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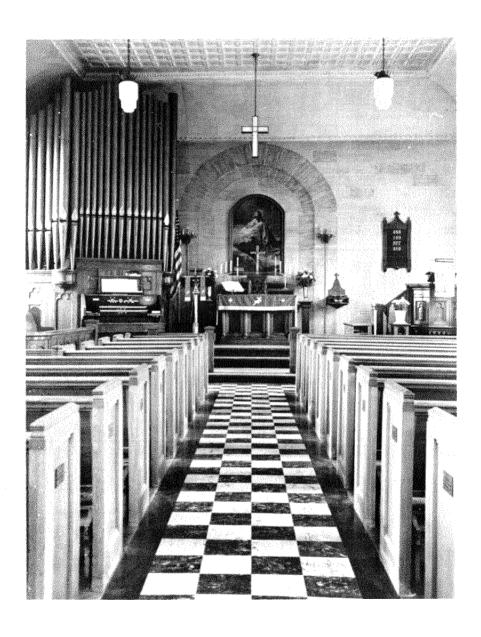
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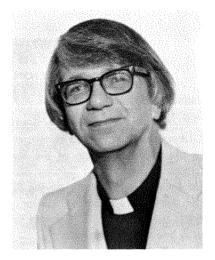
SEPTEMBER 21ST TO 25TH, 1980

PASTORS

REV. MYRNA KYSAR REV. ROBERT KYSAR







In recent years in America we have all become newly conscious of the importance of our personal heritage. The popularity of Alex Haley's ROOTS helped us all realize once again the sense in which we are - who we are in part because of our ancestory. As this is true for individuals and for families, it is equally true for a community of faith — the church. Of course, this is part of the biblical view. Especially in the Old Testament there is constant emphasis upon the importance of heritage. Christian faith may in fact be defined by saying that it is the act of embracing the heritage of a religious people — a heritage which reaches back as far as Father Abraham in the book of Genesis.

The one hundredth anniversary of Zion Chapel is therefore much more than simply a time for reminiscence and nostalgia, as appropriate as those things may be. It is more profoundly a time to recall the history of our particular community of faith and to embrace that history as part of our own past. It is a time to learn the roots of the people who call themselves Lutheran Christians in Girardville, to appreciate anew what motivated those who founded and preserved this worshipping community, and to recognize that we today owe those people a debt of gratitude. By understanding our own past in this place and embracing it as part of our lives, our Christian lives are enriched and our faith strengthened. We encourage each member of Christ's United Lutheran Church (and not alone the members of Zion Chapel) to take this opportunity to understand and appreciate the rich heritage of the Zion Chapel.

To all those persons related in some way to Zion Chapel, we offer our most sincere congratulations! May this anniversary stir a new dedication to the preservation and expansion of the Lutheran heritage in Girardville. To study and celebrate our past cannot help but make us newly determined to move into the future with direction and faithfulness. What our ancestors began one hundred years ago when they founded this chapel has now passed into our hands. May we all be as faithful to the call of God as they were!

Your Pastors, Myrna and Bob Kysar

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ZION CHAPEL CHRIST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH FORMERLY ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH GIRARDVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Early records of Lutheranism in Girardville disclose the fact that the Lutheran and Reformed congregations joined for their services of worship in the church building of the Methodist congregation. They rented the basement quarters for Sunday School sessions and the church auditorium for their church services, paying \$25.00 per year for each room. Dr. Duenger, Ashland, a Reformed pastor, ministered to the religious needs of this flock twice a month. Funerals were often held on Sundays, so there was only one service in the month.

As the Lutherans outnumbered the Reformed about three to one, they decided to build their own church. They held Services in a two room brick school house where the High School was later built. The building still stands but is no longer in use. The downstairs room was used by the Baptists and the upstairs room by the Lutherans, and here the first sermon was preached.

- 1880 June 1...Rev. J. P. German of Ringtown preached the first sermon.
 - June 8...The first officers were elected.
 - August to June 25, 1882...Rev. W. H. Geiger was pastor.
 - October 3...A committee of three was appointed to secure a lot for the church.
 - October 30...The name of Zion's Evangelical German Lutheran Church was selected.
 - Two lots were also selected for which a deed was secured as a gift from the Girard Estate.
- 1881 May 16...Digging was begun for the foundation of the Church.
 - July 10...Three members were appointed to act with the Trustees as a Building Committee.
 - September 25...The Corner Stone was laid. Reverends Geiger, Gruhler and Pohle officiating. Rev. J. P. German's sermon in the evening was in English.
- 1882 June 25 until 1887...Rev. W. M. Rehrig was Pastor.
 - June 25...The basement was dedicated.
 - November 27...A Charter was secured.
 - Later a Constitution was adopted and signed by 23 Charter members.
- 1883 January 7...The first class of 21 adults was confirmed.
 - October 7...The Audience Room was dedicated by Rev. Gruhler.
 Including furniture, the church cost was \$4007.00.
 - A Ladies Aid Society was organized.

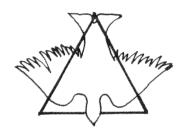
- 1884 A Pipe Organ of 500 pipes was dedicated, costing \$700.00.
- 1887 September 4 to July 1, 1889...Rev. J. O. Leibensperger was pastor.
- 1890 September 1 to December 31, 1891...Rev. Joseph Hillpot was pastor.
- 1891 January 1...The Church was free of debt.
 - July...An iron fence was erected in front of the church and the cement walk was laid.
- 1892 July 1 to April 16, 1900...Rev. E. O. Leopold was pastor.
 - Luther League organized.
- 1896 Extensive improvements were made amounting to \$1,012.34, and the Luther League presented the Baptismal Font.
- 1900 June 25 to April 1904...Rev. W. F. Heldt was pastor.
- 1904 The debt was cleared off while Rev. Frank Esterly, as a student, was in charge.
- 1905 July 9 to October 15, 1908...Rev. A. Bachofer was pastor.
 - September...The Church celebrated its 25th year as a congregation.
- 1906 October 15...A lot was bought for building a parsonage.
- 1908 June 7 to September 13, 1911...Rev. W. A. Dries was pastor.
 - August 28...Ground was broken for the parsonage.
 - December 10...Rev. Dries moved into the parsonage though it was not finished until February 25, 1909.
- 1912 1913...Rev. John A. Beighey, of Erie, Pa., supplied the congregation but was never installed as pastor.
- 1914 August 4 to September 4, 1918...Rev. O. S. Scheirer was pastor.
 - August...New pavement in front of parsonage.
 - October...A new furnace was installed in the Sunday School room.
 - November 7... A Junior Luther League was organized.
 - Also in November the Duplex Envelope was introduced and a new porch was built in the rear of the parsonage.
- 1915 January 10...The Ladies Aid Society was reorganized with 34 members.
- 1919 to November 9, 1924...Rev. Luther Coffman was pastor. A new furnace was bought for parsonage and a coal cellar built.
- 1921 Church improvement; steel ceiling, painting walls, etc.
 - Presentation of painting over altar, Christ in Gethsemane.
- 1922 Church and parsonage painted.
- 1923 May 1...Paid Apportionment in full for first time.
- 1924 May 21...Dedication of new pipe organ. Cost \$3500.00.
- 1925 March 22 to 1934...Rev. C. B. Lindtwed was pastor.
 - Parsonage cellar cemented.
 - Vapor heating plant installed in church.
 - Also room built for boiler and kitchen above.

- 1927 Piece of land between the rear of the Church and the railroad was bought from the Lehigh Valley Railroad for \$300.00.
- 1930 June 8 to June 12...The Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated.
- 1931 Church inside renovated. Ceiling painted and new lighting fixtures were installed.
- 1932 Outside of Church painted by younger men of congregation all volunteer labor.
- 1934 1941...Rev. Paul W. Hartline was pastor.
 - Parsonage renovated.
- 1935 New inside stairway connecting Church with Sunday School. Volunteer labor - cost \$50.00.
 - Began practice of giving out palm on Palm Sunday, April 21.
 - Stage platform built in Sunday School room.
- 1936 October...New concrete pavement in front of church built by W.P.A. Church bought material work free.
 - November...Parsonage papered and painted inside.
- 1937 Altar chairs re-upholstered by Ladies Aid Society. Cost \$25.00.
 - April 18...Pastor Hartline began preaching at Raven Run Chapel.
 - Raven Run Chapel voted to merge with Zion Congregation.
 - September 27th...Raven Run Chapel was rededicated and given the name of Mt. Zion. New corner stone was laid. (Note: Mt. Zion dates back before 1878)
 - November...Communion Vessels were re-silvered and use of individual cups began.
- 1938 Large Bibles for pulpit use donated to Zion and Mt. Zion.
 - Candle Lighter and Extinguisher donated to Zion by the pastor.
- 1939 January 5...First year women were elected to the Church Council.
- 1940 June...60th Anniversary. Former pastors Dries and Heldt were speakers.
 - June...Ground broken for new building in rear of Church.
 - July...Work began on new building, approximately 1500 sq. ft. for a primary department room for Sunday School, also a new kitchen and rest rooms.
 - December...New building was completely enclosed with only inside work remaining.
- 1941 1944...Rev. George H. Shiery was pastor.
 - Two new brass vases and a brass crucifix were donated.
 - July...Inside work almost finished in new building.
- 1942 September...New coal stoker installed.
 - November...New Lectern donated.
 - Fifty one (51) persons from Zion serving in the Armed Forces.

- 1942 Flag donated with 51 stars (two gold).
- 1943 October 10...New illuminated Cross donated and installed in Church.
 - October 31...Last Service at Mt. Zion. Members agreed to attend services at Zion.
- 1944 1945...Rev. Edgar P. Xander (Retired) supplied our congregation.
- 1945 1956...Rev. George H. Shiery was pastor for second time.
 - Mt. Zion Chapel was sold to one of its members for \$1000.00, for the purpose of converting it into a private residence.
- 1946 Chimes installed on top of Church.
- 1949 Extensive repairs made to the Church and the Sunday School. Repairs to the Church included: New roof, entire inside renovated, new floor in front of Altar, kneeling space provided for Communion, rearrangement of choir loft and Chancel, center aisle, black and white tile on aisle floor, new inside and outside doors, new pews and kneelers, thirty (30) folding chairs donated for balcony. Repairs to the Sunday School included: New floor in the old Sunday School room, walls painted, fluorscent lights installed, 100 new chairs.
- 1950 New furnace in parsonage.
 - April 9...(Easter) Statue of Christ donated.
- 1953 Parsonage exterior painted.
- 1956 1959...Charles E. Brodell was pastor.
 - 140 piece China dishes donated to Pastor Shiery who in turn donated them to the Church.
- 1959 New garage built in rear of parsonage volunteer labor.
- 1960 Church was served by Supply Pastors.
 - Rev. Lawrence Hand of Good Shepherd, Ashland, served as Vice-Pastor.
- 1961 Entered working agreement with St. John's Lutheran Church of Mahanov City to call a Pastor to serve both congregations.
 - February 26...Richard L. Hinkle, Seminary student preached to both congregations.
 - Upon graduation from Seminary Rev. Hinkle was extended a call to serve both congregations and accepted.
 - June 1...Rev. Hinkle began his pastorate, but was granted two weeks vacation because of plans to marry.
 - June 11 to 1964...Rev. Richard L. Hinkle was pastor.
- 1964 1966...Rev. Richard W. Horn was pastor.
- 1966 Rev. John A. Swavely of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Gordon, served as Vice-Pastor.
- 1967 Pastor Swavely resigned at St. Paul's. This left four area Churches

- without resident pastors; namely, Zion, Girardville St. Paul's, Gordon St. Peter's, Lavelle and St. John's (Kimmel), Ashland R.D.
- January 9...Carl Johnson and Edward Scheele were appointed to serve on a study committee with two members of each of the above named churches plus Rev. Robert G. Hughes of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ashland and two of its members.
- February 15...First meeting of Study Committee with Rev. Lawrence Hand of Synod office. Formed "The Ashland Area Lutheran Church" to begin for a one year trial from June 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968.
 - 1967 to 1971...Rev. Robert G. Hughes was Pastor.
 - 1967 to 1968...Donald L. Henderschedt was Intern.
 - 1968 to 1969...Grant A. Wickert was Intern.
- 1968 May...Name of Church changed to Christ's United Lutheran Church.
- 1969 1970...David E. Strobel Intern.
- 1970 1973...Rev. Donald Henderschedt was Pastor along with Pastor Hughes and Intern.
- 1970 1971...Robert R. Lutz Intern.
- 1971 Pastor Hughes resigned to accept job as instructor at Seminary.
- 1971 1972...Robert R. Hoenich Intern.
- 1972 1977...Rev. Charles E. Mertz joined Parish ministry.
 - 1973...Dennis Laskey Intern.
- 1973 Pastor Henderschedt accepted call to Colorado.
 - 1974...Kenneth A. Gould Intern.
 - 1979...Rev. Mark A. Fritch joined parish ministry.
- 1974 1975...No intern.
- 1975 1976...Alfred A. Dobronz Intern.
- 1976 1977...Jimmy Lee Werley Intern.
- 1977 December 31...Good Shepherd withdrew from Christ's United to go on its own as a parish.
 - 1978...Brinkley C. Goranson First woman intern for Christ United Lutheran Church.
- 1978 1979...Lawrence J. Conway Intern. (Last)
- 1979 February to August...Rev. T. Lee Berry was pastor.
 - New roof on Church.
 - New Chain link fence around parking lot.
 - September...Rev. Myrna and Rev. Robert Kysar became pastors of Christ United Lutheran Church.
- 1980 April...New carpet installed in Chancel.
 - June 5, 6... Two coats varnish applied to church floor.

- 1980 June 7...New carpet on center aisle.
 - June 12...Corner stone removed and contents examined.*
 - June and July...Sunday School rooms receive a new look. Ceiling and walls were painted Spanish white and the woodwork was painted Mint Frost green. New Carpet laid on stage, Sunday School room and office floors.
 - September 21 to 25...100th Anniversary celebration. Former Pastors, Rev. Paul W. Hartline, Rev. Richard W. Horn, and Rev. Richard L. Hinkle preached the sermons.
 - * Will be returned with more material on September 25, 1980. This will be exactly 99 years to date that original corner stone was laid.



Zion Chapel Honors its Oldest Members:

Sally Brosius (94) - now living in Levittown, Pa. Elizabeth Portz (92) - Broad Mountain Manor, Frackville, Pa.

Former Members:

Robert Breinich (91) - now living in Mt. Joy, Pa. Jennie Rowe (91) - Lutheran Home, Hazelton, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Helwig (Katherine Arnold) Honor:

Mrs. Ida Arnold (91) former resident of Girardville, who attended Zion, but never joined the congregation - now resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 21, 1980

9:00 A.M.

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TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 23, 1980

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THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 1980

6:00 P.M.

CENTENNIAL DINNER

Rangers Hose Co., W. Ogden Street



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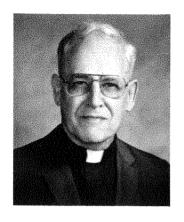
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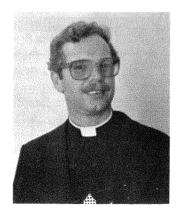
THE REV. PAUL W. HARTLINE Served Zion from 1934 to 1941

Will preach sermon on Monday, September 22, 1980 Retired — Living in Bloomsbury, N.J.



THE REV. RICHARD L. HINKLE Served Zion From 1961 to 1964

Will preach sermon on Wednesday, September 24, 1980 Director of Development Lutheran Welfare Service of N.E. Pa.



THE REV. RICHARD W. HORN
Served Zion From
1964 to 1966

Will preach sermon on Tuesday, September 23, 1980 Pastor - St. Andrew Lutheran Church Parsippany, N.J.

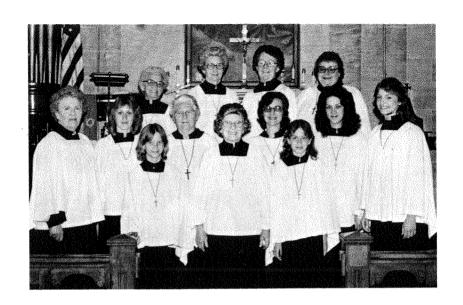


ZION TRUSTEES

Front Row - William Marquardt - Elizabeth Roche Jennie Portz - Fred Marquardt

Rear – Joseph Green – Edward Marquardt
Carl Johnson – Edward Scheele
Jacob Zak

Missing From Photo - Robert Hank



CHOIR OF THE ZION CHAPEL of the CHRIST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH of Girardville

Front: Leslie Ann Pyle - Jennie Portz - Robin Rutko

Second Row: Anna Barry (organist and choir director) - Karen Marquardt -

Anna Bahmer - Margaret Pyle - Linda Marquardt -

Marjorie Marquardt

Third Row: Bertha Marquardt (former organist for forty years) -

Adah Pitts - Ruth Scheele - Muriel Pucetas

Absent: Doris Marquardt



June 12th, 1980
Mr. William Coward Removing Cornerstone.



Board Member Carl Johnson displays items that were found inside metal box contained inside the cornerstone of the church that was removed recently. Inside was a small German language Bible, prayer book, copy of the local newspaper, the Girardville Gazette, and a silver dollar dating back to 1881. The church committee will add a few artifacts of their own to the list that will be returned to the cornerstone for future anniversaries.

