



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee **Annual Report** December 2005

The Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that Phase One of the Rutland Church Restoration Plan is close to completion. No tax-payer funds were used in this project to save the town-owned historical structure. It is the last surviving building from the once thriving Rutland Center. This summer the following projects were completed:

- ! Childs Movers Raised the building off its stone foundation
- ! Haugen Excavating removed the stone and dirt to a depth of four feet.
- ! Conco-Concrete installed the foundation and basement floor
- ! Schmudlach Construction brought the bulging side walls into alignment with the foundation

A mason will soon apply the original stone to the new foundation and repair the chimney. In the spring we will move the remaining top soil to restore the landscaping around the building. Total expenditures for Phase One have been approximately \$17,350.



We are grateful for the \$5,000 grant we received from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, for the architectural advice given by Arlan Kay of the Architecture Network, Inc. and for the many contributions made to the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery group, which made Phase One possible.

Plans for Phase Two



Myron Bacon, Tim Lipke and Mike Schmudlach aligned the building on the new foundation.

We plan to begin work on the roof if we are successful in raising approximately \$12,000 in the coming months. Removal of the old roofing, restoration of the decking and installation of cedar shingles will be a high priority next summer because of leaks that have developed in recent years. We are also interested in raising funds to repair the windows as soon as possible. Families interested in financing the repair of a single window could contact one of the co-chairmen listed below.

How You Can Help

If you are a member of the Friends group, we encourage you to renew your annual \$25 membership for 2006. And if you are not yet a member, we welcome your joining us. Donations of services and materials are always welcome. We continue to pursue grants, many of which are contingent on local matching funds. Enclosed is a copy of our brochure with more information about this project and a contribution form. All donations should be sent to Dawn George, Rutland Town Clerk, 4177 Old Stage Rd., Brooklyn, WI 53521.

More information about this project may be viewed at www.rutlandchurch.org.

Thanks to all who have made contributions to this project.

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The new one acre addition to the cemetery was planted to pasture grass this summer.