

# Report to City Council, March, 2013

## Progress on the Chapel so Far

Fund Raising has gone well, and community interest is high

The roof has been replaced—thanks to the council for allowing most of the funding

The bats are gone

Grant monies have been used for the following:

- The extra cost of using top grade shingles
- Covered gutters have been installed and paid in full
- About \$240 left will be used for stucco supplies—Brent Fanning will donate his time

## Upcoming projects

- We have raised \$3,800 to cover the cost of fixing window and replacing panes—all with frosted glass. Ron Hengefeld will work with Northwest Glass on this project
- Kelly Peters will volunteer his time to paint the interior of the chapel. He says if someone cuts stencils to match the originals, he will add those
- We have several dependable community volunteers who will paint the exterior
- We wish to replace the steps and add railings—Brent Fanning will advise

## Furnishings

- A communion table and pulpit have been donated, but are not in place
- An organ has been donated and is presently in storage—I have been assured that changes in temperature will not hurt the function of the organ.
- A black and nickel plated stove will be added on loan
- We have a ten foot conference table in storage, made from the legs and skirt of one taken from the chapel—top has been replaced
- We have located, but not yet purchased a set of seven chairs
- We are considering two different options for show cases offered by donors
- We have a few different possibilities for pews

## Options

- Eventually we wish to reopen the steps into the vault, add a bulk-head door and replace the double doors
- At the request of local citizens we are studying the possibility of adding electricity. Randy Fahlenkamp will volunteer his time for the project.

The advantages of having it wired would make it possible for us to use vacuum cleaners, coffee pots, perhaps an Amish fireplace to take the chill off the building, and other things requiring electricity. Lights would make the interior more pleasant for open houses, Summer Fest productions, gatherings sponsored by the school, local organizations, 4-H groups, and graveside gatherings for funerals. The monthly cost will be minimal, and could be turned off in winter months.

