

# OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

Fall 2018

Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

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The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society was founded in 1984 to preserve and maintain the historic Oahe Chapel near Pierre, South Dakota. Funding for maintenance is provided through annual memberships in the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society, rental fees, donations, and fundraisers.

## **MAJOR REPAIRS COMPLETED IN 2018**

Thanks to the generosity of local citizens and a grant from Oahe Electric's Operation Round Up program, extensive exterior repairs were completed at the Oahe Chapel in 2018. Those repairs included scraping, priming, and repainting the entire exterior, and rebuilding the front steps to allow for safer access into the historic chapel. You can see in the photos below what a difference these projects made.

The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society's Board of Directors would like to thank the many volunteers who made these projects possible. The painting project was coordinated by Don Zeller and included volunteers from the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the South Dakota Highway Patrol. The front steps were rebuilt by local contractor Ben Beierle, who volunteered his time for this project. We would also like to thank Oahe Electric for awarding us an Operation Round Up grant, which paid for the materials for the front steps project, and the Corps of Engineers, who hauled away the stone debris for us. Thank you, all!



Above: Oahe Chapel after painting, and previous condition of steps.  
Below left: After old steps were removed. Below center: Local contractor Ben Beierle working on the new steps. Below right: The new steps and new paint job.





**ON THE SCENE IN 2018....** Above left and center: Volunteers from the S.D. Highway Patrol and Habitat for Humanity scrape, prime, and repaint the Oahe Chapel. Right: Surprise Package performs a concert and attendees enjoy lawn games during the 5th annual pie social on September 23.

## We are doing great things at the Oahe Chapel. Check out all the ways you can support us!

The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society is now registered with AmazonSmile! Here's how it works: You shop at [smile.amazon.org](http://smile.amazon.org) and select "Oahe Chapel Preservation Society" as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our organization. It's an easy and effective way to help us in our mission to preserve the Oahe Chapel!



Are you looking for a delicious way to support the Oahe Chapel? Then mark your calendar for **February 26, 2019**, and come to the Fort Pierre (SD) Pizza Ranch for supper! The Board of Directors will be busing tables from 5:00-8:00 pm that evening, and Pizza Ranch will donate 15% of the carry-out and dine-in sales during that time to the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society. The funds raised will go towards our mission of preserving and maintaining the chapel for future generations. Come eat pizza and support the Oahe Chapel!

### RENT THE OAHE CHAPEL

Call now to reserve the Oahe Chapel for your wedding, church service, family reunion, or other special event! The Chapel is available for rent year-round at the cost of \$50. Members of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are eligible to rent the facility for a reduced rate of \$35. The historic Oahe Chapel provides a unique setting and a beautiful view to make your event truly memorable. Events for 2019 and beyond are being booked now. To learn more, call (605) 773-3458.