

## ON TO THE 90's—OCTOBER '90 - JUNE '97

Jim Danielson committed to six months as interim pastor but would stay until the spring of 1992. During that interlude, there was much focus on evaluation and organizing ministries. A task force was created and, eventually, committees overseen by an elder (Wayne Funderburg, Bob Danielson, Jim Danielson, Mark Danielson, Chet Turner or Jim Ferris). The Sunday night service was revamped into two home meetings a month and one potluck. The first Saturday of the month workbees continued. VBS was resurrected in the summer of 1991 after years of absence. We were blessed with several capable men who carried on the teaching responsibilities (Tony Adams, Wayne Funderburg, Jim Ferris, Gerry Gerard, and Mark Danielson) so there were two adult Sunday school classes and one for new believers.

There were social issues preoccupying the Chapel people at the time. A "Fight Against Pornography" group was formed; an Overflow Food Ministry for the needy was begun by a Chapel family; the controversy over the celebration of Halloween was a hot topic; and others were grappling with divorce/remarriage and how service in the church related.

A decision had been made to stay "yoked" with Felch so a combined pastoral search committee was formed. Through their work, God brought our next pastor, Paul Jaedicke, to us in June 1992. Paul and Karen were both Californians, newly graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary, and having their first taste of rural life here in the U.P. They had one infant daughter, Rachel, and their two sons, Philip and Caleb, would be born during their years with us.

**Small Groups** would be a defining term of the next five years. Much time and discussions was given to organizing and evaluating the groups. Minutes from Feb. 16, 1994 reflect the "why" of such a focus, "*...develop and equip people to minister more effectively to one another in line with their giftedness...encourage deeper relationships among believers/provide more points of connection to new people, encouraging stronger and faster assimilation in the Chapel.*" For most of the years there were 6 or 7 functioning small groups.

These were the years of the 50 Day Adventure, Promise Keepers, Supper Six, Walk Thru the Bible, and Angel Tree. We were blessed with gifted worship leaders such as Matt Rose, the Bruggemann's and Karen Jaedicke. This broadened our style and appealed to the many younger adults who were part of the Chapel family. Our commitment to missions was still strong and a vital part of the work.

The children's and youth ministries seemed to be in constant change from AWANA to Pioneer Clubs to Patch the Pirate Club. In those years Michael and Sally Bal, Jim & Bonnie Johnson, Amby & Bev Swiontek and Butch Hayes would take a turn leading the youth. Under

the Swiontek's YES (Youth Engaged in Service) painted the gym, served meals at the DCHS's Thanksgiving & Easter meals, and went to DC '97 a missions trip to serve in the inner city of Washington, DC.

By far the most visual impact of the Jaedicke years were changes in the appearance and quality of the Chapel itself. Financially we were strong as we were paying  $\frac{1}{2}$  a pastor's salary and had grown in number. During these years the parking lot was expanded to the east side of the building; a new steeper roof over all the various additions (except the gym) and new siding was done by Ed Zahn; the front of the auditorium was reconstructed to eliminate the two small rooms and replace with the stage and open sides; the gym became a fellowship hall with carpeting; the nursery (currently two office rooms) and the basement were given a complete face lift; the library was organized, cataloged and expanded; storage cabinets were placed in each classroom and windowed doors; and a new furnace was installed. We also purchased a TV and VHS player, the Flexscreen Dividers, new speakers in the auditorium, microphone stands and microphones, and the electric piano.

Even before the turn of the year to 1997, we were starting to look and pray ahead to the spring when the five-year commitment to share a pastor with Felch would end. We were ready to have our own pastor. Paul Jaedicke was left with the decision to stay and choose which of the congregations to pastor or to leave. He felt called to leave that June of 1997. Several other key people left over the course of that spring and summer—some called to missions work and others to another church. Clint Monette from our congregation filled the pulpit for that summer while the search for our next pastor began.