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## Zion Lutheran Church to Celebrate 130th Anniversary on Sunday, July 19th Memorial Cairn to be Unveiled by Pastor

An Anniversary Service, marking three important events in their history, will be held by Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, fourth Concession of Vaughan, one and one-half miles south of Maple, on Sunday afternoon, July 19th, at 3.00 o'clock, Standard Time.

The early beginnings of Zion Lutheran church date back to the first years of the nineteenth century, when a number of pioneer Lutherans from Summerset County, Pennsylvania, settled in Vaughan Township. These God-fearing men brought with them their Bibles, Hymn books and Catechisms and at once took steps to organize a congregation of their Faith. Family names prominent in the early organization were: Keffer, Fischer, Stong, Witmer, Grosse, Snider, Feightner, Troyer and others. The congregation was organized in 1806, one hundred and thirty years ago and is the oldest congregation in Vaughan township.

The second feature of the celebration service is the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada. It was during the pastorate of the sainted Jeremiah Fishburn that steps were taken by him to call together the brethren and laymen of this faith in Ontario for the purpose of organizing a synod. In the summer of 1861 a conference was called, which met in the present church building, when the Lutheran Synod of Canada was organized. Officials of the synod will be present at this service to participate in this historic event. From a small beginning the synod has grown to considerable strength with congregations in Ontario and Quebec. It maintains a College and Seminary at Waterloo, Ontario, the former being affiliated with Western University at London, Ontario.

The unveiling of a Memorial Cairn promises to be an interesting feature of the anniversary service. It is now being erected jointly by the congregation and the Lutheran Synod of Canada in grateful remembrance



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
At Sherwood, in Vaughan Township where a special anniversary service will be held next Sunday, July 19th.

of Adam Keffer, one of the pioneers of the congregation. From 1830 to 1850 the congregation passed through troublesome times and the tiny flock clung tenaciously to their faith. The historian, who has gathered facts of these days writes: "At this critical time, when conditions in the Lutheran church in Canada were most deplorable and the danger of its extinction was impending, God moved the heart of a pious laymen in Zion's Church, Adam Keffer, to an undertaking which eventually proved the salvation of the church. Early in 1849 he left his home, setting out for Pittsburgh, walking 500 miles, to plead with the Pittsburgh Synod assembled in its annual convention for pastors, to take care of the shepherdless flocks of the Canadian Lutheran Church." So effective was the plea of this heroic defender of the Faith that the synod was moved to take some action and send an official to investigate the field. The report sent back to the synod soon

brought the much needed pastor. All the more outstanding is the heroic deed of Mr. Keffer when one considers that he was sixty years of age when he undertook his hazardous journey. A Memorial will be unveiled to his memory on Sunday afternoon. The bronze plate affixed to the Cairn, a gift of the synod, bears an inscription of his effort. The speakers for the occasion are Rev. Ewald Sterz of Hanover and Rev. Dr. N. Willison of Hamilton. The Cairn will be unveiled by the pastor of the church, Rev. E. Huennergard. Two choirs, from Hespeler and Guelph will furnish music. All are cordially invited.

## WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

### FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 16th, 1896  
On Saturday, July 11th, Richmond Hill Lacrosse Team drove to Toronto Junction to play a match in the championship series with the team of that town. The day was very warm, and the park did not tend in any way to improve the play which was at times not of the first order, and after two hours' play Toronto Junction won by the score of 4 to 3.

Mr. David Murray, one of the wealthiest men in the Township of Vaughan, died at his home near Edgeley on Saturday last at the age of 80 years, 5 months, 18 days. Deceased had been a successful farmer and accumulated a large amount of property including land to the extent of about 1000 acres. He was a member of the Lutheran denomination and was a Reformer in politics. He leaves a widow, two sons, George and Isaac, and two daughters, Mrs. John Julian of Vellore and Mrs. George J. Keffer of Maple.

On the first of August next the marriage act passed at the last session of the local legislature will come into force. The act provides that before procuring a marriage license each of the contracting parties shall make an affidavit stating the date on which the ceremony is to be held, that they are full eighteen years of age, and that there is no legal bar to their marriage. A record of these affidavits will be kept by the issuer of the licenses, and he will forward to the registrar-general's department the names, ages, occupations and religion of the contracting parties. These new features of the marriage law were added at the suggestion of the ministers, who discussed them pretty freely at their meetings.

The town of Whitby was shaken by an earthquake shortly after midnight on Monday morning. Houses were shaken, windows rattled, and people were alarmed, but no damage was caused by the shock.



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