

Plumer Settlement
June 22, 1956

Dear Friends of Salem Church:

On June 11 a general meeting of friends and former members of Salem Lutheran Church was held at Plumer Settlement for the purpose of organizing a plan for restoring the church building. There has been considerable interest in such a project since the American Lutheran Church has voted to place a memorial plaque on the premises commemorating Salem Church, founded in 1867, as the mother church of the Central District.

A Church Board was elected to determine means of acquiring funds for the permanent restoration and maintenance of the church and to supervise the project. The floor must be replaced, permanent windows and doors must be installed, and replacement of many beams and rafters will be necessary to put the roof in good condition. The restored church will be a wonderful memorial to our faithful departed, an inspiration to our children, and a shrine of early Lutheranism still standing in our time.

The new Church Board includes the following members: Rudolph Miller, Walter Vorthmann, Walter Tieschaefer, Art Burgoin, Alfred Plumer, and John Horn.

At the same meeting a new Board of Cemetery Trustees was received, namely Carl Green, Charles Plumer Jr., Walter Brandt, and Harry Enselmann. The rest of the property, which is maintained by the Cemetery Trustees, needs a considerable amount of attention also. The well and cistern will require a lot of expert work, the fence is in need of repair, the house must be painted, a new out-house must be provided, and there are the matters of a new mower, insurance, etc., in other words, items that should be taken care of promptly lest things deteriorate further and get out of hand.

It is estimated that \$5000 would go a long way in accomplishing these two purposes once and for all, and we are confident that there will be a willing response from the descendents of our pioneer relatives and ancestors.

It was decided that a representative of each family branch act as spokesman for these projects. Any contributions may be made to your own family representative, or to Alfred Plumer, Rt. 2, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Treasurer of the Church Board.

Checks should be made out to

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH ASSN.

Very truly yours,

Your family representative:

Rudolph Miller Chairman

Art Burgoin Secretary

Alfred Plumer Treas