

# Churches and Schools

On May of 2004 a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated as Dom Peter Funk, O.S.B. celebrated his ordination as a priest, he was baptized in the parish.

The following is a list of some of the priests that have served the parish: Father Thomas Peeters (1956-59), Father Richard Shafer (1959-67), Father Joseph Boehm (1967), Father James DeWitt (1967-70), Father Robert Van Berg (1969-70), Father Patrick Mc Mahon (1970-?). The current pastor, Rev. Lee Kahrs, celebrated 40 years of service this year.

## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first record of an established Protestant church in the Morrison area is that of St. John's which was located in the northeast corner of Section 16 where the Lark cemetery is now. It was founded in 1858 and was served by Rev. H. Fox of Maple Grove.

In 1859 Rev. Beyer of the town of Herman served this congregation. In 1861 Rev. C.F. Keller of Reedsville succeeded him. Because of doctrinal differences this church was dissolved in 1862. The building was then taken over by the Emmanuel Evangelical Church. That same year Zion Lutheran Congregation of Morrison was organized and the following year Zion Lutheran of Wayside was founded. The membership of this church was divided among the following three congregations.



*Emmanuel Evangelical and  
United Brethren Church of Lark*

## EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL AND UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF LARK

This large brick structure familiar to travelers on Highway G, about a half-mile south of Lark, has had several changes of name in the past one hundred and forty-seven years.

Rev. August Huelister, a circuit-riding pastor of Evangelical Assn. of North America, first came to the area in 1856 preaching in the "Hemlock Forests" of the area called Morrison as he went on to minister to his flock a few miles eastward in Cooperstown. Just two years later, his Morrison followers established a congregation and Rev. Peter Held, pastor of Two Rivers Evangelical Assn. of N.A., became their first appointed pastor.

In succeeding years, a merger with United Brethren in Christ changed their name to "The Evangelical United Brethren" and in 1968 yet another merger with the Methodist Church gave them the present title of the "United Methodist Church".

Across the years the congregation has had three church homes. The first, a purchased log building on the site of the present cemetery and the second in the same place, erected in 1873. The present edifice was a short distance to the north dedicated in 1914. Emmanuel Church celebrated their Centennial in 1958. Reedsville Zion Church was made a joint pastorate with Lark in 1968. In 2002 the pastorate was changed to join Lark with Denmark Zion.

The youth program at Emmanuel is very active. They have various fund raisers that enable them to support a child in India. A youth band has also been established, which provides special music for some of the services. United Methodist Women, Sunday school for all ages, Youth Fellowship, weekly worship services and weekly Bible studies provide spiritual growth for the congregation.

The following is a list of ministers who have served the congregation: Rev. Huelister, Rev. Banzhaff, Rev. Zimmermann, Rev. Zelhaffer, Rev. Koch, Rev. Kammerer, Rev. Horn, Rev. Harm, Rev. Kahl, Rev. J. Nickel, Rev. Kammerer, Rev. Zickerick, Rev. Eielert, Rev. Schneller, Rev. Strobel, Rev. Kortemeyer, Rev. Friedrich, Rev. F. Nickel, Rev. Trautmann, Rev. J.J. Hoffmann, Rev. Pfluger, Rev. Dorau, Rev. Lautz, Rev. Wendarff, Rev. Habermann, Rev. Glaser, Rev. Rabe, Rev. Schlueter, Rev. Reichardt, Rev. H.P. Jordan, Rev. T.J. Jordan, Rev. Bernhardt, Rev. Allison, Rev. C.M. Knoespel, Rev. Roy Headley, Rev. Merlin Goehring, Rev. Dale, Kelm, Rev. Karl Goodfellow, Rev. Holland Reidel, Rev. Juan Falcon, Rev. John Vaughan, Rev. Cathy Weigand. The parsonage is currently being rented because the current pastor, Rev. Rosa Mayorga, resides in Green Bay.