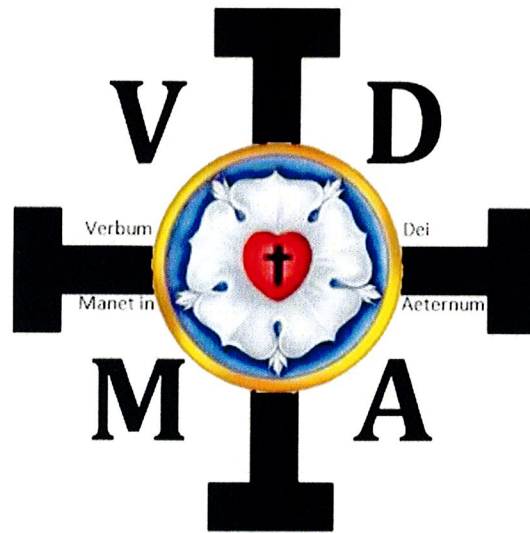


One Hundredth
ANNIVERSARY

Zion Lutheran Church



1917-2017

“The Word of the Lord remains forever.”

1 Peter 1:24-25

The History of Zion Lutheran Church

Nampa, Idaho

Prepared for the one hundredth
anniversary

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On the Cover – Zion’s 100th Anniversary Theme

Zion Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on September 17, 2017. This year also corresponds with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 31, 2017. Our theme includes Luther’s Rose in the center of a cross with the letters “VDMA” in each corner.

The cross is the center of our Christian faith as we proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Luther’s Rose is a longstanding symbol of Lutheranism. The black cross in the center reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. The red heart reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior. The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation. The white rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who makes us pure and holy in God’s sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for Him. The sky blue background pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in Him. Finally, the golden ring outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance – a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior’s presence.

The letters stand for the Latin motto *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*, or in English, “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.” This is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God’s Word. The motto is based on Isaiah 40:6-8 quoted by 1 Peter 1:24-25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court’s official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick’s successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. (From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, A Reader’s Edition*).

Introduction

This history is a compilation of the work done by congregation members throughout the preceding century. Various sources used include the histories written for the previous milestone anniversaries, city, county and state websites, news articles, and members remembrances.

It is with reverence and awe in our Lord Jesus Christ's love and protection that we of the early 21st century congregation look back in this book. His Means of Grace remain in this congregation as they have throughout the years. As we sinners do, we often think that the societal challenges of our time, which are presently many, are fearsome and powerful. The challenges our congregation faced varied throughout the century of Zion's history. We will let the writers of the 25th anniversary book restate one short paragraph from that book as reference.

“Quite a number of our young men are now in the army, or engaged in defense work away from home. We hope and pray that all may return sound in body and soul.” Twenty-Fifth Anniversary 1942

We pray our predecessor's Mighty Fortress, our Lord Jesus, will remain ours and our successors in Zion's second century.

Pastor Shaver's 100th Anniversary Message

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Genesis 22, we have the record of Abraham taking his son, Isaac, up to Mount Moriah where God had commanded him to sacrifice his son. As Abraham raised the knife, the angel of the Lord stopped him, and instead provided a ram for sacrifice. God had provided a substitute to die in the place of one of His children. Hundreds of years later, King Solomon built a temple for the Lord upon the same mount, now called Mount Zion. Here, sacrifices for sins of God's people were offered. This was the place where God dwelt among His people and where they sought Him. It was to this mount that Jesus was presented as an infant (Luke 2:22-28), taught the leaders as a 12 year old boy (Luke 2:41-50), and finally revealed Himself as the promised Messiah. In the temple, the Sanhedrin condemned Him to die in our place. Hence, Mount Zion is full of historical and religious significance, though it is but a shadow pointing to something greater. A better mount awaits us, a heavenly Mount Zion (Isaiah 25), the heights of which stand above the fear and pain, the sin and suffering that we face here in this life. This heavenly Zion is our future. As we await that blessed eternity we do so as part of Zion Lutheran Church, as we are aptly named. For over the last 100 years, God has visited His people here through His Word and Sacraments. This is a place where the Lord can be sought out and found.

One hundred years ago on September 17, 1917, Zion Lutheran Church officially became a congregation by the grace of God. Pastor Kahle had been serving Nampa for years with the Word of God, and it did not return void. Eight other pastors have served the congregation since. People have heard the Word and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Week in and week out, God has delivered the benefits of forgiveness, life, and salvation won by Jesus upon the cross. Children and adults have been brought to the water of Holy Baptism, youth confirmed, the Sacrament of the Altar distributed, marriages performed, funerals conducted, and so much more has happened in this place where our Lord is present for us. Throughout the years, the Lord has seen our congregation through good times

and bad. Our Lord promises that those who would be His disciples would face hardship in this life. Some of that has come from the outside, and some from our own sinful hearts. There has been, and is, repentance over our sin and faith in the forgiveness won by Christ. The Gospel has been proclaimed to the members of our congregation, past and present, and by them throughout Nampa and the surrounding communities. Truly we are heirs of the promises of God; heirs of the one, holy, Christian and apostolic Church; and heirs of those who came before us at Zion Lutheran Church.

This year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our congregation, it is about more than looking into the past. We rightly honor those who have come before us in the faith. We honor them by holding onto the same faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). We honor them by commending the works of God to another generation and declaring His mighty acts (Psalm 145:4). We look to the past as well as to the future, both anchored in the faith of Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of our sins. And we do so as “Zion”, the people of God, those to whom the Lord continues to visit, redeem, and sanctify. What a blessing we have been given to receive and to share! As we celebrate 100 years of God’s grace among us, and pray for many more years to come, may we always faithfully trust in the sure and certain promises of God, in -

“The Word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you (1 Peter 1:25-26).”

Rev. Ross Shaver

Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church

Upon the occasion of our 100th anniversary + September 17, 2017

Dedication Hymn - LSB 645 - Built on the Rock

Text: Nikolai Fredrick Severin Grundvig Translation: Carl Döving alt.
Tune: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling
Crum-bled have spires in every land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of Living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

CHRONOLOGY

- 1847 The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States was founded. The name was shortened to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1947 on the Synod’s 100th anniversary. This is how the Synod will be referred to in this document regardless of date.
- 1883 Completion of the Oregon Short Line Railway.
- 1885 Alexander and Hannah Duffes homestead land, the Nampa town site, near the tracks of the recently constructed railway.
- 1890 Completion of the Phyllis Canal.
- 1891 Completion of the Ridenbaugh Canal. Town of Nampa, Idaho incorporated.
- 1904 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) establishes a preaching station in Nampa.
- 1908 First Nampa library opens.
- 1909 Completion of Deer Flat Reservoir.
- 1912 “The Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book” was the first official English-language hymnal of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- 1913 School established which will become Northwest Nazarene University.

- 1914 The Northwest District of the LCMS surveys the Boise Valley with emphasis on Boise, Nampa and Caldwell.
- 1917 Zion Lutheran Church organized in September. Rev. H.A. Kahle is called as Pastor.
- 1919 Construction of first Zion church building. Zion women form the “Lutheran Ladies Aid Society.”
- 1920 Dedication of Zion’s new church building on March 20th.
- 1923 Construction of Zion’s first Parsonage adjacent to the church.
- 1925 Construction of the Union Pacific Depot.
- 1941 “The Lutheran Hymnal” (TLH) was the LCMS's second official English-language hymnal, succeeding the 1912 Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book.
- 1942 Zion Lutheran Church’s 25th anniversary. Construction of the Sugar Factory.
- 1946 Nampa named “Main Street America.”
- 1947 Construction begins on new church building on Nectarine St.
- 1948 New Zion Lutheran Church building dedicated on August 22nd.
- 1950 Construction of new Parsonage. Rev. Harry Young is called as Pastor. Zion’s “Lutheran Ladies Aid Society” joins the “Lutheran Women Missionary League” (LWML).
- 1951 Zion’s branch of the “Lutheran Layman’s League” (LLL) formed.

- 1960 Rev. Richard Gross called as Pastor.
- 1961 Zion Lutheran School opens.
- 1967 Zion Lutheran Church's 50th anniversary. Rev. Frank Solberg called as Pastor.
- 1974 Rev. E. Paul Riedel called as Pastor.
- 1979 Construction adjoining the church building of an Education Wing and "Luther Hall."
- 1982 "Lutheran Worship" (LW) is the LCMS's third English-language hymnal and was intended to replace The Lutheran Hymnal.
- 1983 Rev. David Schmidt called as Pastor.
- 1987 Zion Lutheran Day Care opens on October 1st.
- 1992 Zion Lutheran Church's 75th anniversary.
- 1994 A separate entrance for Zion Day Care off of E. Sherman Ave. constructed.
- 1995 Zion Lutheran School addition constructed.
- 1996 Rev. M. Schumacher called as Pastor.
- 2001 The original pipe organ was replaced by an electronic organ.
- 2005 Pastor Schumacher resigns. Rev. Carl Beuschlein contracted as Interim Pastor.

- 2006 “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB) is the newest official hymnal of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC).
- 2007 Rev. Steven Lee called as Pastor.
- 2011 Rev. Ross Shaver called as Pastor.
- 2017 Zion Lutheran Church’s 100th anniversary. The 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

Zion's Pastors

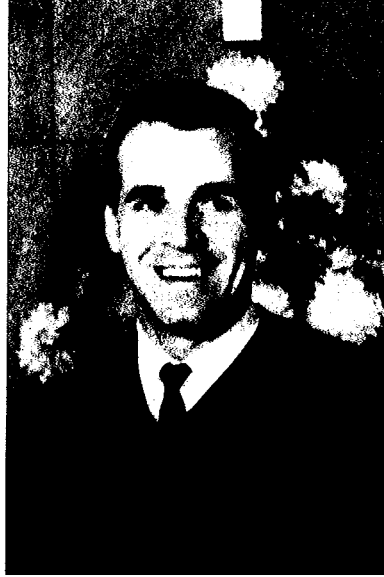
1917 -1950 - H.A Kahle



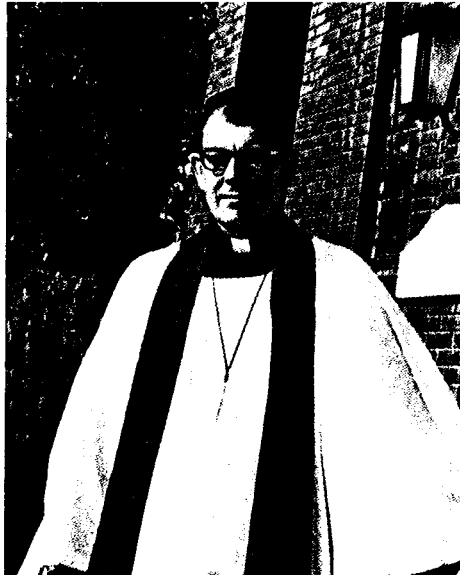
1950 -1960 - Harry Young



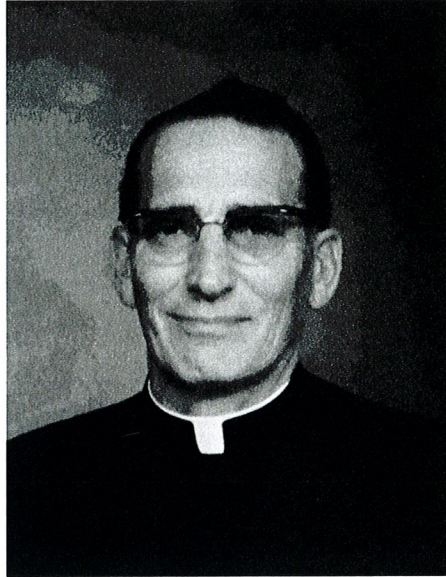
1960 – 1967 - Richard Gross



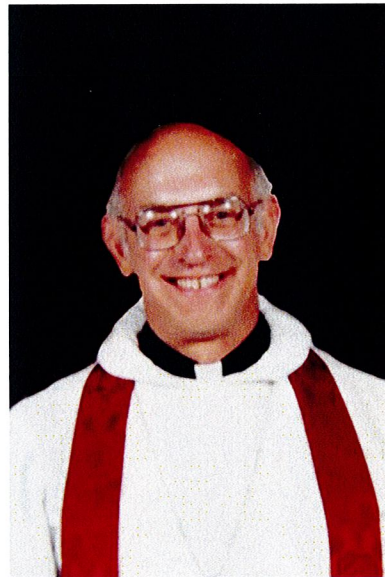
1967 – 1973 - Frank Solberg



1974 – 1983 - E. Paul Riedel



1983 – 1995 - David Schmidt



1996 – 2005 - M. Schumacher

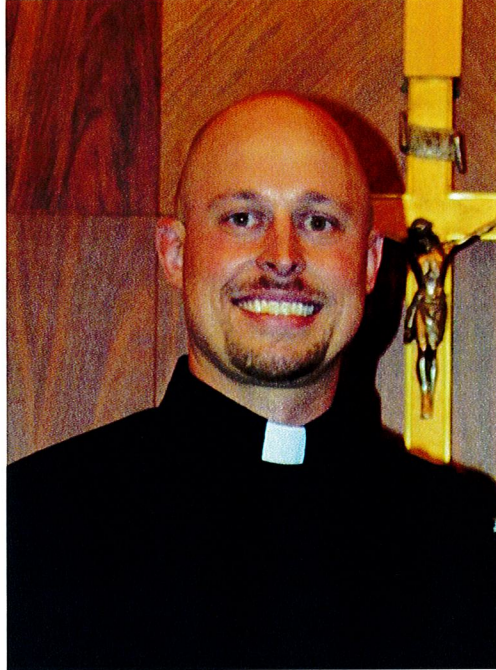


2007 – 2010 - Steven Lee



Zion's Current Pastor

2011 – Present - Ross Shaver



History of the Nampa Area

The history of the City of Nampa begins in 1883. In that year the Oregon Short Line Railway (a subsidiary of the Union Pacific) made its way from Granger, Wyoming to Huntington, Oregon. Towns like Nampa sprang up about every 15 miles along the line.

The town site was established by Alexander and Hannah Duffes, who homesteaded on 160 acres in 1885 with the express purpose of creating the town. Duffes was said to be a very religious man who dreamed of a town with no saloons. There is no record of him being a Lutheran. He refused to sell town lots to anyone who intended to build a saloon on them. Apparently, for whatever reason, this caused people to refer to Nampa as "New Jerusalem." "The Nampa Progress", Nampa's first newspaper, listed in June 1888, that there were 28 businesses in Nampa, three were saloons.

Irrigation for crop land brought many homesteaders to the area surrounding Nampa. During the growing season of 1890, the Phyllis Canal brought irrigation water to the area. In 1891, the extension of the Ridenbaugh Canal was completed.

On April 17, 1891, a municipal government was formed and the town of Nampa incorporated. By 1900 Nampa had a population of about 800. By 1900, ten passenger trains a day were coming through town.



221 Depot Street, Lakeview, Nampa, Idaho

Figure 1 Nampa Depot 1906

The first library in Nampa opened in March 1908.¹

In 1909, the Bureau of Reclamation completed the Deer Flat Embankments, impounding Lake Lowell. This brought water to approximately 2900 farms by 1910.

In 1913, the Nazarene church built an elementary school for 13 students. Later, in 1915, the school offered college classes, eventually becoming Northwest Nazarene University.

In 1925, the Union Pacific built a new passenger depot on the north side of the tracks.

The development of the large Pacific Fruit Express ice plant led to the construction of a major refrigeration shop in 1926. The PFE Shops also built and repaired railroad cars.

In 1942, the agricultural industry gained increased importance in Nampa with the construction of the sugar factory.

¹ <http://nampalibrary.org/>

In 1946, Nampa was named “Main Street America”.

In 1971, passenger service was discontinued by Union Pacific; however, Amtrak took over the nation’s passenger service in May of 1971, but was discontinued in Idaho in 1997 due to a lack of funding and use.

The 1990 census lists the population of Nampa as 28,365. In December of 2005, the population was estimated just fewer than 75,000. In 2016, it was estimated at 90,860.²

In 2017, two of the original area industries continue their importance; the Union Pacific and agriculture remain key elements in the local economy.

² <http://www.compassidaho.org/>

The History of Zion Lutheran Church

By the turn of the twentieth century, missionary work by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod started in southwestern Idaho where some German Lutherans had moved from Washington and the Midwest. The Idaho Museum of Natural History notes that Germanic people began coming to Idaho Territory in the 1860s as miners, investors, assayers, brewers, and bakers.³ Preaching stations were established at a number of places including Payette, Nampa, and Emmett in 1904.

Lutherans were settling around New Plymouth, and Immanuel Lutheran Church was organized in September 1906. It was the second Missouri Synod Lutheran parish in Idaho. In 1911, the Washington-Oregon District divided the region's missionary field so that Emmett, Caldwell and Nampa were listed as one field, and New Plymouth, Payette and Baker City as a separate field.

The history of Zion began in 1914 when the Oregon-Washington District mission board requested that Pastor Henry Kahle make a survey of the Boise Valley with special emphasis placed on Boise, Nampa and Caldwell. What resulted was a call to candidate H. F. Briezke to do mission work in the Nampa area. Pastor Briezke served for two years, and then he accepted a call to a congregation in Michigan. Pastor Kahle continued Pastor Briezke's work by conducting services in Meridian and Nampa. In September 1917, the Nampa group officially organized to form the Zion congregation and officially extended a call to Pastor Kahle who was installed on November 25, 1917. The families from Meridian joined the Nampa congregation and ten members signed the original constitution.

³ <http://www.imnh.isu.edu/>

Construction of the first church building began in 1919 at the corner of 17th S. and 3rd St. S. It still remains on that site. The building was dedicated on March 20, 1920.



Figure 2 First Church Building 1919

The congregation expressed their Gospel outreach by permitting Pastor Kahle to serve in other areas as opportunity arose. Among the places the pastor served during his 37 year tenure were Boise, Emmett, New Plymouth, Parma, Homedale, Caldwell, and Burns, Oregon.

Zion's Lutheran Ladies Aid Society was established in 1919. At that time the purpose of the society was "to assist the congregation, and to do work of benevolence and charity, subordinating to the congregation in all our activities." Each lady was to make a

donation of ten cents per meeting attended and give one dollar per year to be used for such purposes as the Society may determine. There were three standing committees: Membership; Entertainment (in charge of all social activities or entertainment which they see fit to provide) and the House Committee (clean and defrost the refrigerator once a month and clean the electric ranges when needed). Some things have changed, thank goodness!!

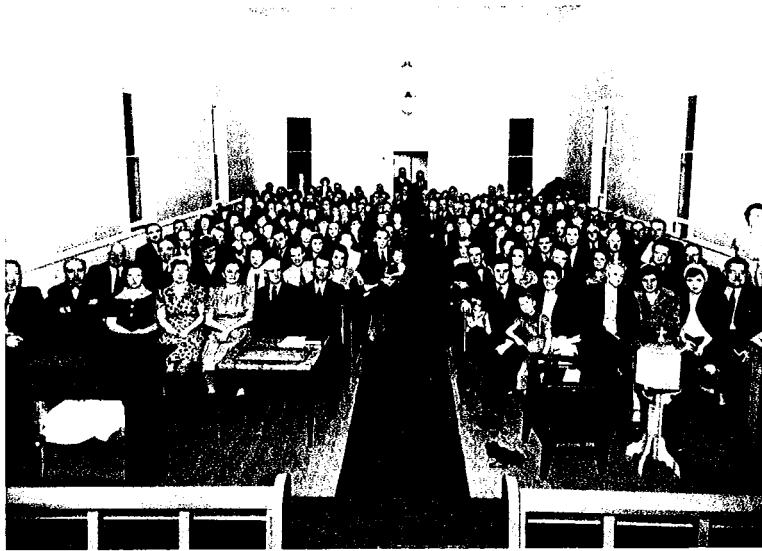


Figure 3 Interior of first church building

In 1942, the congregation's 25th anniversary, there were 341 baptized members and 191 communicant members. This was after about sixty members were released to form a congregation in Caldwell in 1941. A bigger church building was needed but World War II delayed construction until after wartime restrictions were lifted.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new church took place on August 17, 1947. Much of the building work was donated by congregation members. On February 22, 1948, the cornerstone laying was held. The congregation again gathered to dedicate the new church on August 22, 1948. Psalm 115:1 "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory" was prayed at the dedication. Hymns sang at the dedication were "Built on a Rock" and "The Church's One Foundation."



Figure 4 Corner stone ceremony for new church building



Figure 5 Corner stone ceremony for new church building

The dedication book expresses the congregation's feelings about the new building: "Built along Gothic lines, the exterior commands admiration, and inspires devotion and thanksgiving to the Lord. The massive buttresses not only add solidity to the building, but also serve as supports for the heavy trusses on the inside. The white capstones and copings lend a pleasing variation to the red brick walls. The roof is covered with life-time asbestos shingles, and towering over the intersection of the nave and choir transepts is the fleche, or slender spire, constructed of stainless steel and copper. At the top of this spire is the Cross, silently proclaiming: 'We preach Christ.'" The large art glass window over the main entrance adds a great deal to the beauty of the building.

In the interior, the narthex or main entrance is flanked on the one side by stairways leading down into the basement and up into the balcony, beyond which there is a mothers' room equipped with a loud speaker. On the other side are a church office and a cloak room."

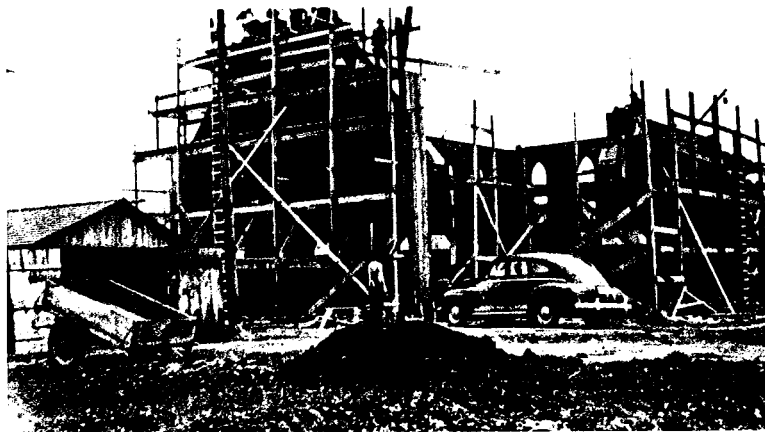


Figure 6 Scaffolding and brick work

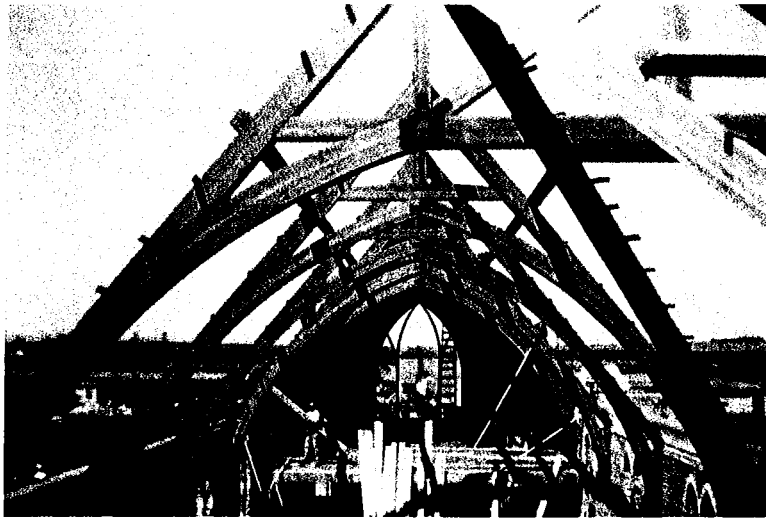


Figure 7 Truss installation

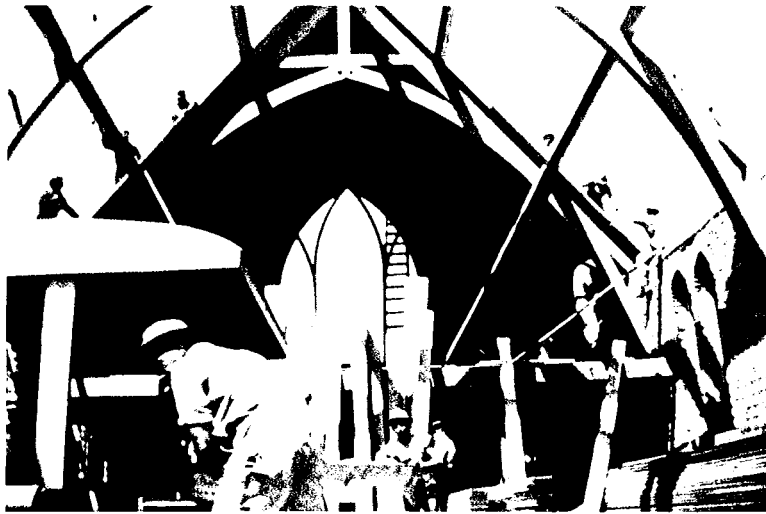


Figure 8 Roof and balcony construction

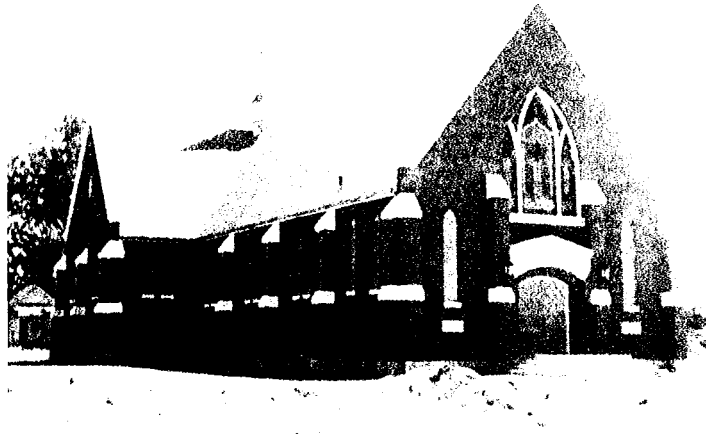


Figure 9 Completed church, c. 1948

The parsonage was completed in March of 1950. In May of 1950 Zion's first pastor, Pastor Kahle, received and accepted a call to Wapato, Washington. His last service at Zion was on June 4th. On October 1, 1950, Rev. Harry H. Young was installed as pastor.

1950 the Lutheran Ladies Aid Society joined the national Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

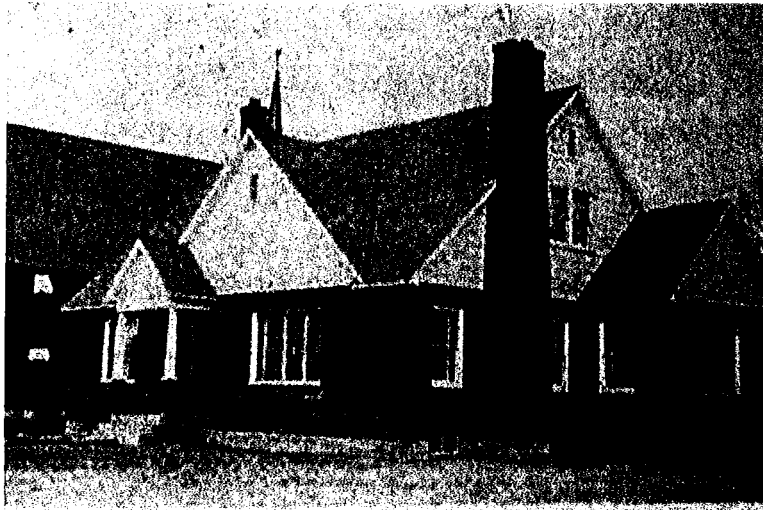


Figure 10 Parsonage shortly after completion.

At the time of the 40th anniversary in 1957, the church had 562 baptized souls, 365 communicants, and 75 voters.

The 40th anniversary book notes that in forty years of service, 563 children had been baptized, 322 children confirmed, 184 adults had been baptized and confirmed, 194 weddings were solemnized, and 182 had received a Christian burial.

Christian education of our children took place from the start. Sunday School was held as well as Bible Classes for the adults. New Member Classes, Vacation Bible School and Confirmation Classes also continued through the years.

In April 1954, a school site was purchased at the corner of 12th Ave. Rd. and E. Colorado Ave. at a cost of \$9,500 for the purpose of building a Lutheran parochial school. A canvass found that 45 students would enroll in the first six grades. In April 1960, the congregation decided to begin the construction of a two-classroom school and to have it ready for service for the fall of 1961.

Pastor Young accepted a call to Portland, Oregon in April of 1960. The Rev. Richard E. Gross was installed in July 1960.

Zion Lutheran School's ground-breaking happened on Oct. 2, 1960. The building was completed and on August 20, 1961, Mr. Edward P. Boehlke was installed as the Principal-Teacher, and Miss Freda DeWald was inducted into office as the Primary Teacher for the school.

Zion Lutheran School opened on August 28, 1961 with a service of praise as students, parents and friends implored God's grace and blessing upon this venture in faith. Fifty-seven children were enrolled the first year of the school. The school building was erected at a cost of \$51,000; there was an additional cost of \$7,200 for equipment and classroom texts and materials.

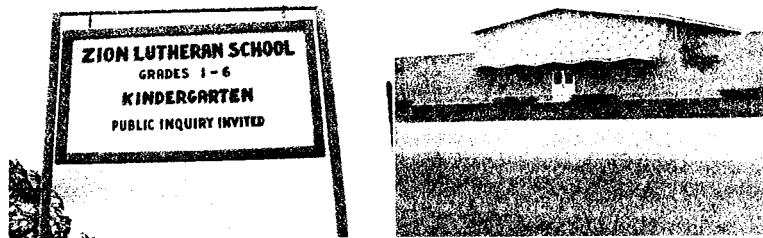


Figure 11 Zion Lutheran School c. 1967

The 50th anniversary was celebrated on August 27, 1967. A morning service with the Rev. Carl F. Nitz speaking was followed by an afternoon service with the Rev. Harry J. Young, Zion's former pastor, speaking. During the late afternoon, a dedication and luncheon were held at Zion Lutheran School.

Membership of the congregation on its 50th anniversary in 1967 was 521 communicants and 745 baptized members.

In 1967, Pastor Gross accepted a call to Hillsboro, Oregon. The Rev. Frank Solberg was installed on December 3, 1967.

In the fall of 1973 Pastor Solberg resigned. On June 2, 1974, the Rev.

E. Paul Riedel was installed as pastor.

Zion Lutheran School was added on to in 1974 and rededicated in 1975. The School addition allowed increased Christian Education for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6.

By 1976 the LWML's attendance was falling because of afternoon meetings. To remedy this, the Guild System was formed: Altar Guild, Christian Service Guild, Hospitality Guild, Mary-Martha Guild and Visitation Guild. Each Guild would have a representative at the monthly meeting, preferably held in the evening. The meeting day was later changed to Saturday mornings.

Communicant membership at the 60th anniversary in 1977 was almost 400 and baptized membership was close to 600.

In 1979 a wing was built on the church, adding four Sunday School rooms, a youth room, church offices and "Luther Hall."

Pastor Riedel retired in 1983 and the Rev. David Schmidt was installed as pastor.

Communicant members numbered 485 and baptized souls 669 in 1986. Also in 1986 there were 105 children enrolled at Zion Lutheran School.

Zion Lutheran Day Care opened on October 1, 1987 offering a Christian safe place for all children. The day care started with 3 full-time and 5 part-time students. At this writing, we have cared for more than 800 children since opening.

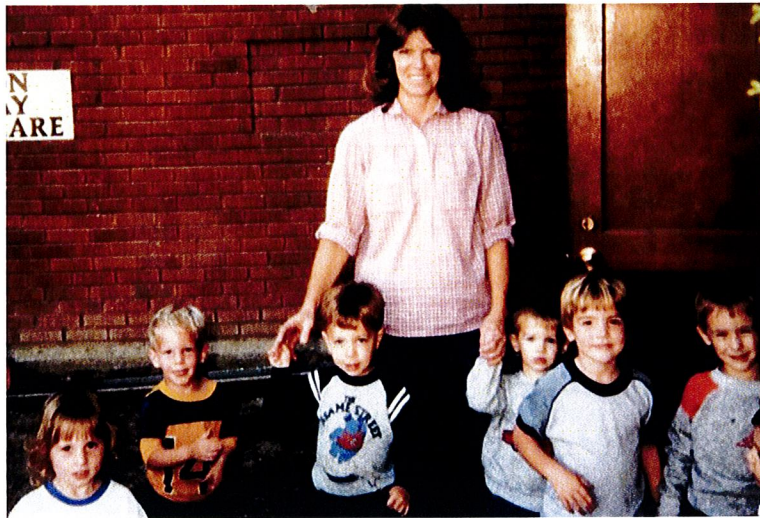


Figure 12 Mary Freeland's day care class

In 1992, Zion celebrated its 75th anniversary with special services and activities in July and September. July 26th was Reunion Sunday recognizing members who had been confirmed during the last 75 years. The Rev. E. Paul Reidel, Zion's pastor from 1974 to 1983, was the speaker.

The original altar painting by Herman Steude, a charter member of the congregation, of the Ascension of Christ, was restored and was re-hung in the sanctuary for the anniversary.

A second celebration service on the afternoon of the 26th was held at Zion Lutheran School with Rev. Richard Gross, Zion's pastor from 1960 to 1967, speaking.

The 75th anniversary service was held on Sept. 27, 1992 with the Rev. William Hemenway of Coeur d'Alene speaking.

In 1994, a separate entrance to the basement of the church for the Zion Day Care was added off of E. Sherman Ave. Brick work that matched the church was used.



Figure 13 2003 photo of church showing the Day Care Entrance on left

In 1995, construction at the Zion Lutheran School added 3 new rooms. This added space for a computer lab, kindergarten and 5th grade classes. Pastor Schmidt left for Tacoma, WA in late 1995. The Zion Day Care served 25 to 30 children daily in that year.

Zion Lutheran School 2013



Figure 14 2013 photo of Zion Lutheran School

Rev. Michael Schumacher was called to be pastor in March of 1996. Money concerns plagued both the church and school in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

The Zion's Social Ministry committee began a Quilting ministry in 1999. This group of quilters from both the congregation and community provide quilts yearly to the Lutheran World Relief.



Figure 15 Zion Quilters 2003

In 2001 the original pipe organ needed repaired, but that was not cost effective. Money was given by gift to purchase a new electronic organ, an Allen Renaissance. This is the organ currently in use.



Figure 16 Organist Carol White at the Allen Renaissance organ in 2016

In 2002 the official name of the Zion's LWML became The Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Nampa, Idaho. Our purpose statement was changed stating that we were an "arm" of the Church; we are to share with one another, serve the Lord

through our Congregation, witness to our Lord Jesus Christ and encourage each other to be active in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

So what does this work look like? Through the years it has taken on many different shapes. For decades we held our yearly Harvest Dinner that was attended by not just our church family but many in the community. This was an event that all church members participated in and assisted with the hard work involved. Our last dinner was held in November 2010. Through our Benevolences we have supported Camp Perkins, Missionaries (in U.S. and abroad), Lifeline Pregnancy Center, Zion Lutheran School, Meals on Wheels, Lutheran World Relief . . . just to name a few. We have done service projects in our school and church upgrading the kitchen appliances, front steps, etc.



Figure 17 - Zion's last Harvest Dinner 2010

Each year the LWML has special events such as our Winter Breakaway, LWML Camp Perkins Retreat, Christmas Ladies Luncheon, Advent and Lenten dinners. At all of our meetings we have a devotion/bible study time.



Figure 18 LWML workshop making pillowcases for cancer children

The LWML is here to serve The Lord and to help develop and maintain a great mission consciousness among the women of the church through mission education, inspiration and service. We also support the work of our Utah-Idaho District and the National LWML through the collection of the Mighty MITES offerings.



Figure 19 serving meal at the Lighthouse Rescue Mission

Zion Lutheran School enrollment was 106 in 2003.

Pastor Schumacher resigned in January 2005. The Rev. Steven Lee was called as pastor in 2007. Pastor Lee served until 2010.



Figure 20 Elders Breakfast 2005



Figure 21 Worship Service in the park 2006

The Rev. Ross Shaver was called as pastor in August 2011 and is currently serving Zion Lutheran Church and School. He received his Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis in 2007.

In 2011 there were 350 baptized members and 300 communicant members. In that year, 7 juniors and 1 adult were confirmed and 3 members went to glory. Average attendance in 2011 was 160.



Figure 22 Christmas Eve 2015

In 2015 there were 372 baptized members and 335 communicant members. In that year, 4 juniors were confirmed and 5 members went to glory. Average attendance in 2015 was 149.



Figure 23 Zion Lutheran School children sing at worship service, December 14, 2014

Two voters meetings, one in June and the other in August of 2016, concerned themselves with budgeting for the church and Zion Lutheran School. In these meetings voter's discussion examined the fiscal realities and the church's outreach mission of the school. After discussions, the school's budget was passed which forecast a shortfall. A call was put out to the congregation of the need, and in early 2017 it was announced that donations had erased the shortfall.

Quilt Sunday was once again celebrated on April 30th, 2017. About 30 women are involved in the ministry to reach their yearly goal of 600 quilts. They also donated 5 quilts to a family living in a tent in a backyard. Since the quilt group formed in 1999 they have shipped over 8,100 quilts, and the monthly quilt raffle has paid out \$15,000.00 to our local shelters since 2010.



Figure 24 Zion Quilter's presentation to the Lighthouse Rescue Mission 2015

The quilters held a Boutique and Bake Sale in October 2016 to raise funds to help the Lutheran World Relief ship quilts around the globe.

In preparation for Zion's 100th anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the church's original altar was restored during 2016. The altar had spent many years in the basement as a storage cabinet. Work by several members of the congregation brought the altar back to its original beauty and it was re-dedicated on August 7, 2016.



Figure 25 Restored original altar with restorers

The restored altar will be used at the circuit-wide Reformation Service at the Brandt Auditorium in Nampa on October 29, 2017 in addition to permanent display in the church.

New Member Sunday 2017 was celebrated on May 7th with a welcome get-together in Luther Hall after the worship service.



Figure 26 New Members 2017

Zion began celebrating its 100th anniversary one hundred days in advance on Sunday, June 4th, 2017. The worship service included special music including organ, choir and trumpet. The Reverend Doctor Paul Linnemann, President of the Northwest District, LCMS gave the message. He stressed that the real celebration is the

Gospel celebration, not any organization this side of Heaven but of the Salvation that reaches to Heaven.



Figure 27 Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann preaches, June 4, 2017

On July 16, 2017 congregation President, Bill Larson, announced that after a long time there were no budget problems for the fiscal year ending.

Festivities planned for the 100th anniversary continued on August 27th with history displays and videos in the church on Sundays, and an open house and Oktoberfest at the school on September 16th.

Two anniversary worship services held on Sunday, September 17th put an exclamation point on the end of Zion's first century. The morning service included a re-dedication of the church. In the afternoon the Northwest District wide afternoon service included special guest speaker, Rev. William C. Weedon, The Director of Worship for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, delivering the sermon and Kantor Dr. Steven Hoffman of King of Glory Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY playing the organ.

At the time of this writing in the summer of 2017, there were 320 baptized members and 225 communicant members. Average attendance in 2017 was 150. There were 53 students enrolled at Zion Lutheran School.

Organization



Figure 28 2017 Elders



Figure 29 2017 Ministry Council



Figure 30 2017 Church Secretary, LeAnn Pullman

Acknowledgements

The 100th anniversary activities are an acknowledgement and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ for his sustaining of this congregation over the past century. This was made possible by all the members who performed a myriad of tasks such as:

- Donating time and money for the new Plexiglas window covers, plants and other building improvements.
- Providing historical data photos and memorabilia from their personal collections.
- Providing write-ups for the various congregation service organizations.
- Providing special music.
- Providing historical exhibits.
- Providing food and cleaning for pot-luck meals.

Special acknowledgement for their work goes to:

- Bill Larson for his leadership of the 100th Anniversary Committee. And for the September 17th services, special thanks to Rev. Will Weedon for his blessing us with his message and Kantor Dr. Steven Hoffman for his virtuoso playing of the organ.

Soli Deo Gloria

Photos



Figure 31 Zion Lutheran Church c. early 2000s

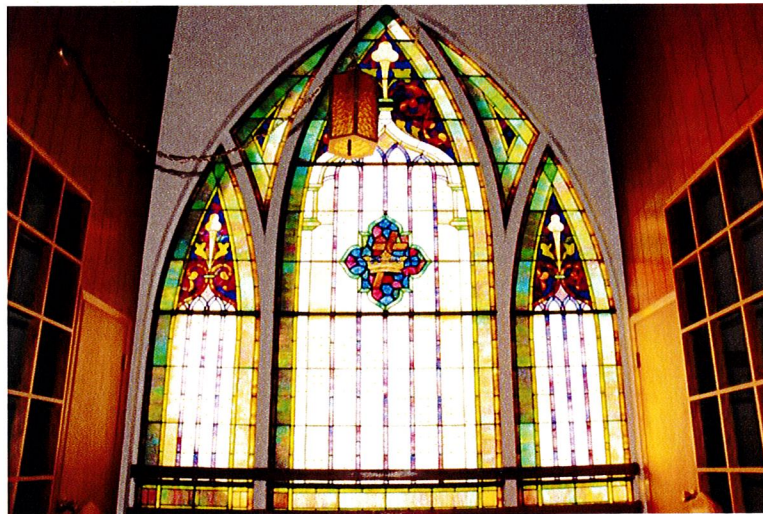
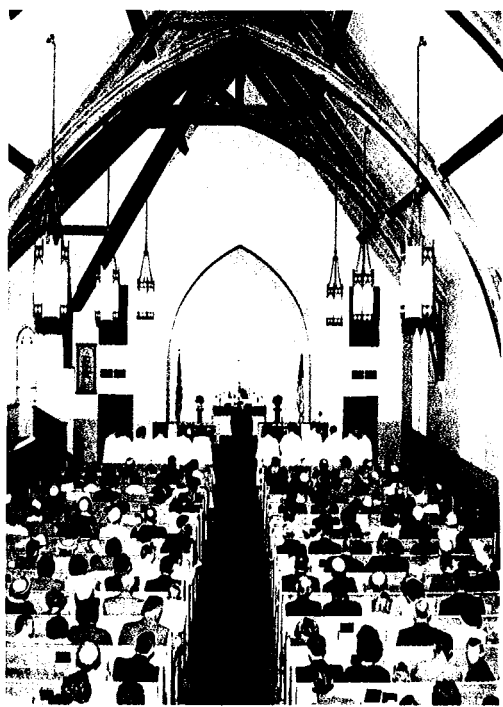


Figure 32 Interior view of the large stained glass window



*Palm Sunday Pastor Young
March 25, 1956 Confirmation*

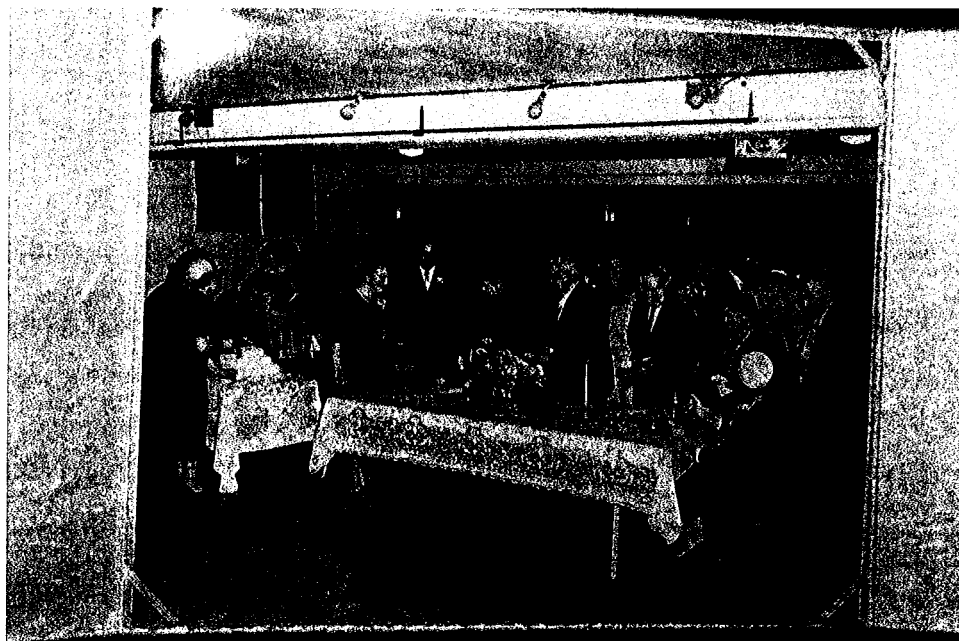


Figure 33 Early function in the church basement.

History of the Harvest Dinner at Zion

In the early days of Zion, ladies prepared meals for various organizations in Nampa as a service. There were no restaurants to cater for these organizations, so the women would plan, prepare, and serve meals for these groups.

The annual Zion Lutheran Harvest Dinner originally began at Zion Lutheran Church over 50 years ago as a fund-raiser to pay off the debt of the present church building, built in 1947. Originally, it was sit-down ham and turkey dinner with all the fixings, with the ladies serving in the church basement. In 1955, prices were \$1.25 for adults and children ate free. A \$187.69 profit was reported from the Harvest Dinner that year, and they served 288 adults and children with the majority of food being donated. The dinner was held in conjunction with a bazaar and baked food sale. All types of fancy aprons, tea towels, and pillow cases were features. In 1966, it was reported that prices were \$1.50 for adults and .50 cents for children 12 years and under. Pies were to be pumpkin or apple. By 1974, prices had risen to \$2.75 for adults and .75 cents for children. In 2001, the prices for the Harvest Dinner were \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for youth 12 and under.

The modern Harvest Dinner is not as elaborate. The "work" sale has been discontinued as Zion Lutheran now hosts a Holiday Bazaar the week after the Harvest Dinner. The menu now consists of turkey, mashed potatoes,

cranberry sauce, Jell-O salad, rolls, drinks, and dessert. Each woman of the Zion Ladies Group has a special recipe for dessert. It's no wonder people love to attend an extra piece, the selection is great. The Harvest Dinner is a religiously motivated event, motivated by great fellowship. The spirit about the dinner is how everyone will be a part of a crew to bring this meal to mind and heart of the centerpieces to the youth who will be the turkey dinner to the gray-makers. All the while, we pray to serve one another, God has blessed us and we pray for many more blessed years of service.

Harvest Dinner Menu

- Roasted Turkey
- Dressing
- Potatoes and Gravy
- Orange Jell-O Salad
- Rolls and butter
- Cranberry Sauce
- Coffee or Juice
- Pie!!!

LWML's Harvest Dinner

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♥ HARVEST DINNER TURKEY ♥

Zion Lutheran Women
Canyon County Home Extension Agency

1- 20 to 25 lb. turkey
margarine

Two days before baking remove turkey from the freezer. With the turkey in its wrapping, submerge it in cold water in your sink or some other large container. Turn it frequently. After 8 hours, place it in the refrigerator to continue the thawing process. **Making Broth:** From the turkey cavity, remove the neck, giblets, heart, and liver. Discard the liver. Return the turkey to your refrigerator. Cover it with plastic wrap to prevent drying. Put neck, giblets, and heart in a large saucepan filled with water (approx. 2-3 quarts) and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Some cooks prefer to season the broth with diced carrots, onions, and celery. Strain the broth and fast cool it by placing the saucepan in cold water with ice cubes. When cooled, place it immediately into the refrigerator. (Fast cooling is very important to prevent spoilage.) **Roasting the Turkey:** Place the turkey, breast up, in a large roasting pan. Add 1/2 quart of water to bottom of pan. Place in 400° preheated oven and roast for approximately 1 hour or until nicely browned. Then, cover the turkey with foil and pan drippings. Cover tightly with lid or heavy duty plastic wrap and roast at 350°. Roast for another 3-4 hours depending on weight of turkey. Season with salt. When the leg joints are loose, be sure to baste the turkey with pan drippings used during roasting.

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TURKEY-HAM DINNER preparations are being completed by these members of Zion Lutheran Church in anticipation of the annual event in the church dining room from 5 to 8 p.m. today. Mrs. Walter Lenz is at the table of Christmas fancy work to be sold. Behind the serving table are Mrs. L. L. John, Mrs. Emma Yoder, Mrs. G. Klemens, Mrs. Russell Ewing and Mrs. Henry Bruck. (FREE PRESS PHOTO)



LINE UP to be served at the buffalo dinner given by the Aid Association for Lutherans were (from left) Ethel Dubarko, Herman Welch of Parma, Mrs. Lester of Nyssa, Melba Arambarri of Boise, Lester of Twin Falls, district representative of the association, Ethel Gibbens of Caldwell, being served by Ethel Penny of Nampa.

*Lutherans Serve
Buffalo Burgers*



Lorraine Boehlke, left, and Eleanore Penny, called "Mutt and Jeff" by members of the Zion Lutheran Church, will be on hand Friday to take tickets at the annual Zion Harvest Dinner.

Turkey feast scheduled at Zion Church Friday

There will be a full course turkey dinner served on Friday, Nov. 6 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Zion School, 1012 12th Ave. S., Nampa.

The meal is being hosted by the women of Zion Lutheran Church.

The public is invited and tickets may be purchased at the door.

The menu will include turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner rolls, salad, cranberry sauce, assorted pies and coffee.

Barb Rau, chairman of this event, said proceeds from this

dinner will be used to support various church and school projects.

Harvest dinner slated for Saturday at Zion Lutheran

NAMPA — Zion Lutheran Church will host its annual Harvest Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Zion Lutheran School gymnasium at 1012 12th Ave. S. There is a home-cooked traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The proceeds will help finance church and school activities throughout the year.

Cost is \$7 adults; \$4 children 6-12; 5 and under are free.

The harvest dinner began at the church more than 50 years ago as a fund-raiser to pay off the debt of the present church built in 1947. The dinner was held in conjunction with a bazaar and baked food sale, but that has been discontinued. The school hosts a bazaar Nov. 13. See the bazaar listing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week throughout the bazaar season.



Submitted photo

Betty Lubcke and Eleanor Penny show a ticket sale sign for the dinner that will be held Saturday.



Figure 34 Final LWML Harvest Dinner 2010



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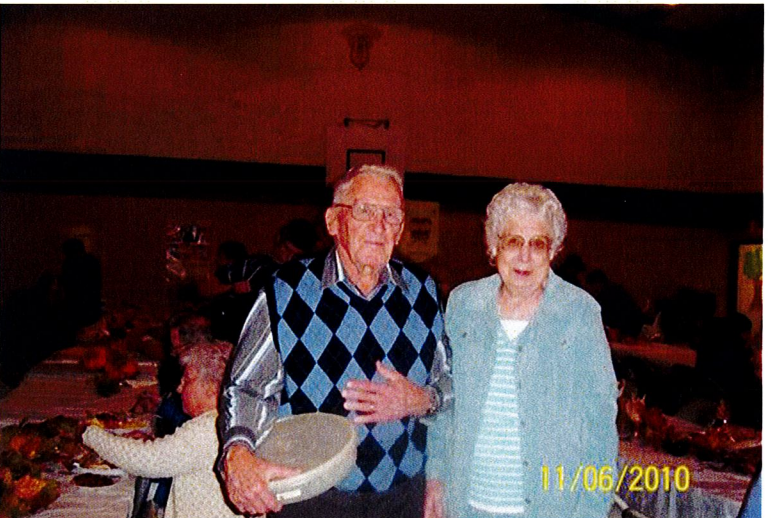


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Weddings

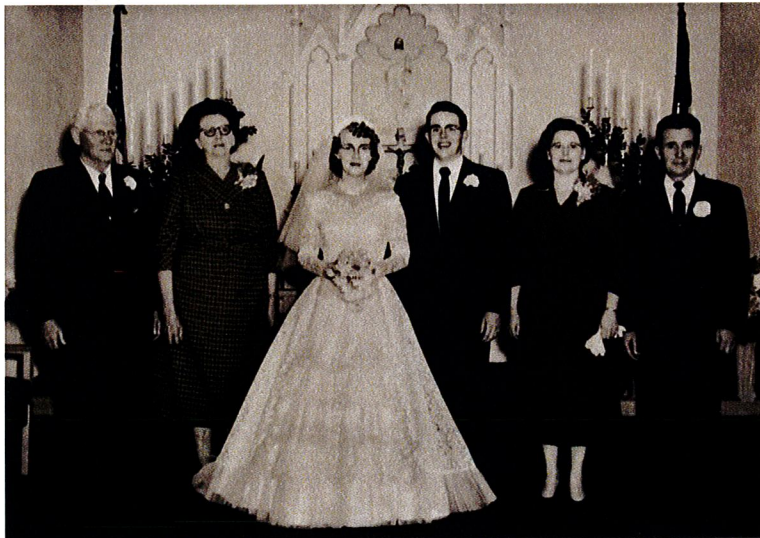
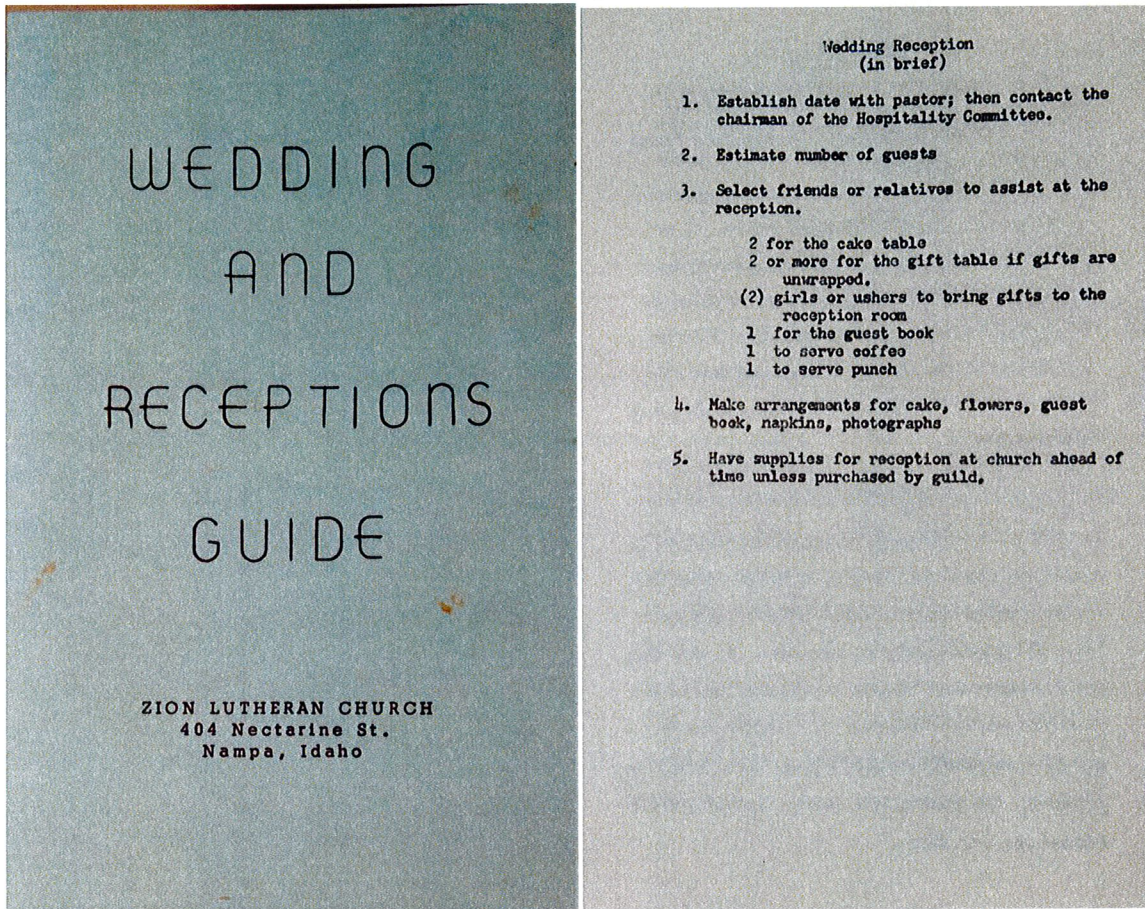


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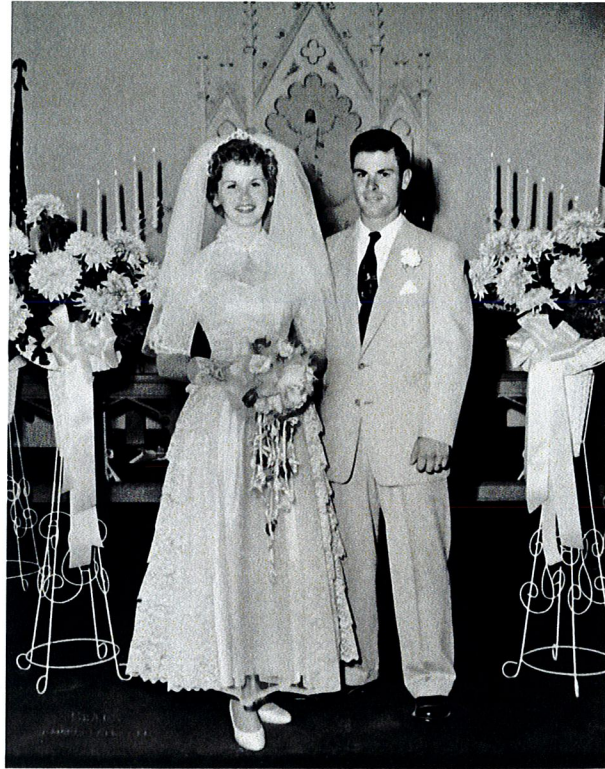


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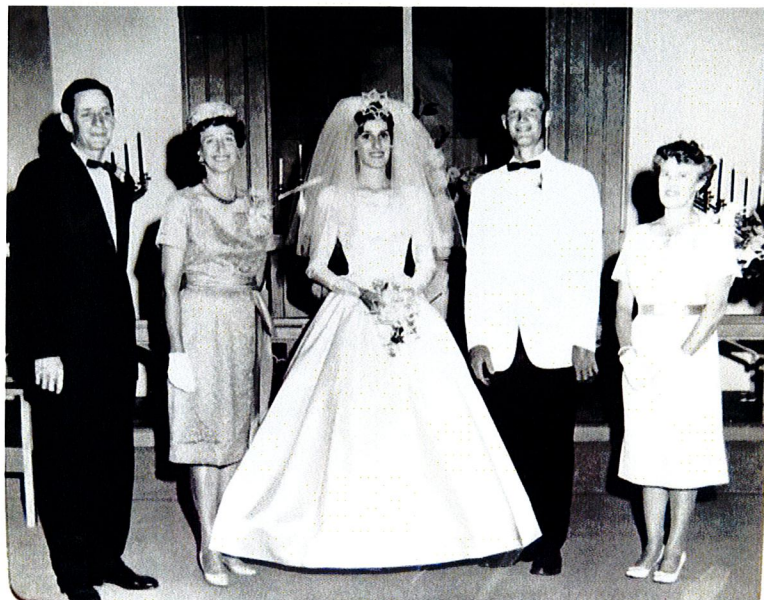


Figure 39 Mr. and Mrs. D. Rau



Figure 40 Mr. and Mrs. H. Boehlke



Figure 41 Mr. and Mrs. J. Bockenstette

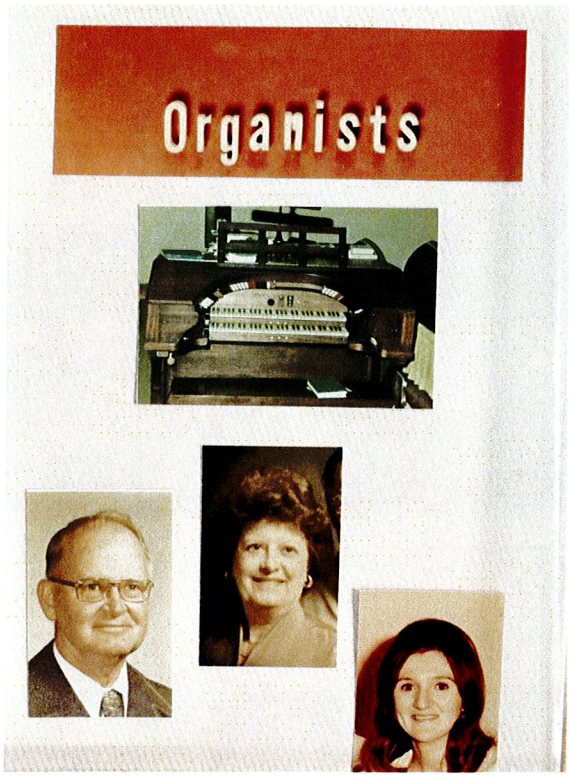




Figure 42 Carol White 2017

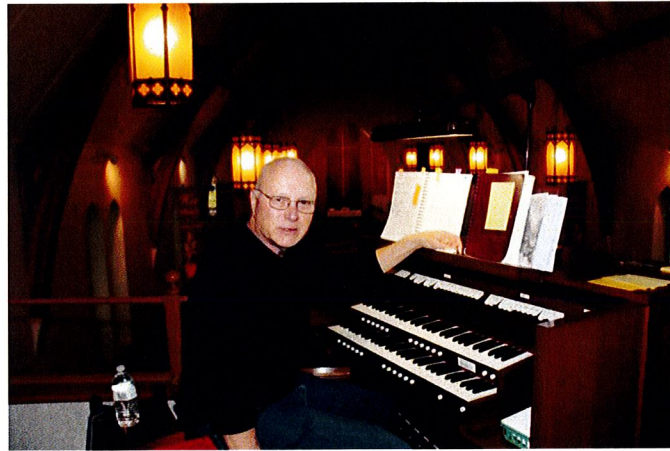


Figure 43 Don Rosbaugh 2017

Vacation Bible School



Figure 44 VBS c. 1940s



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