

Dear Family and Friends,

January 2007

After the closing of Zion Lutheran Church in September 2006, the church property was accepted by the Zion Lutheran Cemetery Association. Along with the help of volunteers and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, many improvements have been done to the cemetery such as:

- Markers on unmarked graves
- Concrete castings around flat markers
- · Stones leveled and dirt added

On Memorial Day May 28, 2007, the first Zion Memorial Homecoming will be held. Come for a 10:00 AM memorial service with Chaplain (LTC) Tom Solhjem as speaker. Tom is currently serving in the US Army as the Joint Special Operations Command Chaplain at Ft Bragg, NC.



At noon a pot luck dinner of sandwiches, salads, and desserts will be served. Paper products and beverages will be provided. Following the dinner our annual meeting will be held. After the meeting there will be a pot luck lunch with cookies, bars, and Norwegian delicacies.

We are looking for pictures of those buried in the cemetery to be placed on the internet site (ZionLCA.com) and on the graves on Memorial Day. Any studio photos taken after 1976 need a studio release to accompany the photo. Photos could include individuals, weddings and families. Send all photos and releases to the internet site or mail to Alton Leedahl, 716 11th St S, Benson, MN 56215. The deadline for grave photos is April 30.

In 1998 the perpetual fund was started for the purpose of using the interest to cover the cost of mowing and minor repairs. So far, all maintenance has been donated. Additional funds are needed to raise the level of the perpetual fund so the interest will cover maintenance costs in the near future. Please send donations to the address at the top of the page. Thanks to those who donated time, money and materials in the past.

The internet site has started to collect information on the cemetery. There is a map of the cemetery with information on the people buried there. Open plots are available for \$200.

The church building and grounds can be rented for \$150 with extras negotiable. Contact Gordon Solhjem at 701-645-2526 for further details.

Placing flowers may be done anytime before Memorial Day. Flowers in permanent vases or

on staffs may remain, but those on the ground will be removed by July 1st.

Hope to see you on May 28th at the first Zion Memorial Homecoming!!!

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