

Churches and Schools



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Morrison

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MORRISON

In 1862 Pastor C. Gausewitz, Sr. came to Morrison from Reedsville to gather and serve the Lutherans in the community. In August of that year, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod) of Morrison was founded. The founding members of the congregation were as follows: David and Wilhelm Buchholz, Philip Falck, W. Freitag, August Grepentrog, Gottfried and Friedrich Gross, Gottlieb Hammel, Christian Kunz, Wilhelm Lemke, Daniel Moschel, Wilhelm Schroeder and George Schweikert.

In 1863 a small log cabin church was erected on the site of the present old cemetery. Pastor Braun and Pastor Kluge served in this church.

Pastor Junkers became the first resident pastor serving this congregation from 1872-1878. During his ministry the first parsonage was built on the present site, and it still stands today. Through the years many Pastors have served the congregation, and built the church community.

The second church structure was built in 1882. In 1914 lightning struck the steeple of the church. The fire did not take the building, but the steeple had to be rebuilt and the bell had to be recast. This building served the congregation until 1927. The new church was completed in fall of 1927.

The congregation grew, and in 1937 celebrated its 75th anniversary. At that time there were 546 souls and 406 communicant members. In 1952 Mr. J. Stradel of Wayside redecorated the church interior. In 1962 the church celebrated its Centennial, and again in 1968 the church interior was redecorated. In 1980 there were 453 communicant members, with a total of 572 total members. Today the parish shows over its 143 years of history, that they stand strong in faith, with the congregation numbers of 567 souls, 425 communicants members, touching over 252 households in the area. Their choir today has 45 members, and a church band with 22 members.

The following is a list of other ministers that have served the parish: Pastor Roeck (1878-87), Pastor G.W. Albrecht (1887-91), Pastor F. Ave. Lallemand (1891-98), Pastor Julius Kaiser (1898-1905), Pastor W. Henkel (1905-12), Pastor Bruno Gladosch (1913-45), Pastor E. Froehlich (1945-46), Pastor Dr. Henry A. Koch (1947-69), Pastor W. O. Loescher (1979-2001). The current Pastor is Randall Ott (2002- Present).

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION OF WAYSIDE

Pastor H. Fox of Maple Grove served the Lutherans beginning in 1858, followed by Pastor C. Keller of Reedsville, who led the flock until 1867. The following men organized the congregation in 1863: Herman Natzke, John Natzke, Herman Nohr, John Krueger and Ferdinand Wallschlaeger. The church was incorporated in 1865. That same year the church was built.

In 1868 the congregation became a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. In 1870 a parsonage was built. The first school was built in 1872, which was then replaced in 1882. In 1883 a new brick church was built, replacing the existing one. The church was remodeled in 1928 and in 1937. In 1953 a new altar and pulpit was installed.

A 100-year celebration of the church took place in 1963. There were 400 communicant members, 558 baptized, and 100 school children at that time.

In 1967 the old church was razed and was replaced by a new church with a school connected.

Zion celebrated 125 years of blessings in 1988.

The following is a list of other ministers that have served the parish: Pastor F. Schneider (1881-89), Pastor H.W. Grumm (1890), Pastor G. Loeber (1891),