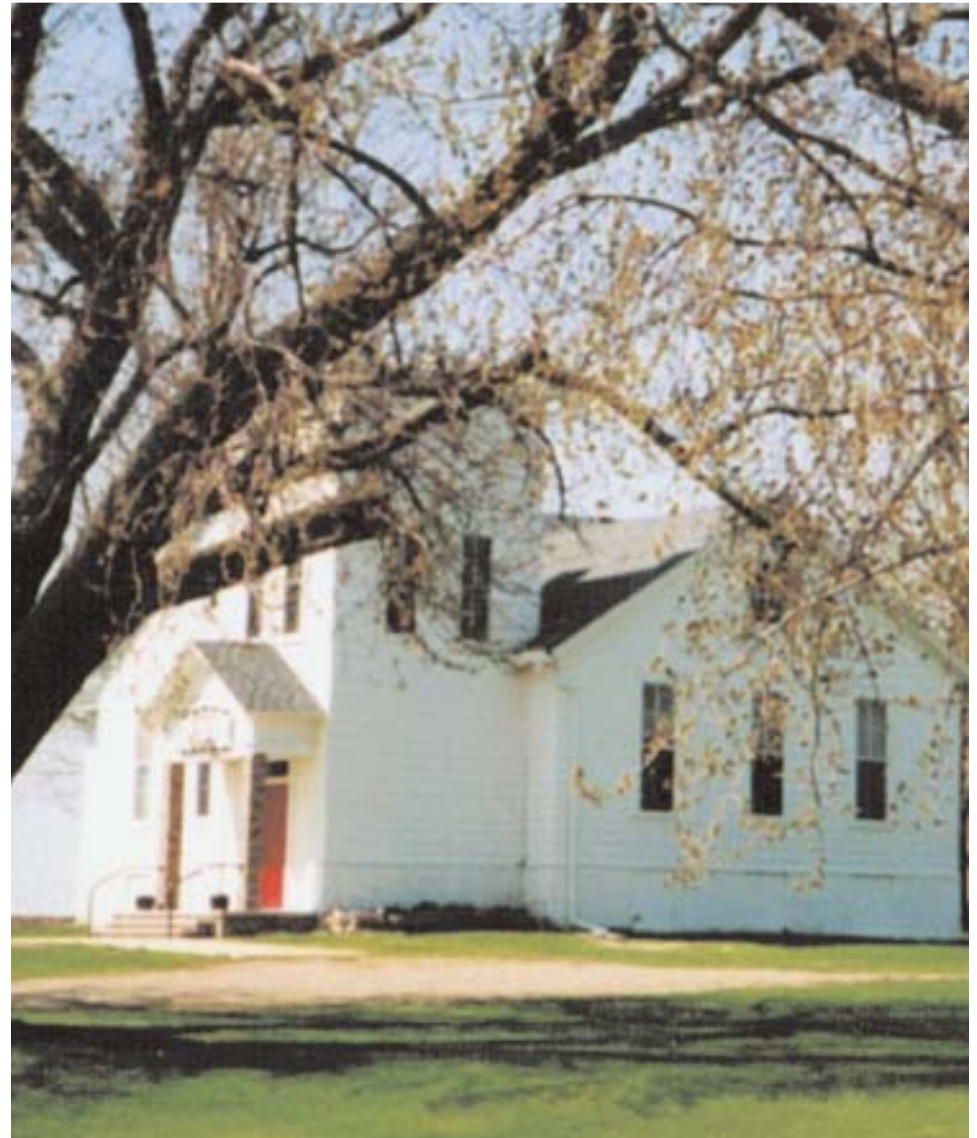


sheldon church of the brethren

# 120 years

1988-2008

the 20 years past the centennial



*Peacefully.*

*Simply.*

*Together.*

# Spirit of Brotherhood

The spirit of brotherhood and working together that was evident in the early years is still a trademark of the congregation after 120 years. A look at the bulletin board reveals a listing of whose "turn" it is to play the piano or organ for the worship service, to teach the adult Sunday School class, and to serve as custodian for the month.

Since future generations may wish to know more about the congregation at the time of this 120th Celebration, we will include a listing of regular worshippers, church officers, and those who "take a turn" in the various responsibilities.

## 2008 CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

<b>Moderator</b> Linda Adams	<b>Children's Sunday School</b> Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox	<b>Ministerial Committee</b> Marcene Cox Ross Cox Rhelma Evans Jo Rolston
<b>Deacons</b> Clarence & Rhelma Evans Linda Adams & Jo Rolston	<b>Church Facility Trustee</b> Scott Maggert	<b>Nominating Committee</b> Linda Adams Ann Maggert
<b>Clerk</b> Jo Rolston	<b>Church Sign</b> Alan Cox	<b>Outreach &amp; Evangelism</b> Alan Cox Marcene Cox
<b>Treasurer</b> Sandi Cox	<b>Custodial Care</b> Members take monthly turns	<b>Parsonage Committee</b> Ann Maggert
<b>Adult Sunday School Teachers</b> Linda Adams Donna Brinkman Alan Cox Marcene Cox Scott Maggert Sally Young	<b>Farm Trustee</b> Ross Cox	<b>Special Music</b> Linda Adams Marcene Cox
<b>Children's Message</b> Marcene Cox	<b>Fellowship Time</b> Clarence & Rhelma Evans	<b>Sunday School Superintendent</b> Jo Rolston
	<b>Lawn Care</b> Jared Cox Jed Cox Ross Cox	<b>Ushers</b> Alan Cox Scott Maggert
	<b>Messenger Agent</b> Donna Brinkman	

## THOSE ATTENDING CHURCH REGULARLY IN 2008

Linda Adams	Lon Hutchison
Donna and Ron Brinkman	Scott, Ann, Sam, Simon, and
Alan and Marcene Cox	Rachel Maggert
Ross and Sandi Cox	Jo Rolston
Clarence and Rhelma Evans	Elmer and Helen Van Kekerix
Quentin Fischer	Sally Young

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service .....9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .....10:50 am

### Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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As we continue the second century of the life of our church, we look to God to guide us in continuing service to our Lord Jesus Christ, to our members, to our community, to our Brotherhood of the Church of the Brethren, and to our world.

## The Church's Student Summer Pastors:

Student ministers in college or seminary were engaged to serve during the summers as follows:

**1930** Stacy Shenton  
**1934-35** Paul Wingerd  
**1940** Raymond Flory  
**1942** Merlin Cassel

**1932** Grant McGuire  
**1939** Paul Miller  
**1941** Lyle Klotz  
**1944-45** Donald Decker

## Many have graciously filled our pulpit these last 20 years:

Rev. Leland Grove, Laurens  
Rev. John Elder, Garden City, KS  
Rev. David Loveall, Sheldon  
Diane Mason, Unionville  
Rev. Jean-Jean Mompremier, Haiti  
Dyan Sterk, Sheldon  
Rev. Art Hermanson, Kingsley  
Matt & Amy Morrison, Sioux Falls  
Rev. Bill Schoonover, Paullina  
Rev. Don Lenderink, Orange City  
Pete Aberson, Alton  
Don Adkins, Sheldon

Bob Sutton, Boyden  
Rev. Lucinda Douglas, Sioux City  
Gene Bomgaars, Sheldon  
Rev. Tim Button-Harrison, Ankeny  
Anis Said, Palestine  
Rev. Roger Bouwman, Larchwood  
CJ Wurpts, Sheldon (NWC student)  
Gideon's - Art Van Bruggen, Boyden  
Rev. Francis, Jr. Hendricks, Abilene, KS  
Rev. Jean Hendricks, Abilene, KS  
Rev. Tim & Delia Waits, Goshen, IN

A Hammond electric organ was installed in 1957 and Harriet Rolston faithfully presided as organist for many years. Since then, organists and pianists for Sunday worship service have been: Leah (Pepple) Bothmer, Dorothy Breuer, Donna Brinkman, Brianna Clover, Ada Ruth Cox, Marcene Cox, Jill Dykstra, Amy Eitemiller, Jeannette Grove, Michelle (Rolston) Harder, Jean Hendricks, Donna Rae Jans, Teri Kelderman, Pauli Landhuis, Mabel Lokken, Jan Martin, Mildred Pepple, Lynn Rolfsmeier, and Lois Van Maanen.

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- Minutes of the Sheldon Church of the Brethren Ladies Aid as recorded by Jo Rolston.
- Treasurer's report of the Sheldon Church of the Brethren as recorded by Marcene Cox and Sandi Cox.

## 1986

**Fall of 1986** - a new furnace was installed in the church.

**November** - Leland and Jeannette Grove moved into the parsonage.

## 1987

**Jan. 27** - Ada Ruth Cox, Clarence Evans, and Darlene Houtsma, were appointed to serve on the Centennial committee. The centennial will be celebrated in 1988.

**Mar. 15** - Leland Grove was installed as our new pastor. He served from late 1986 through the summer of 1996. Tim Waits was the previous pastor from 1984-86.

## 1988

**Spring** - New wallpaper and paint for the sanctuary.

**June 19** - Centennial Sunday at the church. Caterer served 184 meals.

**July 22-29** - Our church was the host church for the District Conference at Waverly, Ia.

## 1989

**Feb. 7** - Funeral services were held at the church at 1:30 pm for Ada Ruth (Rolston) Cox.

**Mar. 26** - The youth of the church served an Easter breakfast from 8-9 am as a fund raiser for Amy Eitemiller's and Molly Rolfsmeier's trip to Brooklyn, NY, to serve in a youth project this coming summer.

**May 20** - The Youth Group had a bake sale at Hy-Vee to help pay

expenses for Amy Eitemiller's and Molly Rolfsmeier's trip to Brooklyn, NY, this summer.

**Aug. 10-13** - Jeannette Grove attended the Church of the Brethren Women's Conference at Estes Park, CO.

**Fall** - The parsonage barn was remodeled to be a two-car garage, with a new garage door.

## 1990

**Spring** - First year to plant an acre of potatoes at the church farm as a community project and then the potatoes were given to the Storehouse of Sheldon (Volney Rolston's idea). This was done for 3 years.

**July 30** - Jeannette Grove and our four youth (Molly & Liz Rolfsmeier and Amy & Casey Eitemiller) attended the National Youth Conference at Ft. Collins, CO. They served an Easter breakfast again as a fund raiser.

**Sept. 3** - The Ladies Aid had a craft booth selling rag rugs and the church had a food booth selling ice cream cones at the Sheldon Labor Day Celebration.

**Sept. 10** - Memorial services were held at the church for Cornie Vander Burgh at 11 am.

**Fall** - Eunice Vander Burgh offered to buy new church hymnals with the money from Cornie's memorial fund. Dee Pepple, Donna Brinkman, and Lois Van Maanen were appointed to the new hymnal committee.

**Fall** - Donated to New Church Development fund. Five year pledge - completed in four years. 1993 was the last year.

**November** - Jeannette Grove made new costumes for the Christmas Nativity scene.

**September/October** - The church basement was renovated: some carpenter work was done on baseboards, etc.; the ceiling and walls were painted; and new carpet and bathroom floorings were installed by Northwest Decor and Furniture of Sheldon.

**Nov. 2** - 120th Church & 300th Demonination anniversary. Served 140 meals.

New microphone on church pulpit.

Fixed bulging north basement wall at parsonage.

### Yearly Projects of Ladies Aid:

- Meals On Wheels for two weeks each spring.
- Adopt-A-Family and Mittens to Storehouse of Sheldon for Christmas project every December.
- Once a year have the program and serve lunch at the Oak Park Care Center birthday party.
- Every Labor Day at Sheldon's Celebration Day had a craft booth (stopped in 1998) and food stand (stopped in 2005).
- Send money to Church World Service Blanket Fund every November.

### The Church's Full-time Pastors:

**1888-1894** Tobias Myers  
**1894-1955** J.E. Rolston (free ministry)  
**1908-1941** Charles E. Kimmel (free ministry)  
**1949-1952** William Gahm (1st full-time salaried pastor)  
**1952-1960** Quincy A. Holsopple  
**1960** Earl Deardorf (8 month interim)  
**1960-1970** Russell Pepple  
**1971-1977** Calvin T. Teasdale (yoked with Sheldon Methodist)  
**1978-1984** Francis, Jr. & Jean Lichty Hendricks  
**1984-1986** Tim Waits  
**1986-1996** Leland Grove  
**1996-2005** John Elder  
**2005-2008** Pulpit vacant

Church's 11th annual play "The Birthday Party". Then went to Iowa State Bank's community room for refreshments.

**December** - A new furnace was installed at the parsonage.

Had part of the church farm grid sampled.

**2007**

**Dec. 9** - "Ladies Night Out" to see Sheldon's Bethel Reformed Church's 12th annual play.

Four more windows have been replaced at the parsonage; also, 2 new front doors were installed.

Worked on foundation of the church.

The walls in the three back Sunday School rooms are fixed. Ross & Jed Cox painted them after the carpenters were done.

Grid sampled the rest of the church farm (first parcel done in 2006).

**2008**

**Feb. 29** - Funeral services were held for Leona Rolston in Russellville, AR.

**Mar. 1** - The congregation voted to discontinue our ministry of Christ Cupboard at the church after five years of service. This is to be effective April 1.

**Mar. 15** - Memorial services were held for Arline (Rolston) English at the Methodist Church in Milford, Iowa.

**Spring** - Plans were made throughout the year in preparation for the 120th anniversary of our church and the denomination's 300th anniversary. Celebration Sunday is set for November 2, 2008.

**December** - Billie and Harold Evans 50th wedding anniversary.

Andrew Maggert was dedicated.

**1991**

**March** - Joyce's Food Store furnished 100 pounds of seed potatoes for our community project for the Storehouse Of Sheldon.

**April** - The Ladies Aid donated \$50 to Church World Service to purchase 10 blankets.

**Apr. 19 and 20** - The church was host for the Northern Plains District board meeting. Eighteen people plan to attend. Need food and lodging.

**Summer** - Built church float for Sheldon's Labor Day Celebration. Pastor Leland Grove built a replica of the church for the float.

**Summer** - Shingled the church roof.

**Sept. 2** - Sheldon Labor Day Celebration. The Ladies Aid had a craft booth selling rag rugs. The church had a food booth selling ice cream and sundaes.

**October** - A Christmas Eve service was added to our calendar of events.

Village singers started singing at church this year.

**1992**

**Feb. 1** - Memorial services were held at the church for Billie Evans.

**Apr. 19** - Paul Rolfsmeier received into church membership on his former baptism and renewal of vows.

**May 31** - Casey Eitemiller is joining the State Fair Singers and needs \$700 for his expenses. The church gave a \$50 contribution.

**May 31** - Lois Van Maanen presented a plan to donate funds to renovate the church kitchen. The parsonage committee of Jo Rolston, Lynn Rolfsmeier, and Linda Adams were appointed to help her.

**June 7** - Bob and Mary (Evans) Willie talked about their year at "Lend-A-Hand" in Kentucky during the church service and Sunday School.

**Summer** - Jed Cox went to church camp at Camp Pine Lake at Eldora, IA. Leland and Jeannette helped at camp.

**July 21** - The Ladies Aid was in charge of the monthly birthday party at Oak Park Care Center. They provided a program and the lunch.

**Sept. 7** - At Sheldon's Labor Day Celebration, the church food booth sold ice cream and caramel apples. Clarence & Rhelma and Ross & Sandi donated all the candy for the parade. Volney & Jo Rolston donated the apples. The Ladies Aid had their craft booth selling rag rugs.

**Sept. 27** - A pot luck dinner was held at the church in appreciation of Lois Van Maanen and her family for remodeling the kitchen. This was made possible by her memorial money from an uncle, R. Kenny.

**Oct. 25** - Alan Cox and Jim Houtsma were assigned to move the old church sign to the Matlock corner. Also, Alan Cox, Jim Lofflin, and Rhelma Evans have been working on pictures for a church album.

**Oct. 25** - Harvested 3,400 pounds of potatoes this fall.

**Nov. 14** - Leland & Jeannette Grove celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

money to Clover's relative, George Clover.

Put lime on part of the church farm.

Installed new water heater at the church.

Five youth (Briana, Vicki, & Eli Cover, and two others) went to a conference at McPherson College with Pastor John & Darius Elder.

## 2006

**Jan. 28** - Funeral services were held at the church at 1 pm for Margaret Rolston.

**June 21** - A new bay window in the parsonage living room was ordered and it was decided to order three more windows (kitchen, bathroom, and north bedroom). Also, installed a new front door to the deck. Steve and Janet Tatman are planning to rent the parsonage.

**June** - Scott Maggert has contracted painters from Ellsworth, MN., to paint the church.

**Summer** - Shingled roof, painted outside of church, and worked on church foundation and windows.

**Summer** - Youth group from Pennsylvania stayed overnight again at the church on their way to National Youth Conference.

**June** - Ross Cox asked to buy an acre of land from the church farm to put up storage bins for grain. A motion was made and carried that allowed Ross to purchase it.

**Nov. 17** - Rev. Leland Grove, a former pastor, passed away. Memorial services were held on Nov. 21 at 2 pm at the Laurens' First Christian Church.

**Dec. 3** - "Ladies Night Out" to see Sheldon's Bethel Reformed

**Dec. 8** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party at Sandi Cox's home for soups and salads.

Don ? stopped at church during his walk across America for Christ.

Memorial money - Volney Rolston.

Bought several *Serendipity For Groups Bibles* for use at midweek "Feed Your Body and Soul" meetings. Also, are used for adult Sunday School.

## 2005

**July 24** - The church had a food booth selling frozen chocolate-dipped bananas and cotton candy at RAGBRAI. The church had T-shirts made for the congregation to wear while working in the booth.

**July 29-30** - The church participated in the Relay for Life from Friday night 7 pm until 7 am Saturday morning. Jo Rolston sponsored a team of 15 walkers.

**Oct. 9** - Pastor John preached his farewell sermon and a potluck dinner followed church services. A farewell open house for the community was held in the afternoon from 2-4 pm at the church. He answered a pastoral call to the Garden City, KS, Church of the Brethren.

**October** - Took youth to corn maze at Orange City's Pumpkin Land.

**Dec. 4** - "Ladies Night Out" to see Sheldon's Bethel Reformed Church's 10th annual play "An Evening in December". Then went to Linda Adams' home for refreshments.

**Dec. 21** - A new furnace was installed at the church.

Took a special offering for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Sent

**December** - Everyone in the church brought a pair of mittens for Storehouse Of Sheldon for a Christmas project.

Bought TV/VCR for church use.

Paid to have our church name on 4 big signs (with the 11 Sheldon churches) at the 4 entrances to Sheldon.

## 1993

**Mar. 28** - Pastor Leland Grove moved that the congregation bring geraniums to church on Mother's Day in honor of mothers and then plant the flowers in the corner of the church yard south of the entrance.

**Mar. 28** - At Spring Council meeting, Clarence Evans and Alan Cox moved that our church offer 20-25 of our old red hymnals to the Worthington Church. They were thinking of buying some new ones.

**Mar. 28** - Plans made to entertain RAGBRAI this coming July. Made the following assignments: Clarence and Ross, shower facilities and portable restrooms; Ladies Aid will take care of supper and welcome all.

**July 11**- A picnic was held at the Lakes in Gull State Park after the regular church service. The Worthington church was invited to join us. Later all enjoyed a ride on the Queen II at Arnold's Park.

**July 25** - The church hosted a bicycle club from Cedar Rapids for RAGBRAI. Approximately 90 people were served a supper of sandwiches, salads, sweet corn, cookies, and bars. (Volney & Jo Rolston donated all the sweet corn). Linda Adams stayed overnight at the church with the club. Leland and Jeannette Grove helped Linda serve them breakfast before they left next morning.

**September** - Sheldon Labor Day Celebration: had a float in the parade; sold apples with caramel sauce; and Ladies Aid had rag rug booth.

**September** - "Know Your Neighbor" night held at the church.

**Sept. 21** - Our church was responsible for working at the Bloodmobile from 11:30 am - 7:30 pm. We had to supply 25 dozen cookies and 8 salads.

**Oct. 3** - CROP Walk. Approximately 150 people walked from the Methodist Church in Sheldon to our church. We served them cookies, cold drinks, and apples. Keith Rolston donated the apples.

**Fall** - Leland said Joyce's Grocery will supply 100 pounds seed potatoes this coming spring.

**Oct. 31** - Soybeans were sold. Crop yielded 54.9 bushels an acre.

**Oct. 31** - Leland told Ministerial Committee his final date for serving could be September, 1996, or earlier, if replacement found before then.

## 1994

**Mar. 13** - Pastor Leland Grove reported at the council meeting about 1,300 pounds of potatoes are still in the church parsonage basement, after taking many to the Village Cottages, Christian Retirement Home, and Dinner Date. Storehouse Of Sheldon did not use many potatoes, so we will not do the potato project again.

**Mar. 13** - Pastor Leland Grove said: offerings are down \$1,300 from last year, expenses are up \$400 and allocations were \$600 up from 1992. He said farm income was down about \$4,000 due to 1993's poor crop. It was suggested to put a note in the *Plowshare* to accept contributions for fertilizer, seed, etc. Co-op had furnished some of this in the past, but no longer able to do so.

**Apr. 24** - The Village Singers sang during church and Sunday School. A potluck dinner was served at noon.

**May 18** - Funeral services were held at the church at 2 pm for Darlene Houtsma.

Sent items to USS Truman - Naval ship during Iraq war

Made activity bags for children to use during church services.

## 2004

**March** - The church received memorial money in memory of Dee Pepple and used it to buy 10 new blue hymnals.

**June, July, and August** - Pastor John Elder and Dave Phillips laid the foundation and bricks for the new sign on the church grounds. The sign was set at the church corner diagonally, so it can be seen from 3 directions.

**June** - The carpet committee of Sandi Cox, Linda Adams, and Jo Rolston ordered new carpet for the church sanctuary.

**June 28 & 29** - Many volunteer church people tore up the old sanctuary carpet and sanded the floors in preparation for the new carpet that was installed by Sheldon's Northwest Decor and Furniture store on July 6 & 7.

**July** - A new deck was put on the parsonage by Pastor John & Darius Elder, Steve Dagel, and Dave Phillips.

**August** - The two church signs (one by the church farm and one by the county blacktop) were repainted. Volney and Jo Rolston paid for the repainting.

**August** - Due to hail damage, new shingles were put on the parsonage roof by T&T Roofing of Sheldon.

**Summer** - Sent 3 youth to church camp at Camp Pine Lake at Eldora, IA.

**Nov. 18** - Funeral services were held at the church at 1:30 pm for Volney Rolston.



The Vision and Mission Statement was adopted by the church. The committee of Pastor John Elder, Alan & Marcene Cox, and Doug Osterbuhr was formed to write this. Our **VISION** is a community of believers discovering God's call and purpose for living peacefully, simply, together. Our **MISSION** is to live in unity and love as a community, committed to one another by growing spiritually together through worship, praise, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Marlon Landhuis funeral at church.

Pastor John Elder started Sunday evening church services at the Matlock schoolhouse once a month for 1 year. Pastor John and Alan Cox wrote a "Mission Possible" grant to the Northern Plains District for this project.

## 2003

**Spring** - Funds are being raised for a sign on the church grounds; the location of which is to be decided by the congregation.

**July 27** - Funeral services were held at the church at 2 pm for Dorothy (Rolston) Landhuis.

**Oct. 3** - Funeral services were held at the church at 10:30 am for Lois Van Maanen.

**Dec. 12** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party at Sandi Cox's home for soup and salads.

**Dec. 23** - Funeral services were held at the church at 10:30 am for Dee Pepple.

Pastor John Elder started Christ's Cupboard.

Memorial money - Dorothy Landhuis and Lois Van Maanen. Also, received money from the Dorothy Landhuis Estate.

**May** - Sheldon Ministerial Association is \$20 short on funds to provide meals and lodging for transients. Hat was passed and collection covered the amount.

**May** - SOS Kits for Sudan: Lois Van Maanen and Marilyn Lofflin made up 27 kits of soap, salt, and towels. Lois sent them.

**May** - \$800 was given to support a BVS worker in Lybrook, NM, for one month's support through 3 Sunday's collections. The church will make up the difference, if needed.

**Summer** - Paul Rolfsmeier and Jeff Meese attended Youth Conference in Colorado. The church paid half of their registration fees.

**Sept. 24** - Clarence & Rhelma Evans, Linda Adams, Jeannette Grove, Sandi & Jed Cox, and Jo Rolston attended Heritage Day at Camp Pine Lake at Eldora, IA. They demonstrated making communion bread and rag rugs.

**Oct. 30** - Dyan Sterk was contacted by Jo Rolston to help with the Christmas program, "Gifts of Christmas", to be given Dec. 11, 1994. She'll include congregational singing and will work with Jo on including Jed & Jared Cox, and Paul Rolfsmeier in the program.

**Oct. 30** - After nearly 20 years, Marcene Cox resigned as church treasurer at this meeting. Sandi Cox was voted in to finish out her term that expires in 1996.

**Oct. 30** - Earlier, two trees were vandalized. The church received \$125 from the court to replace at least one tree. It was decided we need to replace them because they were memorial trees. The trees were bought from Del's in Spencer and planted in the spring of 1995.

**Oct. 30** - Lois Van Maanen moved to change worship service time to 9:30 am year-round. (Worship had been at 10 am for nine months of the year and 9 am in the summer.) The new worship time will begin January 1, 1995.

**October** - Fill The Ark Heifer Project - 50th Anniversary. Plastic ark for each family's daily contribution.

**Fall** - Rural Water connected at the parsonage.

Put new eaves on the parsonage.

## 1995

**April** - Leland Grove announced that he would be leaving by Sept. 1, 1996. A search committee was appointed: Alan Cox, Ross Cox, Linda Adams, Lois Van Maanen, and Moderator Volney Rolson.

**Sept. 4** - The Ladies Aid and the church had a craft booth and food booth for Sheldon's Labor Day Celebration.

**Oct. 29 - *Pastor Grove's Report to Council Meeting:*** "God has given the members of our congregation many talents. Valuable community service is given by the majority of our members in education, health services, programs for senior citizens, 4-H for youth, financial services, volunteer work, etc. The influence of our church in the community far exceeds the number of our members.

**Nov. 25** - Funeral services were held at the church at 1 pm for Virginia Miller.

**November/December** - Leland conducted studies in "Brethren Beliefs" during the Sunday School hour. This was especially for our youth in preparation for church membership.

**December** - Went Christmas caroling at various places in Sheldon and then had hot cocoa with goodies at the parsonage.

Bought new water heater for the church.

## 1996

**Jan. 7** - Leland Grove led the baptism service which was part of

**November** - The Residential Treatment Facility people from Sheldon were invited to attend our Harvest Sunday service and dinner this year.

The Ladies Aid discontinued having monthly meetings, but continues sending cards, gifts, and flowers to the sick and shut-ins.

Memorial money - Kenyon Kimmel

Alan & Marcene Cox initiated a fund-raising effort to purchase a window air conditioner for the church sanctuary.

Village Singers and Ken Snyder's family sang at church service.

Pastor John Elder and Alan Cox served on the Restorative Justice panel at the Residential Treatment Facility in Sheldon.

## 2002

**Summer** - The barn at the parsonage was painted. Clarence & Rhelma Evans donated the paint.

**Summer** - Participated with other churches at the tent revival held in Sheldon.

**Summer** - Held a church yard sale.

**Summer** - Youth from Pennsylvania stayed at the church on their way to the Youth Convention.

**September** - Handed out Mr. Freezies at Sheldon's Labor Day Celebration parade.

**Dec. 11** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party at the White House Inn in Paullina.

**Dec. 23** - Funeral services were held at the church at 10:30 am for Georgia Rolston.

Fix tower and roof of church.

## 2000

**June 11** - "Biker Sunday" was held at the church from 3-5 pm with over 60 riders attending. The event included a praise time, blessing of the bikes, and a cookout.

**Sept. 19** - The Ladies Aid was in charge of serving food for the Bloodmobile from noon-6:30 pm. We donated 15 dozen cookies and 4 salads.

**November** - A Thanksgiving meal was served by John and Michele Elder at the church for the Residential Treatment Facility people from Sheldon. People from the church helped donate the food.

**Dec. 7** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party at Archie's Waeside in LeMars, with dessert at Blue Bunny Ice Cream Parlor.

Volney Rolston, Ross Cox, and Fred Woelber put on a new roof on the east side of the parsonage.

The Ladies Aid bought a new vacuum for the church.

Memorial - Meg Rolston

Put in new cement steps and laid new sidewalk at church.

New farm field driveway.

Started Mid-Week Service - "Feed Your Body and Soul" - studying Brethren history.

## 2001

**April** - Funeral services were held at the church for Kenyon Kimmel.

the morning worship. Received into membership by baptism were: Jed William Cox, Jared Warren Cox, and Sheena Rose Rolston.

**March** - The church was informed that we would be receiving a sizable share of the Virginia Miller estate. A committee of Moderator Volney Rolston, Clarence Evans, Ross Cox, Marilyn Lofflin, and Harriet Rolston were appointed to work on a recommendation for the use of the funds.

**May 18** - Funeral services were held at the church at 1:30 pm for Meg Rolston.

**Summer** - Painted outside of church.

**Summer** - Parsonage renovations: Sided the outside; installed a new shower, etc. in bathroom; installed new upstairs carpet; painted; and installed new living room blinds. Spent \$9,700 in improvements.

**Aug. 18** - A farewell/retirement open house was held at the church for Leland and Jeannette Grove.

**Aug. 23-25** - John Elder came as a pastoral candidate. Was accepted and later moved from Cape Coral, FL, to start in October.

**Nov. 2** - The Ladies Aid had a craft booth at the Matlock Craft Show to sell rag rugs.

**Dec. 8** - John Elder was installed at the morning church service with Connie Burkholder (Northern Plains District Executive) conducting the installation. John and Michele, with their children, Christian and Darius, Elder had their membership transferred from Christ the Servant Church of the Brethren at Cape Coral, FL.

## 1997

**Apr. 18** - Memorial services were held at the church at 1 pm for Wallace English.

**May 5** - Memorial services were held at the church at 11 am for Helen Kimmel.

**Aug. 27** - Funeral services were held at the church at 10:30 am for Harold Evans.

**Fall** - Fixed field tile at church farm.

**Oct. 5 - CROP WALK:** Walkers walked from Sheldon to our church. The Catholic Church helped furnish cookies and Hardees furnished the cold drink.

**Nov. 7 & 8** - Our church was host to the Northern Plains District Board Meeting with 27 people attending.

**Dec. 9** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party at the White House Inn in Paullina.

Memorial money - Helen Kimmel, Wallace English, and Harold Evans.

Donated money for flood relief (Salem church?).

Took special offering for New Church Development.

## 1998

**Feb. 28** - Memorial services were held at the church at 3 pm for Ursula Rolston.

**Mar. 21** - A group of Sudanese people from Sioux Falls and a New Church Development committee met at our church. A noon meal was served.

**Summer** - Darius Elder, Clint Oosterbuhr, and Jed Dietrich went to National Youth Conference in Colorado.

**Dec. 3** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party at the Prairie Rose Inn in Sioux Center.

Pastor John Elder is the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for the Northern Plains District.

Memorial money - Ursula Rolston and Margaret Kimmel.

Repaired back Sunday School room walls.

## 1999

**Jan. 9** - Memorial services were held at the church at 11 am for Anna (Rolston) Schechter.

**Apr. 10** - Memorial services were held at the church at 10:30 am for Jim Houtsma, Sr.

**September** - The Ladies Aid packed 43 health kits for disaster relief and mailed them to Brethren Volunteer Service headquarters at New Windsor, MD.

**Sept. 11** - Funeral services were held at the church at 11 am for Eunice Vander Burgh.

**Dec. 9** - "Ladies Night Out" Christmas Party was at The White House Inn in Paullina.

**December** - Pastor John Elder started "The Keeper of the Christmas Spirit" plaque to recognize those who display "the spirit" all year long. It can be seen on the entry way wall of the church.

The ceilings in the back Sunday School rooms were fixed and painted.

Put lime on church ground.

Memorial money - Anna Schechter, Don Kimmel, Jim Houtsma, Sr., and Eunice Vander Burgh.

Break-in at church - TV, offering plates, and other things were stolen.