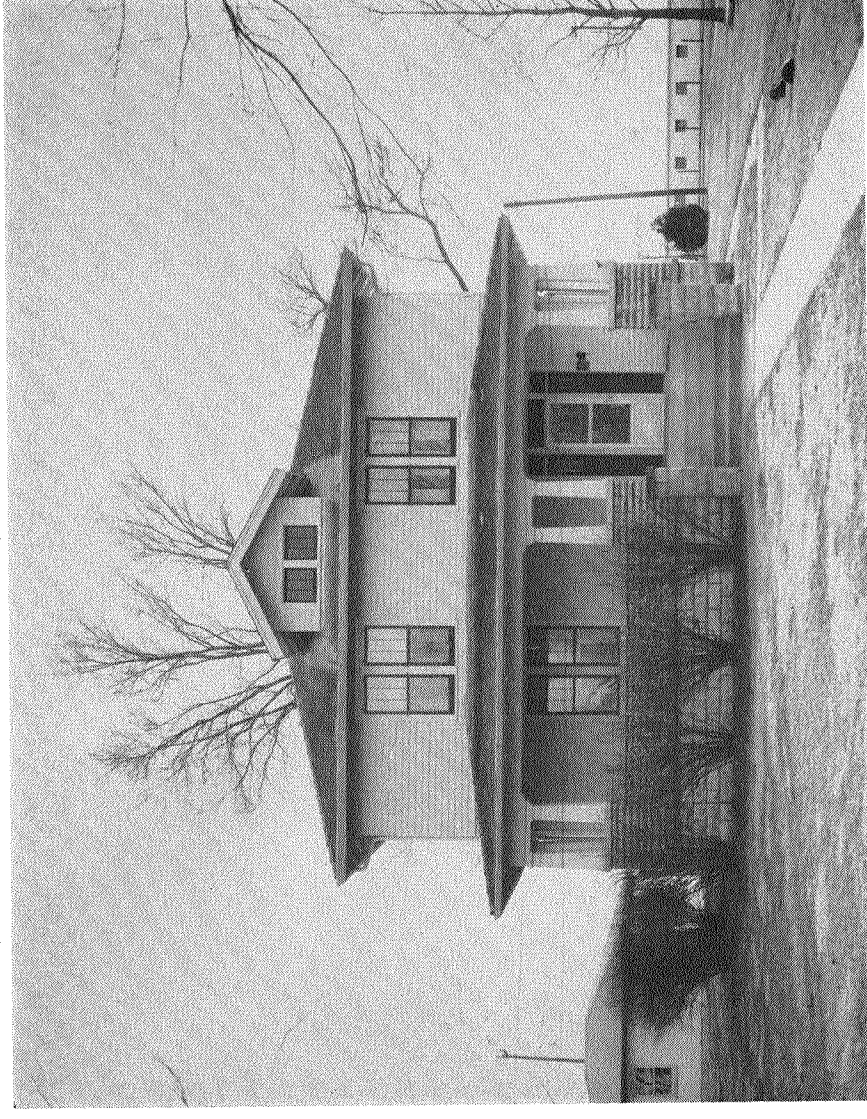
accepted the call to Zion church as the 14th pastor of our congregation. He served in that capacity 2½ years. In 1963, the members of the Youth Fellowship remodeled the old storeroom off the upstairs balcony and converted it into a small Chapel.

Rev. Seiler resigned in June, 1964, and Rev. Kenneth Kramer (Oct., 1964—) accepted the call as the 15th pastor of Zion church. Rev. Kramer has served this congregation for 6½ years, making him 6th in line of those pastors who have had the longest ministry here.

By Feb. of 1966, the debt on the new building had been reduced to \$800, and on Sunday, April 24, 1966, a note burning service was held, with Rev. Kurt Simon, the speaker, commemorating the retirement of the debt on the Educational Building. In May of 1966, the congregation voted to re-roof the flat part



Rev. Fresen
1952-1957

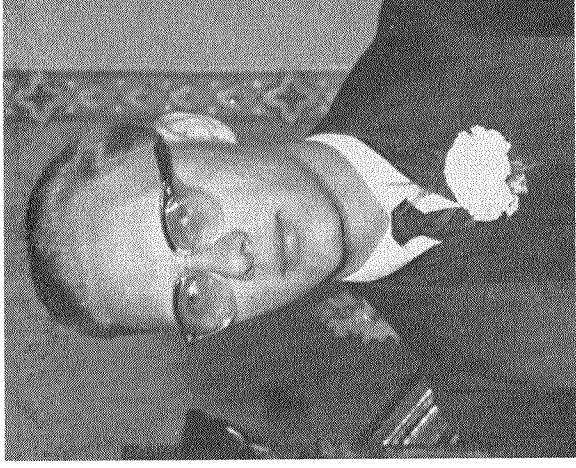


PRESENT PARSONAGE
Built 1922

of the Educational Building. The organ in the church, which was installed at a cost of \$1250, was in need of repairs; accordingly, at a special meeting the congregation voted to purchase a new pipe organ to replace the old organ, which was of the Tracker action type and becoming increasingly more difficult to play. A Committee of Rev. Kramer, Estelle Wartjen, Lydia Eigenrauch, Walter Oltmann, Wilbert Tieleman and Waldermer Hermeling was appointed to undertake the project. In June of 1966, a new pipe organ was installed by the Wicks Organ Co., of Highland, Ill., at a cost of \$16,226. The organ was dedicated on Sunday, June 19, 1966, with an afternoon recital by Mr. Raymond Keldermans, a carillonneur of Springfield, Ill. Also, in June, 1966, a substantial sum of money was given to the church for the purpose of installing a public address system, including speakers in the church tower. A committee of Rev. Kramer, John Boeschen, Wm. Groennert and Oliver Fricke, was appointed to secure bids and undertake the installation. In July of 1966, the system was completed.

The memorial in honor of Rev. Niedermeyer, who had passed away, amounted to \$110, and the church council chose a set of Interpreter's Bibles to be placed in the church library.

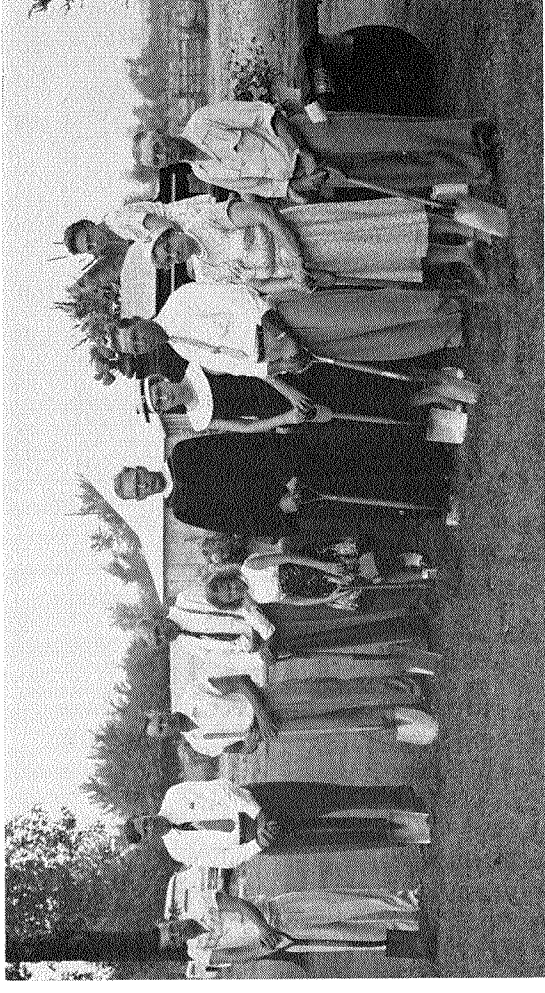
On June 9, 1968, Wm. Lee Groennert was ordained in the Christian ministry in an afternoon service and the congregation presented to him, as a gift, his ordination robe.



**Rev. Simon
1957-1961**

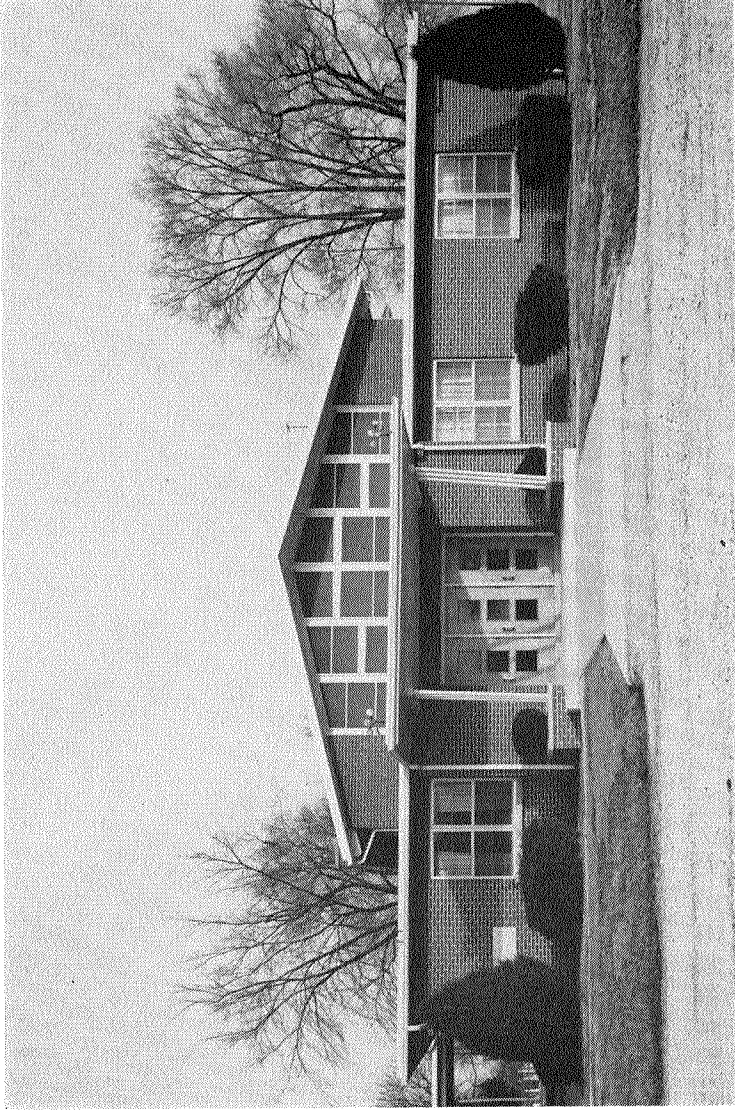


**Rev. Seiler
1961-1964**



GROUND BREAKING FOR THE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING 1958

From left to right: David Suedmeyer, Wm. Groennert, Charles Guest, Emil Lehde, Mary Lou Ostendorf, Rev. Kurt Simon, Helen Groennert, Mel Groennert, Eida Hemminghaus, and Christ Doelling. Seated at piano in back, Estelle Wartjen.



PRESENT EDUCATIONAL BUILDING ERECTED 1958



OLD INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH

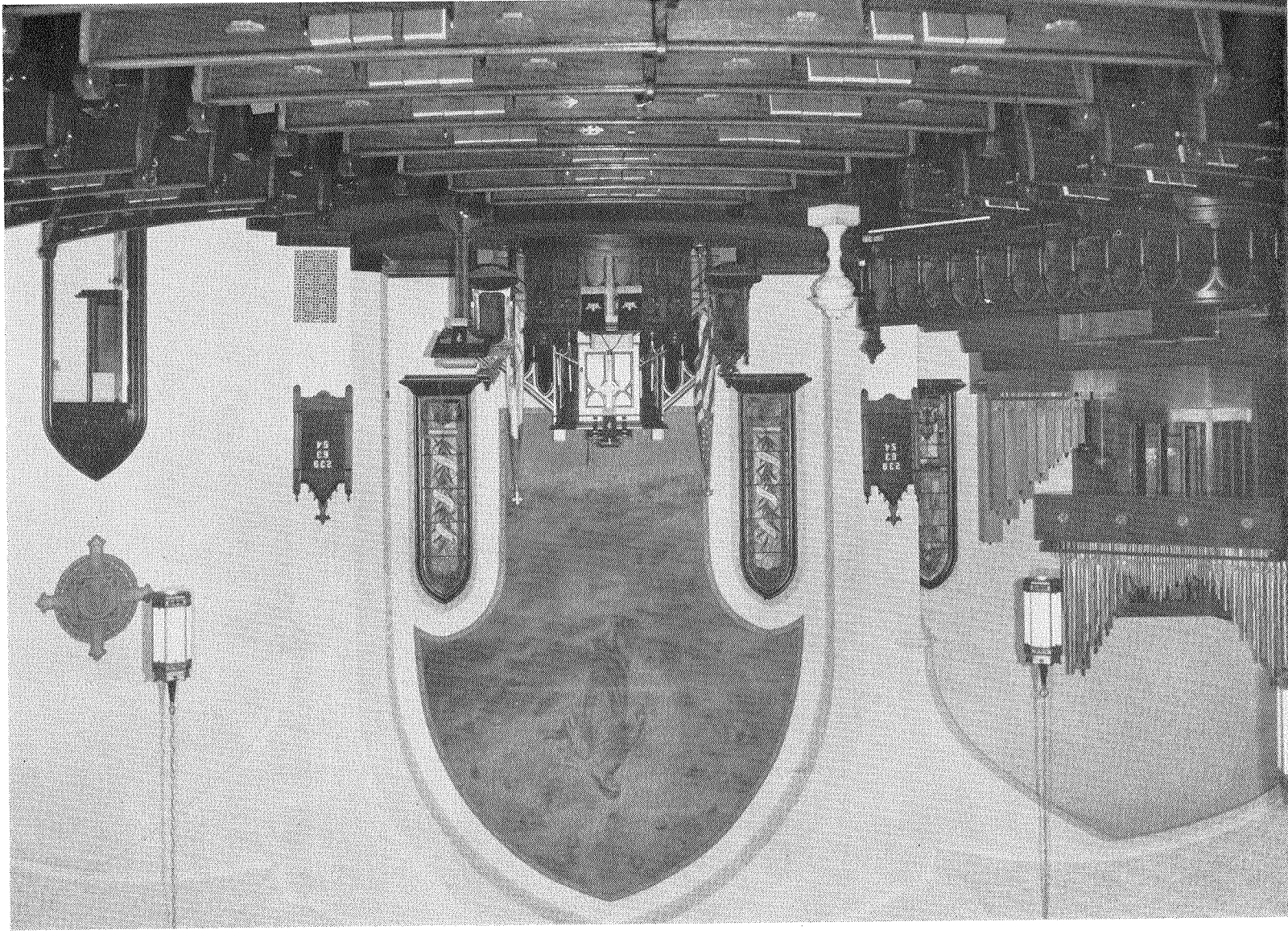
Centennial Preparation

Recognizing that the church was in need of extensive repair work, the trustees deferred all major repair and redecorating projects until the centennial, which was to be celebrated in the near future. Accordingly, a parent committee was appointed in Dec., 1966, to develop plans for the event. In 1969, the exterior of the church was sand blasted, tuck pointed, and repainted at a cost of \$6600. In the fall of 1970, committees were appointed to undertake the decorating of the interior and the writing of the church history. Walls were repainted, new lights installed, the sliding doors replaced, woodwork and pews redone, and the Sunday School room redecorated at a cost of \$13,000. Nostalgia, reminiscence, and recollection were common during the historical committee's efforts to dig into the hundred-year existence of the church. The date for the Centennial celebration was set for June 6, 1970, and all work was completed at this time.

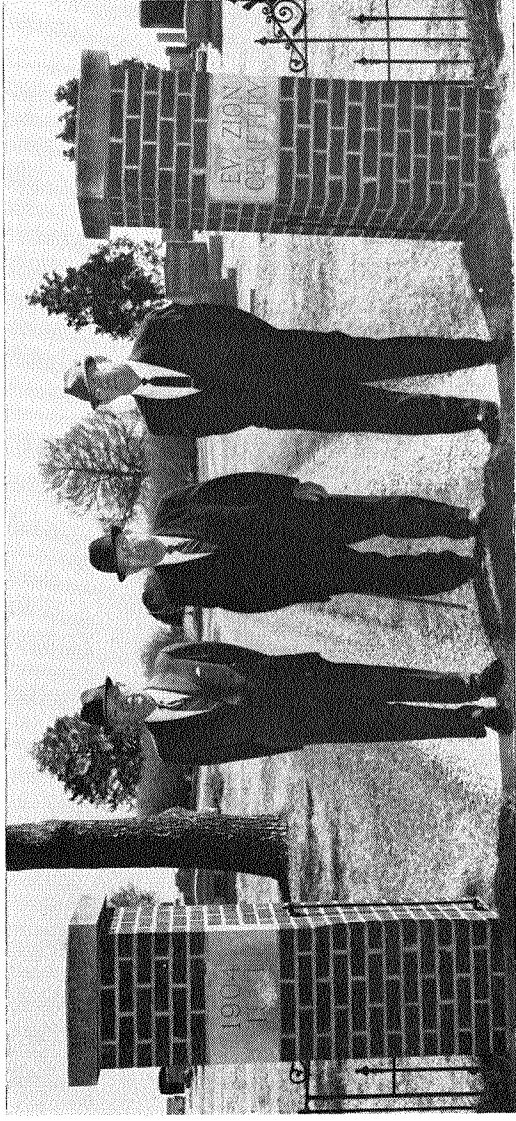
Points of Interest

From the church records the following facts were gleaned. There have been 1,278 Baptisms, 743 deaths/or burials, 963 confirmations, and 331 weddings. The first confirmations in the first church were: Wilhelmina Krone, Charlotte Krone, and Ernestine Rust. The first burial was the infant, Wilhelmina Lange, age 2, Aug., 1871. The first wedding in the new sanctuary was the Mueller-Groenert nuptials, in June, 1908, the first baptism was Milo Klosterhoff and Pauline Becker, and the first burial was Maria Klingenberg.

Traditions and customs are common to every group and Zion has a few of its own. One of the more interesting ones is the tolling of the bell. The bell is tolled the evening prior to any service, one hour before church time on Sunday, when the service begins, during the Lord's Prayer, prior to and after a funeral service, and at a wedding by request. The bell is also tolled on New Year's Eve prior to and just after midnight and upon the death of a member, including tapping the age of the deceased.



Present Interior of the Church including the New Organ



CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Alfred Lehde, John Groennert, Roland Ledendecker

Another tradition for years was the seating in the church. The ladies sat in the center, the men on the right, the single women on the left, and the bachelors upstairs in the balcony.

According to some of the records, organized classes in the past have been, the Berean Bible Class, the Sunbeam Class, and the True Blue Class.

In 1894, under the leadership of Rev. Doernberg, the ladies of the church organized a German-speaking women's organization known as the Frauenverein. It has been reported that the charter members were: Mrs. Christine Bohbrink, Mrs. G. Grattendick, and Mrs. John Meyer. Eighteen ladies came to the first meeting and the first officers were: Mrs. D. Huenke, Pres., Mrs. Theo. Oberhellman, Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Lehr, Sec'y, and Mrs. G. Wehmeyer, Treas.

Throughout the years, the ladies made many contributions to the church. One of their major contributions was the benches and carpet for the new church. As the German language was replaced by English and many of the members joined the English-speaking Women's Guild, the organization dwindled



Remaining Members of the Frauenverein when disbanded: Mrs. Hy Brinkmann, Hannah Lehde, Mrs. Frank Eigenrauch, and Mrs. John Sanders

until it was finally disbanded during Rev. Fresen's ministry. Four ladies are the remaining living members of that organization at the time it was disbanded and to them we pay special tribute during our centennial year. They are: Mrs. Hy. Brinkman, Mrs. Hannah Lehde, Mrs. Frank Eigenrauch, and Mrs. John Sanders.

THE PASTOR'S FAMILY



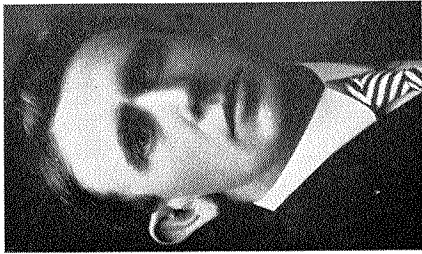
The Kramers:
Front Row
 Janet
 Kerri Ann
 Pastor Kramer
Back Row
 Kenneth Dee Jr.
 Zola Mae

CHURCH COUNCIL



First row: Edwin Richards, trustee; Pastor Kramer, Melvin Groennert, Rec. Secy. **Second row:** Verlin Seering, fin. secy.; Delmar Wulf, Pres.; Curtis Lehde, V-Pres.; Charles Guest, Treas.

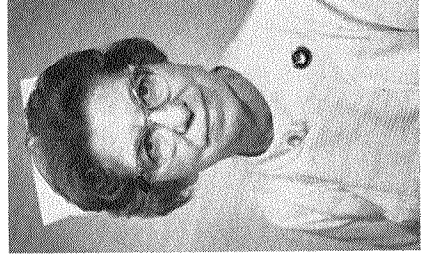
SONS AND DAUGHTER OF ZION



Rev. John Gaebe
(Deceased)



Rev. Albert Gaebe
(Deceased)



Sister Pauline Becker



Rev. Wm. Groennert

THE JANITORS



THE OSTENDORFS

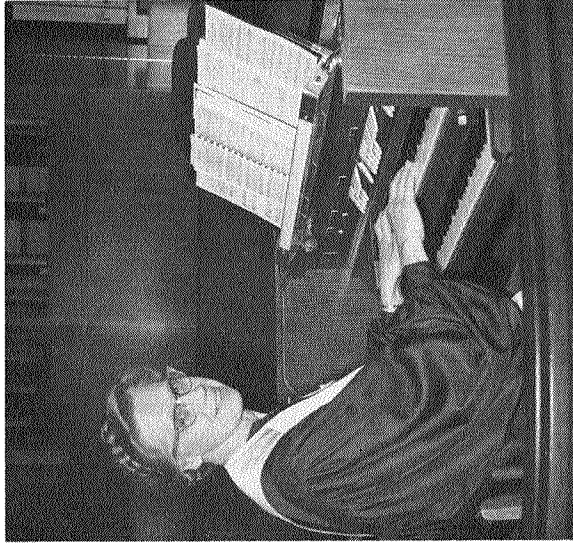
Leslie, Lorna, Mary Lou, Kenneth, Darlene

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ostendorf and Family have been the Janitors of our Church since Nov., 1961, and have faithfully given their time to preserve the beauty of our building.

Mr. Bill Groennert is the janitor for the outside work.

CHURCH MUSIC

OUR ORGANIST



Miss Estelle Warntjen

PAST ORGANISTS

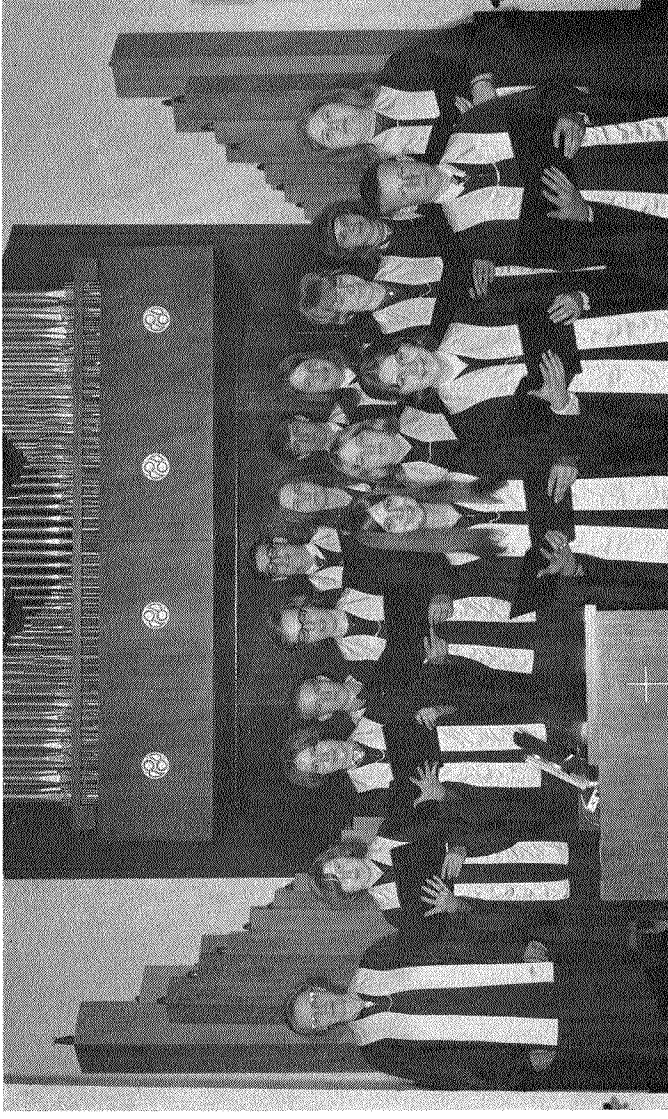
Lydia Helms (married Rev. Albert Gaebe)
Carrie Doelling Schorfheide
Ida Gaebe
Lydia Eigenrauch

On January 27, 1927, Estelle Warntjen was elected Organist of the church; the minister at that time was Rev. Kreuzer. Since playing the organ involves piano playing, some recognition goes to her first piano teacher, Mrs. Lydia Gaebe, wife of the late Rev. Albert Gaebe. She took organ lessons from Mr. Carl Braun, Organist at the Friedens Evangelical Church in St. Louis, Mo. The first funeral which she played was for Mrs. Christina Bohrink, and the first wedding was for Miss Mabel Eckert and Mr. Herbert Meyer.

On May 19, 1966, the church had purchased a new Organ replacing the old pipe organ, and she was privileged to play at the dedication service. And on April 30, 1967, she was surprised with an Anniversary Dinner celebrating her 40 years of service as the Organist. At present she also directs the Youth Choir.

THE YOUTH CHOIR

Directed by Estelle Warntjen



First row: Rose Stieg, Debra Meyer, Lyle Lehde. Second row: Carol Kolweier, Cindy Engelmann, Debra Doelling. Third row: Estelle Warntjen (Dir.), Ronda Groennert, Darlene Ostendorf, Jo Ann Hermeling, Shirley Richards, Marcella Hermeling, Kathy Moeller. Fourth row: Gary Guest, Kenneth Kramer Jr., Kenneth Ostendorf, Carol Stieg, (not shown).

Past Janitors of The New Church

Mr. Christ Becker
Mr. Hy. Brueggemann
Mr. Geo. Hemminghaus
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ledhe



Wm. Groennert

JUNIOR CHOIR

Lydia Eigenrauch, Director, Mary Lou Ostendorf, Assistant



First row: April Gunter, Michelle Aubel, Mark Moeller.

Second row: Zola Mae Kramer, Diane Stieg, Roger Stieg.

Third row: Lydia Eigenrauch (Director), Karen Guest, Kathy Guest, Cindy Justus, Tina Doelling, David Justus, Dewey Groennert, Mary Lou Ostendorf, (Assistant Director).

The Junior Choir has been under the direction of Miss Lydia Eigenrauch since Feb., 1953. Lydia also serves as assistant organist and has taught Sunday School for many years.

The Junior Choir sings every other Sunday during the year and at the present is composed of 12 young people. Mary Lou Ostendorf has been Assistant Junior Choir Director since July, 1970.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



First row: Corey Zapp, Kerri Ann Kramer, Glen Guest, Barbara Grattendick, Lisa Wulf.

Second row: Ricky Moeller, Marian Gunter, Patty Moeller, Denise Meyer, Dean Richards, David Zapp, Scott Groennert, Mark Moeller, Roger Stieg, Michael Boesch, Allan Seering.

Third row: Bernice Engelmann, Sylvia Zapp, April Gunter, Michelle Aubel, Zola Mae Kramer, Diane Stieg, Steven Hoepker, Tina Doelling, Kathy Guest, Jeff Zapp, Lydia Eigenrauch, Frieda Sims, Arlene Luessenheide.

Fourth row: Dewey Groennert, Randy Zapp, Lyle Lehde, Louis Groennert, Danny Ledendecker, Todd Boesch, David Justus, Rose Stieg, Debra Meyer, Karen Guest, Cindy Justus, Clara Detering.

Fifth row: Minnie Mittendorf, Darlene Ostendorf, Debra Doelling, Cindy Engelmann, Carol Kolweier, Ronda Groennert, Ann Gaebe, Kathy Moeller, Mary Lou Ostendorf, Jo Ann Hermeling.

Sixth row: Rev. Kenneth Kramer, Gary Guest, Kenneth Ostendorf, Kenneth Dee Kramer Jr., Pat Boesch, Shirley Richards, Marcella Hermeling, Charles Guest.

Not shown: Denise Ostendorf, Jeannie Anna, Bobby Anna, Kimberly Wiese, Carol Stieg.

To the best of our knowledge, the records seem to show that the Church School was organized in 1906, under Rev. Langerhans.

During its history it has been served by many dedicated teachers. A special tribute of thanks goes to those who have taught at least 15 years or longer and to those who are still teaching. They are Mrs. Elda Hemminhaus, Mrs. Fern Aubel, Mrs. Helen Groennert, Mrs. Shirley Seering, Mrs. Gladys Doelling, Mrs. Marie Engelmann, and Mrs. Martha Wilke; Lydia Eigenrauch, Clara Detering, who has taught the Nursery Class since she was 16, Bernice Engelmann, Betty Boesch and Minnie Mittendorf, who has taught for 28 years. At present our Church School has shrunk to only 69 members but it carries a very full program of Sunday School, Vacation School, Youth and Junior Choir, and camp activities. The present staff is: Supt. Frieda Sims, Secy.-Treas. Lydia Eigenrauch, Nursery—Clara Detering, Kindergarten—Joann Hermeling, Primary—Mary Lou Ostendorf, Bernice Engelmann, Lower Juniors—Sylvia Zapp, Juniors —Arlene Luessenheide, Junior High—Rev. Kramer, Middle High—Charles Guest and Senior High—Minnie Mittendorf.

WOMEN'S GUILD



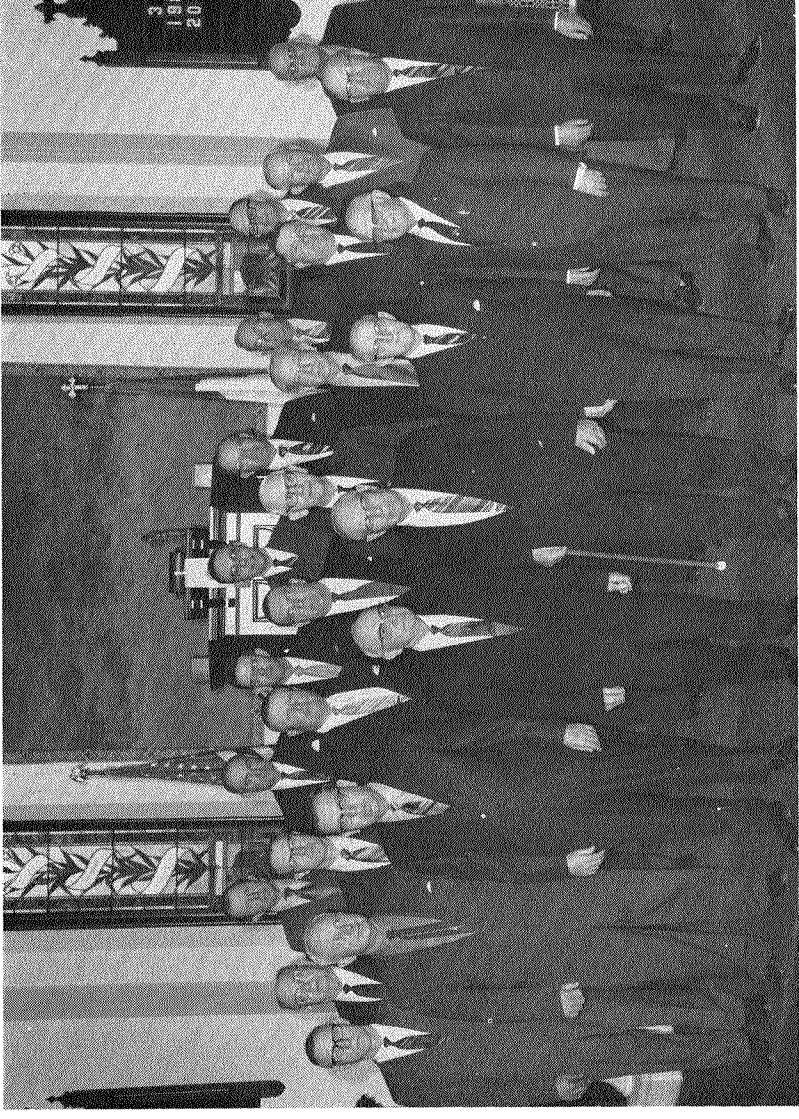
First row: Ruth Meyer, Treas., Martha Wilke, Emma Becker, Hulda Foerste, Ida Gaebe, Frieda Sims, Mabel Meyer, Alma Barkau.
Second row: Shirley Seering, Marie Engelmann, Mattie Seiffert, Lois Groennert, Leola Lehde, Vice-Pres., Hulda Clemmons, Arleen Luessenheide, Pres., Ella Lichtenfels, Violet Guest.
Third row: Helen Groennert, Elda Hemminghaus, Lulu Hoelscher, Anna Becker, Ann Bohbrink, Nora Doelling, Alice Kerkstuck, Dorothy Ostendorf.
Fourth row: Janet Kramer, Irma Renken, Viola Richards, Fin. Secy., Fern Aubel, Rec. Secy., Linda Schmale.

Absent

Adeline Piper, Clara Grattendick, Mary Ann Gaebe, Elda Meyer, Louella Lehde, Tillie Meyer, Anna Groennert, Doris Groennert, Olga Suedmeyer, Garnett Hemminghaus, Alma Tuegel, Jennie Suedmeyer, Edna Klosterhoff, Gladys Gaebe.

On Feb. 10 of 1930, the women of Zion Church, encouraged by Mrs. Ida Kurz, organized for the purpose of forming an English-speaking society. The society was called Zion Evangelical Women's Union. Eleven members attended the meeting. A constitution was adopted and the first officers were Laura Gaebe, Pres., Nora Doelling, Vice-Pres., Ida Gaebe, Rec'ding Secy., Clara Grattendick, Fin. Secy., and Tillie Meyer, Treas. By the May meeting the organization had grown to 20 members and these ladies were considered the charter members. Through the years the ladies were and still remain a very vital force

BROTHERHOOD



First row: Leslie Ostendorf, Glen Gaebe, Leroy Lehde, Ben H. Becker, John Groennert, Edward Barkau, Wm. Wilke, Elmer Groennert.
Second row: Ray Klosterhoff, Charles Guest, Owen Lehde, Pres., Elmer Kolweier, Sec., Theo. Gaebe, Treas., Christ Becker, Roy Groennert, Alfred Lehde, Philip Lichtenfels.
Third row: Orval Meyer, Edwin Richards, Verlin Seering, Rev. Kenneth Kramer, Melvin Groennert, Vice-Pres., George Ostendorf, Lester Meyer.
Not shown: Louis Barkau, Oliver Fricke, J. K. Gaebe, Wm. Groennert, Wm. Ostendorf, Art Suedmeyer, Herman Wilke, John Wilke, Art Tugel.

In Nov. of 1923, a meeting was held in the anteroom of the school house to discuss the matter of organizing a Brotherhood. Present were 11 men along with their pastor, Rev. Heithaus. Membership was open to any male member of the congregation, 18 yrs. of age or older. The first Pres. was Jno. Schmale, the Treas., John Grattendick, and the membership, 29. Through the years the membership

dwindled but currently the membership is 33. The Brotherhood is renewed for their annual Wurst Mart held in Nov. of each year. This event attracts people from many miles, including from Missouri. The men enjoy dartball and compete in a church league, and have, over the years, sponsored the grounds committee which oversees the upkeep and improvement of the church premises.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



First row: Danny Ledendecker, Lyle Lehde, Rose Stieg, Debra Meyer, Carol Kolweier, Treas.; Ronda Groennert, V-Pres.; Ann Gaebe, Louis Groennert, Todd Boeschon.
Second row: Darlene Ostendorf, Pres.; Gary Guest, Pat Boeschon, Kenneth Kramer Jr., Shirley Richards, Secy.; Cindy Engelmann, Debra Doelling, Kathy Moeller, Mrs. Edw. Mittendorf, (Youth Adviser), Carol Stieg, (not shown)

The Youth Fellowship was organized in Aug. of 1944, under the leadership of Rev. Niedermeyer. There were 37 charter members and dues was 20¢ per member. At one time there was a Senior Youth Fellowship and

Junior Youth Fellowship. In 1956, the group was formed into one group with Mrs. Ed. Mittendorf as sponsor and she has served in that capacity for 15 years. The present group consists of 20 members who are very active in such things as sponsorship for an orphan in Indonesia, the Easter Sunrise breakfast, Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, the Youth Service on Youth Sunday, and en mass they are the Youth Choir. They are one of the most active church groups in the county.

Confirmation Instruction

Since our congregation began, it has been interested in all Christian Education, especially prior to that period before the rite of Confirmation. Once part of parochial school teaching, and later part of release time from the public school, Confirmation instruction has been held on each Saturday for two years, from Sept. to Palm Sunday. With the pastorate of Rev. Seiler, public examination before the congregation came to an end, being replaced by a written examination. With the pastorate of Rev. Kramer oral testimonials were given before the congregation in addition to written examinations.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 1971



First row: Dewey Groennert, David Justus, Mark Gunter.
Second row: Karen Guest, Pastor Kramer, Cindy Justus.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, 1971

Aubel, Willis
Aubel, Fern
Aubel, David
Aubel, Cheryl
Barkau, Edward
Barkau, Alma
Barkau, Louis
Becker, Emma
Becker, Ben
Becker, Anna
Becker, Christ
Becker, Frank
Becker, Emilie
Bohrink, Ann
Bohrink, Mary Ann
Bohrink, Howard
Bohrink, Edward
Brammeier, Emma
Brammeier, Vernon
Brennecke, Tillie
Brinkman, Minnie
Boeschon, John
Boeschon, Betty
Boeschon, Patrick
Boeschon, Todd
Clary, John
Clary, Virginia
Clemmons, Hulda
Detering, Clara
Detering, Harry
Detering, Elmer
Detering, Dorothy
Detering, Ella
Detering, Monroe
Detering, James
Doelling, Donald
Doelling, Gladys
Doelling, Debra
Doelling, Nora
Doelling, Erwin
Doelling, Elsie
Eigenrauch, Alvin
Eigenrauch, Lydia
Eigenrauch, Maurice
Eigenrauch, Emma
Eigenrauch, Flora
Eigenrauch, Lydia
Elkender, Harold
Engelmann, Bernice
Engelmann, James
Engelmann, Marie
Engelmann, James Wm.
Engelmann, Sandra
Engelmann, Cindy
Engelmann, William
Engelmann, Minnie
Finke, Wilbert
Finke, Della
Finke, Dennis
Finke, Kenneth
Foerste, Clifford
Foerste, Clifford
Foerste, Hulda
Fricke, Oliver
Fricke, Irene
Fricke, Hadley
Gaebe, Ben H.
Gaebe, Jean
Gaebe, Steve
Gaebe, Ben, Jr.
Gaebe, Glenwood
Gaebe, Mary Ann
Gaebe, Polly Kay
Gaebe, Ann
Gaebe, Emma
Gaebe, J. K.
Gaebe, Gladys
Gaebe, Allen
Gaebe, Rodney
Gaebe, Theodore
Gaebe, Ida
Gould, Gary
Gould, Vallie
Graham, Lena
Grattendick, Henry
Grattendick, Ella
Grattendick, Joann
Grattendick, John
Grattendick, Clara
Groennert, Ben
Groennert, Louise
Groennert, Dayton
Groennert, Doris
Groennert, Louis
Groennert, Dewey
Groennert, Elmer
Groennert, Lois
Groennert, Emma
Groennert, Harry
Groennert, Lydia
Groennert, John
Groennert, Anna
Groennert, Leo
Groennert, Melvin
Groennert, Helen
Groennert, Roy
Groennert, Darlene
Groennert, Ronald
Groennert, Ronda
Groennert, William
Groennert, Edna
Guest, Charles
Guest, Violet
Guest, Gary
Guest, Karen
Gunter, Donna
Gunter, Marilyn
Gunter, Mark
Hagemeyer, Anna
Hagemeyer, Harry
Hast, Henry
Hast, Myrtle
Hemminghaus, Alvin
Hemminghaus, Frieda
Hemminghaus, Elda
Hemminghaus, Garnett
Hermeling, Waldemar
Hermeling, Dorothy
Hermeling, Joann
Hermeling, Marcella
Hoelscher, Lulu
Hoepker, Hazel
Holtgrewe, Roy
Holtgrewe, Bonnie
Holtgrewe, Douglas
Holtgrewe, Charles
Justus, Robert
Justus, John
Justus, Geraldine
Justus, Cindy
Justus, David
Kerstick, Alice
Klosterhoff, Ray
Klosterhoff, Edna
Kolweier, Elmer
Kolweier, Bernice
Kolweier, Kenneth
Kolweier, Sharon
Kolweier, Carol Jean
Kolweier, Roy
Kolweier, Marie
Koch, Hulda
Kramer, Kenneth
Kramer, Janet
Kramer, Kenneth Jr.
Ledendecker, Roland
Ledendecker, Mabel
Ledendecker, Daniel
Ledendecker, Anna
Lehde, Ethel
Lehde, Leroy
Lehde, Hannah
Lehde, Lou
Lehde, Owen
Lehde, Leola
Lehde, Curtis
Lehde, Susan
Lehde, Carol
Lehde, Lyle
Lichtenfels, Philip
Lichtenfels, Ella
Lietz, Lavonne
Lunte, Theodore
Luessenheide, Roland
Luessenheide, Arleen
Matlage, Walter
Matlage, Evelyn
Meier, Melvin
Meier, Elda
Meyer, Amos
Meyer, Betty
Meyer, Kenneth
Meyer, Christ
Meyer, Alice
Meyer, Herbert
Meyer, Mabel
Meyer, John
Meyer, Tillie
Meyer, Lester
Meyer, Ruth
Meyer, David
Meyer, Dianne
Meyer, Debra
Meyer, Orville
Meyer, Paul
Meyer, Irene
Mittendorf, Edward
Mittendorf, Minnie
Moeller, Ardell
Moeller, Alma
Moeller, Elroy
Moeller, Lucille
Moeller, Richard
Moeller, Clifford
Moeller, Milburn
Moeller, Arleen
Moeller, Paul
Moeller, Kathy
Nolte, Esther
Nolte, John Dean
Oltmann, Alma
Oltmann, Walter
Oltmann, Bernice
Ostendorf, George
Ostendorf, Dorothy
Ostendorf, Donald
Ostendorf, Leslie
Ostendorf, Lorna
Ostendorf, Mary Lou
Ostendorf, Darlene
Ostendorf, Kenneth
Ostendorf, William
Ostendorf, Emma
Ostendorf, Dennis
Ostendorf, Janice
Piper, Adeline
Piper, Walter
Pruehsner, Christ
Pruehsner, Mary
Renken, Irma
Richards, Edwin
Richards, Viola
Richards, Priscilla
Richards, Larry
Richards, Shirley
Sachteleben, Orvie
Sachteleben, Norma
Sachteleben, Pat
Sanders, Annie
Sanders, Norma
Schlechte, Roy
Schlechte, Ruby
Schmale, Sam
Schmale, Linda
Schoenberg, Frieda
Schrieber, Horner
Schrieber, Vacal
Seering, Verlin
Seering, Shirley
Seering, Linda
Sims, Frieda
Storck, Ella
Storck, John
Suedmeyer, Arthur
Suedmeyer, Jennie
Suedmeyer, David
Suedmeyer, Olga
Stieg, Fern
Stieg, Carol Ann
Stieg, Rose
Tielemann, William
Tielemann, Frieda
Tielemann, Wilbert
Treu, Helen
Tuegel, Arthur
Tuegel, Alma
Warnjien, Estelle
Warnjien, Olga
Weigel, Florence
Wilke, Herman
Wilke, John
Wilke, Margaret
Wilke, William
Wilke, Martha
Wulf, Edward
Wulf, Irene
Wulf, Delmar
Wulf, Janet
Zapp, Raymond
Zapp, Sylvia
Zapp, Gary
Zapp, Randy

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Parent and Celebration Committee

Owen Lehde—Chr.
Irma Renken—Treas.
Leroy Lehde
Charles Guest
Don Doelling
Mary Ann Bohbrink
Dorothy Ostendorf
Elmer Kolweier
W. R. Wilke

Historical Committee

William R. Wilke—Chr.
Mary Ann Bohbrink
Wilbert Tielemann
Mary Lou Ostendorf
Susan Lehde
Darlene Ostendorf
Martha Wilke
Minnie Mittendorf

Decoration Committee

Willis Aubel—Co-Chr.
Roy Groennert—Co-Chr.
Mary Ann Gaebe
Gladys Gaebe
Dorothy Ostendorf
Roy Holtgrewe
Gladys Doelling

CLOSING

A century has passed since our congregation was founded. At the time that our present church building was constructed, careful planning and consideration were given to the future growth of both the Village of Addieville and the congregation. Sixty-four years have passed since our present church building was completed and dedicated and it is still adequate for our worship needs.

At the time of its erection, it was looked upon with awe and admiration as to the size, construction, and beauty of such a massive structure being built in such a small community by such a small congregation. To those who were born, reared, and still live here, it is still considered one of the most beautiful places in which to worship.

Almighty God, who saw fit to endow our forefathers with a gift of foresight and understanding for future generations and their needs, gave them strength, courage, and wisdom to carry out their plans during strenuous times, when sacrificial giving meant so much to them. Through their relationship with God, they received power to face the future with faith that all battles would be and could be won.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, May all who enter this structure feel abiding love, and benefit from its light. May all that is pure, tender, and true, grow under its sheltering roof, and all that hinders Godly union and concord be driven far from our midst. May it be the center of fresh, sweet, and Holy influence, giving us wisdom for life, and discretion in the guidance of our affairs and associations throughout life. May thy faithful hand be over all of us, and Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us throughout our lives. Grant us all grace and glory, so that we may inherit thine everlasting Kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.