

1887 - 1955

Arise, arise and tread the future without fears; He leadeth still whose hand hath led through all the bygone years.

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1884 - 1959



Zion Lutheran Church

Pine City, Minnesota

Soli Deo Gloria!

To God Alone All Glory!

With reverent and thankful hearts do we, the members of ZION acknowledge the manifold mercies of God who has so abundantly blessed ZION throughout these 75 years, and in this same spirit of gratitude we would rededicate our lives to the service of Him who is the Lord of the Church, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

He gave courage to the founders of our congregation in the days when the pine forests gave to our village its name and when this community was only beginning to emerge from the wilderness. He is giving guidance to their successors today when the complexities of modern living cause many hearts to fail with fear.

For 75 years our Lord has preserved His Word and Sacraments in our midst. For 75 years He has given Life and Salvation through His Spirit to those who have worshipped Him here in His sanctuary. Here God has raised His hands in blessing upon all who have served Him. He has rewarded the loyalty and devotion of His faithful believers. This, our God, has given strength to the weak, faith to the fearful, comfort to the sick, victory to the dying.

For 75 years God has been with us according to His promise: "LO I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS." He has never forsaken us. "KNOW YE THAT THE LORD, HE IS OUR GOD, IT IS HE THAT HATH MADE US, AND NOT WE OURSELVES; WE ARE HIS PEOPLE AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE."

"To Him be praise and dominion forever!"

I love Thy ZION, Lord,
The House of Thine abode
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious Blood.

Diamond Jubilee

1884 - 1959

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pine City, Minnesota

June 14, 1959

Service of Thanksgiving

10:00 A. M.

Rev. A. W. Roegge, Pastor

Speaker

Music by Zion Lutheran Choirs

Noon dinner served in the church basement

Anniversary Service

2:00 P. M.

Rev. Carl Steging

Guest Speaker

Nicolai Lutheran Church

Canby, Minnesota

Roll Call of Confirmation Classes

Music furnished by members of Choir

Refreshment and Fellowship

Congregational History

STUDENT PASTOR FISCHER - 1884

- August 10, 1884 The first official business meeting of the congregation was held. A six man committee was chosen to start a building fund campaign. Three lots were donated by Miss Jennie McLean.
- January 25, 1885 Articles of Incorporation of the Evengelical Lutheran Zion Society of Pine City were filed with the Register of Deeds of Pine County, Minnesota.

REV. WM. BRAUNWARTH - 1885

April 24, 1887 - The church building was dedicated.

July, 1887 - The first Sunday School classes were held.

REV. H. DALKE - 1888

September, 1889 - The first Mission Festival was held.

REV. A. F. UDE - 1890

August, 1891 - The building of the parsonage was begun.

REV. C. ABEL - 1893

- April 7, 1895 Congregation voted to join the Missouri Synod.
- 1896 The Ladies Aid was organized with 16 members.
- March, 1899 Electric lights were installed in the church.
- November 5, 1899 It was decided to hold English services in addition to the German services. English song books were ordered.

REV. A. W. SCHULTZ - 1900

- August, 1902 Koletsky's Woods became the site for the annual Mission Festival.
- 1902 The Swedish Lutherans used the church for services and paid toward its upkeep.
- 1904 Men and women sat on opposite sides of the church.

REV. G. HUEBNER - 1905

1906 - The Engler house was purchased for a school house. Electric lights were installed the following year.

REV. A. DOMMAN - 1909

1911 - It was decided that each member should make a pledge.

REV. G. F. LUEBKER - 1911

- September, 1911 The 25th Anniversary of the completion of the church was celebrated.
- January, 1912 Pledge envelopes were introduced.
- July, 1915 The Young People's Organizations bought the church bell.
- 1915 A kitchen was built onto the school building.
- January, 1920 The practice of quarter house-to-house collections for the pastor's salary was replaced by pledges.
- 1923 It was decided to write all business meeting minutes in English instead of German.

REV. CARL STEGING - 1928

- October, 1928 The school house was sold and moved away.

 Plans were started for a full basement under the church.
- June, 1934 The 50th Anniversary of the congregation was held at the Armory.
- April, 1937 German services were discontinued.
- November, 1937 The church basement was dedicated.
- 1944 The congregation became self-supporting.
- February, 1946 Our church joined other Lutheran churches in erecting the Lutheran Men's Center in honor of war dead of our church.
- 1946 A Hammond Organ was purchased.

REV. A. W. ROEGGE - 1949

- June, 1951 Plans were started for a new church.
- October, 1951 A new constitution was adopted.
- June 7, 1953 Ground breaking ceremonies for the new church were conducted.
- February 6, 1955 The new church was dedicated.
- June, 1956 The Ladies Aid installed a complete kitchen in the church.
- October 14 18, 1956 The first Preaching, Teaching and Reaching Mission was held.
- February 1 5, 1959 A second P.T.R. Mission was held.

COUNCIL MEMBERS 1884

George Kick

Henry Ausmus Adolf Radden Hans Wick W. F. Glasow

COUNCIL MEMBERS 1959

Richard Klande - Chairman

Richard Lindig - Secretary

Harold Kick - Treasurer

ELDERS

TRUSTEES

Clifford Klande William Tracy Otto Welke William Lones Roy Teich Harold Schultz Fred Engler

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Baptisms during the 75 years .				1274
Confirmations during the 75 years	١.			855
Marriages during the 75 years .				1211
Burials during the 75 years				347
Present Confirmed Membership				280
Present Baptized Membership .				434

DEDICATION

We dedicate this booklet to the members of Zion Lutheran Congregation, pastors and laymen and laywomen, who through the years have so faithfully served their Lord in His work here on earth. Especially are we thankful for such long terms of service as the 44 years George E. Kick served as treasurer of the congregation. May God continue to bless our congregation with consecrated Christian leaders.