

WI Barn Adaptive Reuse Projects

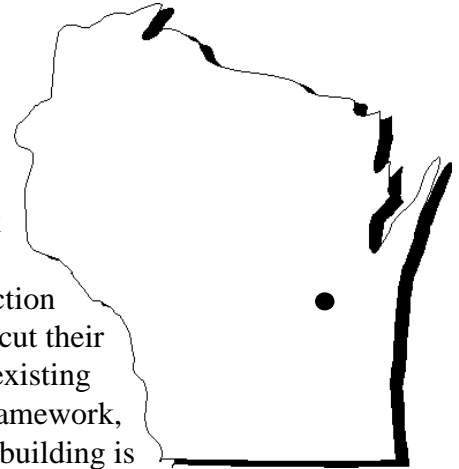
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Present Use: Meeting place for Oakhaven Church
Type of Barn: Dairy Barn

Owner's/ Contact Person's Name: Gary Cleveland Minister
Address: 2175 Witzel Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54904

Date of Conversion: February 1980
Approximate Project Cost(s): \$150,000

Brief Outline of Project: This barn was originally built in 1928 by Otto Winter who owned the Pleasant View Farm. It took about 5 months to renovate the 5,000 sq. ft. barn. The cost was approximately \$30 per sq. ft. The cost of public building construction at that time was around \$50-60 per sq. ft. They were thus able to cut their cost in half by doing much of the work themselves and using the existing framework of the barn. According to the architect, the existing framework, foundation, roof, etc. had a value of approximately \$45,000. The building is heavily insulated. There is 10 inches of fiberglass insulation in the walls. The ceiling and roof has 8 inches of fiberglass and 2 inches of styrofoam sheeting for insulation. Utilities for the entire building average approximately \$350 monthly. Heating is zoned and is provided by forced air furnaces, each being the size of an average home unit. The congregation now has around 100 in attendance every Sunday. The church retains many features that reflect the original barn character both inside and out.



Success of Project: The building is efficient, aesthetically pleasing and of sound construction. Approximately 5000 people have toured the church and many are moved emotionally by the experience.

Contractors Used: They served as their own general contractor. Electric - Lark Electric, Plumbing - Gary Adams, Concrete - John Skotske, Central Heating. The architect, Jim Larson, was later recognized by the city of Oshkosh for his work on the project.

Project Photographs:

