

***“THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US,
WHEREOF WE ARE GLAD. “ Psalms 126:3***

**WE CELEBRATE
the
100th ANNIVERSARY
of
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Kent, Washington
1903-2003**

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(suggested picture on this page ---one of our stained glass windows)

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**A WORD FROM OUR PASTORS
FOR WHOSE FAITH AND GUIDANCE
WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY GRATEFUL**

**Psalm 145 – Praise. Of David.
*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall laud your works to another,
a shall declare your mighty acts.***

One Hundred Years of Blessing!

For 100 years faithful people have come to Zion Lutheran to praise and thank God for the many blessings of life. For 100 years faithful people have come, to be married, to have their children baptized, to say farewell to loved ones who have died. For 100 years people have come to worship at Zion. Here faith has been nurtured, here lives have been blessed. For 100 years families have passed on the faith we hold dear to our children and grandchildren. For 100 years Zion ha been a place of blessing!

We stand at the end of Zion's first century and at the beginning of a new century. Those who established this congregation paved the way for us by their faithfulness and sacrifice. What will those who follow us 100 years from now say about us? Let us hope that they will remember us as being faithful in our generation to the proclamation of God's grace in Christ. In this way we will help make Zion a place of blessing for the next 100 years.

PASTOR JOHN STRAND

FROM PASTOR SHAW

AN EVERYDAY FUTURE

When we begin to think about the future and what it holds in store for Zion Lutheran, we all, undoubtedly, surge with anticipation. Maybe we don't really "surge" per se but most of us are generally excited about the upcoming prospects for this church and its outreach to the community. This is so because we are blessed to have wonderful programs and classes here at Zion, along with a great diversity of ages and personalities.

These sorts of things keep us fresh and they also keep us looking ahead to "what might be"!! While all of this "future looking" is a good thing and is, in fact biblical, it generally means nothing unless it is accompanied by that feature of Christian life which Luther labeled as "always beginning again". What Luther was getting at was that we never really get beyond the basics of the Christian faith; we never really get beyond how God is gracious to us sinners. It is afresh every day. It always takes by surprise! The Christian can never presume to be advancing into the next stage of discipleship. Why? Because there isn't a next stage. The totality of God's love is given when we hear the word and cling to it in faith and when we partake of the Lord's Supper. Thinking that you are beyond that is proof positive that you are the one who needs it most! So we are always beginning again; always contenting ourselves with Christ and his gifts. Thus, we are always being carried by Christ and him alone.

I know what you are thinking. You're thinking that it is a funny business to have someone look ahead by beginning again, to prepare by waiting and just believing. What? Seems too easy? No sweat involved, you might say? No, there was difficulty and sweat involved. It just wasn't your difficulty to bear, and remember the one who "sweat blood" in the Garden of Gethsemane while he was going under into the deep night of the cross, which was for you. *His pain, his suffering, his death, equals your joy, your healing, and eternal life.* Sounds unfair, doesn't it? That's because it is! But if you are starting to catch on to this, you are thinking, "Wow! Thank God for Christ and what he has done for us"; then you have just experienced "beginning again" and that is what the church was, is, and will be about. We have the distinct vantage point of looking forward by pointing back to the cross. *BEGINNING AGAIN IS ZION'S FUTURE.*

PASTOR DANIEL SHAW

**Pastors of Zion Lutheran Church
1903-2003**

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| 1903-1905 | Rev. Eric B. Slettedahl |
| 1905-1907 | Rev. Dreyer |
| 1907-1910 | Rev. O. Skatebol |
| 1910-1917 | Rev. C. J. Olson |
| 1917 | Rev. A. B. Anderson |
| 1917-1920 | Rev. L. B. Snartemo |
| 1920-1928 | Rev. J. S. Sneve |
| 1928-1932 | Rev. A.N. Eggen |
| 1932-1936 | Rev. M.M. Londahl |
| 1936-1947 | Rev. J. M. Adskim |
| 1947-1949 | Interim Pastors: |
| | Rev. R.R. Heikkinen, |
| | Rev. J.L. Redal, and |
| | Mr. Kenneth Stenberg |
| 1949-1956 | Rev. D. R. Headland |
| 1956-1961 | Rev. Otto Keller |
| 1961-1964 | Rev. E. M. Butenshon |
| 1964-1973 | Rev. Kristian Frosig |
| 1973-1978 | Rev. Merton Johnson |
| 1978-1979 | Rev. Roald Knerndal |
| 1979-1986 | Rev. Grant Gard |
| | Rev. Jim Erickson, Associate |
| | Rev. Delmas Luedke, Associate |
| 1986-1988 | Rev. Delmas Luedke, Interim |
| 1988-1989 | Rev. Larry Morris, Interim |
| | Rev. Conrad Tollefson, Interim |
| | Rev. Phil Kunder, Interim |
| 1989-present | Rev. John Strand |
| | 1990-1996 Rev. Charles Bailey, Associate |
| | 1996-2001 Rev. Rebecca Lucky, Associate |
| | 2002-present Rev. Daniel Shaw, Associate |

Additional Staff at Zion 1980-2003

CHURCH SECRETARIES

MUSICIANS

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| ???-1992? | Bobbie Luedke, Choir Director |
| 1992-present | Marc Rieke, Choir Director |
| ???? | |
| 1993?-present | Carl Kishline, Organist |
| One year | ???, Organist |
| ??? | Debora Mackey, Pianist |
| ??? | Marlene Creaser, Painist |

YOUTH DIRECTORS

| | |
|--------------|--|
| 1979-1986 | Dale Stetson, Youth Worker |
| 1998-2001 | Heather Clausen, Youth Director |
| 2001-present | Cari Carter, Youth Director |

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| ??? | Laurie Harrington |
| | Debbie Boyce |
| 2000-present | Kirsten Williams |

INTERIM PROGRAM ASSISTANT

| | |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 2001-2002 | Debbie Boyce |
|-----------|---------------------|

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 2002-present | Debbie Boyce |
|--------------|---------------------|

SOME HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS of Zion Lutheran Church, Kent, Washington

January 1901—organization of a “Ladies Aid”, which continued until 1961 when it became the Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW)

January 10, 1903—Ten men with their families met to organize Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Soos Creek, Washington. They “called” the Rev. E. B. Slettedahl to be their pastor, sharing him with Kent Lutheran Church. Such shared ministry continued with ten pastors until 1949.

October 1903—The congregation members began to build their first church building, adding a bell tower in 1905. The subsequent “Sunday School room” is a part of the existing “old parsonage”.

1921—Services were conducted in English on every other Sunday (alternating with Norwegian).

1941— Additional land was purchased for parking

January 1946—The decision to build a new church building (the white church now used for education)

August 1949—The first resident pastor, the Rev. D. R. Headland, was installed.

October 1951—Began the addition of the “Sunday School Building”, which was dedicated at the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration in June 1953.

1956—Sunday School enrollment reached 200.

1959—Sunday School enrollment reached 404. An additional 4.5 acres of land was purchase and a proposal for a 400-seat sanctuary.

January 8, 1967—The new church was dedicated.

April 1972—John Moody, son of Zion congregation, was ordained as a pastor in the American Lutheran Church.

1977— The 804 pipe tracker organ was acquired.

1979– Sunshine Mountain Christian Pre-School began to function. A Kindergarten was added in 1984.

1980-1985—Bethel Bible Studies Series (for adults) was used again.

1985— Trust Fund and Committee established

1986— Search weekly Bible Study program was begun.

1989– Stained glass windows installed.

Anna Wivag Endowment established.

1991– Norah Matson Endowment established.

1992– Grand piano added.

1994– New education building dedicated.

199? — Stephen Ministry Program initiated with 10 members trained as Stephen Leaders

More HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

2000– Walt Jacobsen Endowment established.

2001—Endowment Committee established

THE PEOPLE MENTIONED ON THESE PAGES ARE SPECIAL HONOREES WHO ARE PAST 80 YEARS OF AGE AS WE ENTER OUR SECOND HUNDRED YEARS.
We are very grateful to them for their years of faithful service and for the many examples of Christian love they have shown towards the other members of Zion.

LAURA AGLEDAL

Laura was born in 1910 and still attends church faithfully.

CAROLYN BERG

Carolyn, born in 1909, has been a faithful member and consistant worker at Zion for many years.

DOROTHY LARSON

Dorothy has been a member of Zion since . Although she doesn't get out as much as she used to, she still keeps in touch.

OLIVE SKAGEN

Ollie was born in 1911. She was one of our quilters for many years. In spite of recent health problems, she still remains active.

ESTHER ARNONE

JOHN BRASSFIELD

KENNETH AND VAL DAVICK

MARIE ELLIS

HELEN ERICKSON

LOUIS AND MAXINE FORD

PHYLLIS GORDON

HAZEL HARTNETT

LOWELL HESSE

OPAL JOHNSON

LANCE MATHISEN

HENRY NELSON

ELBERT NESTLE

INGA NIELSEN

GLADYS OIE

JEAN POCIALIK

BETTY RAYMOND

DOROTHY SHONKA

JOHN SLIFER

HENRIK SORTUN

GLADYCE STEVENS

CHARLOTTE TALBECK

NOREEN TOMMERVIK

ROY TORSTENSON

BILL WELLER

SPENCER (BUD) WIVAG

MARLESS WRIGHT

THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

ZION LUTHERAN from 1903-2003

1903-1928

THE FIRST ERA: 1903-1928

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:17

THE FIRST PLANNING

The first meeting to plan the organization of a church was **February 10, 1903**. Rev. Eric B. Slettedahl presided.

A group of families, primarily of Norwegian descent, and living in the area east of Kent felt the need of having regular Sunday worship service. They desired a place of worship where adults and children could be baptized, confirmed, have Holy Communion, and Christian couples could be united in Holy Matrimony.

Present with their families were Elias Carlsen, Hans Moe, C. N. Ulleland, Johan Jacobsen, Ole Berg, E. E. Olson, Johannes Mannerud, David and Gilbert Olson. The first officers of the congregation were as follows:

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|--------------------------|--|
| Chairman | Mr. E. E. Olson |
| Vice Chairman | C. N. Ulleland |
| Secretary | David Olson |
| Trustees | Elias Carlsen, Johan Jacobsen, Ole Berg |
| Deacons | Johannes Mannerud, C. N. Ulleland, E. E. Olson |
| Auditors | Gilbert Olson, Anton Mannerud |
| Song Leader | David Olson |
| Sunday School Supt. | David Olson |

These same men were the signers of the Agreement of Association and the Articles of Incorporation, accepted on **June 18, 1903**. At this time the church was officially named **Zion Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Soos Creek**.

MORE ABOUT OUR FIRST PASTOR

1903-1905 Rev. Eric B. Slettedahl

Rev. Eric Slettedahl, the first Pastor of our church was born in Norway and came to the United States as a young man. He was ordained into the ministry in 1883 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He organized churches in California, Oregon, and Washington.

Upon leaving our congregation he accepted a pastorate of the First Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington. He served there from 1906-1909 and from there he entered the mission field.

Returning to Seattle in 1917, he founded the Seamen's Mission of Seattle and as a result of this he was given the honor of being made a Knight of the Order of St. Olaf, by the King of Norway in 1918.

In addition to his numerous other accomplishments, he wrote a book, "Wonderful Experiences in the Kingdom of God," which was originally published in Norwegian. After the popular sale of the book, it was translated into English and several other languages.

Rev. Slettedahl passed away on November 29, 1947 at the age of 92.

OUR FIRST CHURCH

The plans for the first church building commenced on **October 24, 1903**. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Moe donated a piece of their farm property 80 by 100 feet for the building site of the church. The Hans Moe property now the adjoining city ball field just north of the church where the stately white house still stands. The first church building was erected in 1903.

In **1910**, sheds were built at the back of the property for the outhouses, and for protection of the horses and buggies of the members of the congregation.

In the early years of the church, services were held every third Sunday and the Norwegian language was used entirely until **1921** when the services were held every other Sunday and Pastor Sneve introduced the practice of alternating services in Norwegian and English. In **1925** this practice was discontinued and English became the accepted language.

Another practice carried out by the pioneers was that upon entering the sanctuary the men and boys would sit in the pews on the right hand side and the women and girls on the left side. It was difficult to break this custom. It took a brave mother and daughter to sit on the "men's" side of the sanctuary. However, in time this custom was dropped.

The pastors in the first years of the congregation served alternate Sundays at Zion Lutheran Church and Kent Lutheran Church.

It is noted in the early records that the preacher's salary in **1910**, when Rev. Olson was Pastor, was **\$150.00** for the year and that twenty two services were held.

THE CHURCH BELL

In **1904** the Ladies Aid gave money to the church to erect a tower for a church bell. In **1905** the Ladies Aid gave **\$70** for the purchase of a bell. The bell is still in use and one of the things that is still a "tie" between our present congregation and our early pioneers.

1905-1907
Rev. Dreyer

The bell has tolled for our **50th anniversary celebration, June 21, 1953**, our **75th anniversary on October 8, 1978**, and our **80th anniversary May 15, 1983**, and now it will ring in our **100th anniversary in 2003**.

1907-1910
Rev. O. Skatebol

1910-1917
Rev. C. J. Olson

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Our first confirmation class was in **1904** with Rev. Slettedahl. There were three in the class: Carl Karlstad, and Olaf and Carl Berg.

The next class was in **1907** and then they continued each year after that. Class of 1907 with Rev. Dryer was Nels Ulleland, Art Lee, Oscar Skagen, Anna (Rude) Wivag, Bertha (Carlsen) Stendal, Josie Karlstad, Borghild (Olson) Roberts and Sophie (Ulleland) Hansen.

THE FIRST ORGAN



THE FIRST CHOIR WITH ANDREW SOREBO AS DIRECTOR

Women seated: Sophia Ulleland, Anna Sorebo, Bertha Carlsen, Borghild Olsen, and Astrid Ulleland.
 Men, left to right: David Olson, Nels Ulleland, Nels Espeseth, Andrew Soreboe, Elias Carlsen and Henrik Soreboe.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1907 - Rev. Dreyer

Seated: Borghild Olson, Sophia Ulleland, Bertha Carlsen, Josie Karlstad,
 Standing: Helma Mannerud, Art Lee, Oscar Slagen, Nels Ulleland, Anna Rude.

In **1906** a concert was held in the Tanner School (this school was at the corner of 132nd and 240th). An organ for the church was purchased from the proceeds of the concert. (*Ed Note: I wish I could have found a record of what was paid for the first organ.*)

THE CHURCH CHOIR

The first choir of the church was under the direction of Mr. Andrew Sorboe in **1908**. There were ten members and one of them was Bertha (Carlsen) Stendal, mother of Noreen Tommervik and Ruth Mulvihill).

The choir attended many "songfests" and joined together with choirs of other churches to sing hymns in Norwegian. They even traveled as far as Everett even though transportation was slow and difficult --(horse and buggy, I wonder!!!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

The first record of Sunday School was in **1910**. The Superintendent was Mr. Elias Carlsen. Sunday School was held in the various homes with a teaching staff of four or five, and twenty five in attendance.

Parents walked with the children to the home for the day of Sunday School. The thought was to give the horses a day of rest.

In **1911**, a Sunday School addition was added to the church building and Sunday School classes were held there. A kitchen was part of this annex.

THE ALTAR PAINTING FOR OUR CHURCH

(this painting now hangs in the Fellowship Hall)

This altar painting was in our first and second church and was painted by Mr. Arne Berger in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Berger was born in Vang, Valdres, Norway. He was a schoolmate of Mr. Ole Oie (Hazel Hartnett's father). Mr. Berger came to the United States in 1893 and followed his boyhood desire for art and painting. He had done altar paintings for many large churches in cities throughout the United States, including Minneapolis.

THE YOUNG GIRLS SEWING CLUB
or “WILLING WORKERS”
of the early years of 1910-1920

The young girls of the church met in different homes. They started the get together with devotions and the remainder of the time was devoted to sewing projects.

They often had social affairs to sell the things they had made. They made a quilt and charged ten cents for anyone if they wished to have their name embroidered on the quilt. When the quilt was completed they offered the quilt for sale to the highest bidder. Sophie (Ulleland) Hansen purchased the quilt for thirty five dollars (\$35).

THE LADIES AID
The First Years

The ladies of that early pioneer time saw the need of getting together so they actually organized the Ladies Aid before the church was officially established. The Ladies Aid organized in the home of Mrs. Frank Carlson on **January 21, 1901**. There were nine women present. Mrs. Louise Jacobsen was the first elected President of the group.

Pastor Slettedahl helped them in the organizing and in establishing the name, the **Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Ladies Aid**. They did not always refer to that name, however, as they were still “into” their native language, Norwegian. So the ladies always referred to it as the **Kvinneforening**.

The offerings at the first meetings were used to help pay for the pastor's salary when the church organized. All meetings were held in homes of the various members and were opened with song, devotions, and prayer. The programs consisted of short talks by members of the congregation or by the Pastor, when present.

In **1917** a large second hand kitchen stove was purchased and also a gas lamp for the kitchen. The stoves were wood burning and the kitchen often filled with smoke.

It was very difficult, you can believe, to cook kettles of fish, potatoes, and to stir the rommegrot with tear-filled eyes from the smoke. This was a large undertaking but a very important part of the social life of the church to gather for lutefisk and smorgasbord dinners. A very happy family time was shared.

In **March 1918** a davenport, a rocking chair, and two rugs were purchased and presented to Rev. Snartemo. This gift was from the Ladies Aid, the Young People's Society, and the Young Girls Sewing Club.

In **March 1918** the Ladies Aid organized a Red Cross unit and many ladies that were not necessarily affiliated with the church joined the Red Cross unit. Their work contributed to the needs of soldiers in World War I.

Officers when the Red Cross Unit was formed were:

PresidentMrs. Jeanette L. Lorentson
Vice-PresidentMiss Clara Ulleland
SecretaryMiss Norah Carlsen
Treasurer Mrs. H. Ska-
gen
Supt. of Work..... Mrs. Anna H. Dragness
Supt. of KnittingMrs. Chris Sorenson

Mrs. Lorentson served faithfully as Ladies Aid President for 16 years. It is noted in the early records of the Ladies Aid how generous their contributions were to the mission work. In **1919**, \$64.00 was sent to Poland, and in **1920**, \$175.00 was used for missions.

The first Lutefisk Supper was given by the Ladies Aid on **December 28, 1921**. This was not an easy dinner to prepare as there was no running water at the church. The men were busy bringing milk cans of water to the church. Young boys also helped by carrying buckets of water from the well at the home across from the church (the same home that is there now).

The Ladies Aid in those early years gave generous monetary gifts for church improvements. Like our "Julefest" of today they also had church bazaars. They gave two hundred dollars for two years to the congregation in case it was decided to build a house for the minister. The Ladies Aid also gave money for the Sunday School.

It is interesting to note that in **1935 or 1936(?)** the secretary of the Ladies Aid was allowed to write the minutes of their meeting in the English language. **Norwegian had been used for the minutes** although the President of the Ladies Aid had conducted the meeting in the English language for many years.

1917
Rev. A. B. Anderson

PASTOR SNEVE COMES TO ZION

Pastor Johan (John) Sneve was born Nov. 4, 1864 at Opdal, **S. Dalene**, Norway. He emigrated with his mother in 1874 (age 10). He attended college at Red Wing, Minnesota, from 1883 to 1888. After farming for a time, he attended seminary from 1894 to 1896 **C.T. ???** He then was pastor of Lutheran churches in Franklin, Minn.; Minot, N.D.; De Lacs, N.D.;

Grelland, N.D.; Siletz, Oregon; finally coming to Kent, Washington, in 1920 with his wife, Bredine, where he was pastor for both Kent Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches until 1928.

1917-1920
Rev. L. B. Snartemo

Rev. Sneve then became pastor of a church in Chinook, Washington, for a few months before retiring to their Kent home in 1929, where they lived until 1951. During the depression years, their home was a place where men riding the rails knew they could come for food and they were never turned away. Pastor Sneve would also load his car with day old bread and pastries and drive to Seattle to feed the street people. When he could no longer drive, he would go on the bus. He continued to be a colorful and controversial figure in the Lutheran church, even in retirement, with strong opinions about the drinking of wine and other issues.

The Sneves' last years were spent at the Bethany Lutheran home in Everett. He passed away there in 1954.

THE ECONOMY AND THE CHURCH

The economy and the changes in the church reflected that of the community. The early settlers, for the most part, were unable to make an adequate living on their farms and sought outside employment. By this time the Norwegian names on the Zion roster had blended with Swedish and Danish names, and even names of other origins.

The roads at first lightly graveled, then later paved, enabled the automobile to become the common mode of transportation. The pastor could now come to church and other meetings in his own transport, accompanied by his wife and family, and spend more time in the church community.

**CHECK STUFF
IN RED**

CHRISTMAS IN THE EARLY YEARS

Before closing this section of 1903-1928, we must tell a story. Every Christmas a tall Douglas fir tree was placed in the sanctuary — floor to ceiling height. It had many, many white candles on it and for the Sunday School program and evening church functions it was lit. The elder of the church would come in carrying a long pole with a lighted candle on the end and proceed to light the candles from top to bottom. We all sat in awe of this beautiful sight and never a thought of any danger. We put our faith in our Loving Savior to watch over us and He did.

1920-1928
Rev. J. S. Sneve

CLOSING

In closing this era 1903-1928, Zion Lutheran goes forward in the faith of

our early pioneers for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in our midst.

"For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work. I will triumph in the works of thy hands." Psalms 92:4

**CHECK STUFF IN
RED**

1929-1960

THE SECOND ERA: 1929-1960

WOMEN GOT THE VOTE

1928-1932
Rev. A.N. Eggen

The women of the church took on a new role in **1929**, when a new constitution was adopted and the congregation voted to strike the word “male” before “member over 21” as a prerequisite for voting.

TIMES OF CHANGE

1932-1936
Rev. M.M. Londahl

During Pastor Londahl’s term (**1932-36**), the position of sexton was vacated and it was agreed that the pastor would fill that role. Names of contributors were read at annual meetings. Eventually the pastor also filled the position of Sunday School Superintendent, a position that had been filled by the founders and their descendants through the years. It was a time of turmoil.

1936-1947
Rev. J. M. Adskim

For years consolidation with Kent Lutheran, with whom Zion had shared a pastor, had been discussed by both churches, but agreement did not take place. When Pastor Londahl resigned in **1936**, the question of consolidation was still open. The congregation voted to give full charge of the church to John Ellingson and Andrew Oie until further decision could be made.

The joint charge of the two churches remained on the agenda until **1938**, when with the assistance of District President Rev. H. L. Foss, Zion accepted the jointly held building funds and began to look toward building on their own. They first considered purchase of the Tanner School building on the corner of 132nd and 240th, but failed in that bid.

In **1941**, they requested and were granted additional property for needed parking space from Hans Moe and Mr. Stevens. The property transfer was conditioned on church use only, with the congregation taking full responsibility for fencing and guard rail. H. Skagen offered to contribute the needed fencing and posts, and the congregation accepted both offers with gratitude.

ZION MISSION FRIENDS

The first meeting of the **Zion Mission Friends** was **February 22, 1945**, at the home of Mrs. L. Strenge. The goal of this mission circle was to further the interest of believers in mission work, to aid in supporting native missions, and to better acquaint us with the foreign mission fields of the Lutheran Church.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S SOCIETY

or LUTHER LEAGUE

The young people of the church started this group with the purpose of bringing Jesus closer to their hearts and have Him with them in their many activities. They had many fun activities, wiener roasts, outdoor games and activities, Halloween parties, and New Year's Eve parties, but always opened with prayer, songs, and devotion.

Meetings were first held on Sunday evenings, later on Sunday afternoons. The Luther League sent delegates to Luther League conventions. They also had baseball and basketball teams. In late February a banquet was held at church for the teams and ones that had helped with this activity.

This was a very active group in the years of **1945** and onward.

Please see "From the Archives" section of this book, which contains minutes from some of the early young people's meetings. It was called the Junior League then.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY and BIBLE CLASS

Prayer meetings and Bible study were a regular part and an important part of the church program, and included the adults who attended Sunday School as well. Informal discussions on the Bible topics and a free-will prayer time were essential parts of these meetings.

OUR SECOND CHURCH BUILDING

On **January 20, 1946** at a congregational meeting, it was decided to build a new church in the location of the old church. The building dimensions would be 30 by 55 feet. The planning of this would be by the trustees and three additional members of the church. It was decided when plans were formulating for this second church building that the old church and Sunday School building should be made into a parsonage, and this was done.

1947-1949
Interim Pastors:
Rev. R.R. Heikkinen,
Rev. J.L. Redal, and
Mr. Kenneth Stenberg

On **August 28, 1949** a dedication service was held, and the laying of the cornerstone took place at this time. **Fix this per pix**

ADDITION PROPERTY PURCHASE

On **July 24, 1950** additional property was purchase from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stevens, then owners of the original Moe estate, making a total of approximately 1.2 acres. The property now measured 190 feet by 274 feet.



August 28, 1949
The Ordination and Installation service for Rev. D. R. Headland

Acting as Ordinator for this service was the Rev. H. L. Foss, President of the Pacific District and assisting pastors were Rev. Orin Gudmundsen, Rev. Knute Lee, Rev. J. L. Redal, Rev. Alvin Rogen and Rev. Albert Tastad.

A dedication service with the laying of the church "cornerstone" took place this same afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THIS TIME PERIOD

1949-1956
Rev. D. R. Headland

In **July 1950** a GMC 58 passenger bus was purchased for transporting children to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School (VBS). Each summer the Sunday School sponsored a two-week session of Vacation Bible School. There were approximately one hundred and fifty (150) children attending.

A second bus was purchased for transporting the children to Sunday School and VBS. The Sunday School was self supporting in paying for the gas and operating expenses of the buses, and also for teaching aids and even contributing some to the expense of heating the Sunday School rooms. It is noted that **Bob Tommervik** and Andrew Matson were the bus drivers.

October 22, 1950 a tri-purpose projector and some slides, film strips and a screen was given to the Sunday School as a gift from some friends of the Sunday School.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDITION

On **October 11, 1951** ground was broken for the new Sunday School addition. The size of this addition was to be sixty six feet by twenty-eight feet. It would be a two-story structure with sixteen classrooms and other necessary rooms. **Materials were to cost \$10,000.** Labor will be provided by men of the church. Mr. Tim Swoen and Mr. Art Jacobsen were the able leaders and supervisors of this project.

On **CHRISTMAS DAY, 1951** the cornerstone was laid for the new Sunday School addition. It was a beautiful sunny Sunday, Christmas Day and the service was well attended.

An offering of \$206.69 went to the building fund of this new Sunday School addition. Note that this is the building that is still in use for the very popular and well attended Sunshine Mountain Preschool, founded in 1979. The sanctuary was redesigned to fit the needs of the preschool.

Before closing this part about the church and Sunday school addition we wish to mention that **Art Jacobsen**, (Walt Jacobsen's father) was the capable leader and supervisor of the building programs in this period of 1930-1960. There were endless, tireless questions on Saturday work projects, "What do we do now, Art?"

OUR CHOIR

On **November 18, 1951**, the Junior and Senior Choirs gave their first

Thanksgiving Concert. The offering went for the last payment of the twenty choir robes, which were purchased in February 1951 for \$306.20

BAPTISMAL FONT

1951 or 1952???

On **June 8, 1952** a special dedication was held at the church service for the baptismal font which was hand-crafted by Mr. John Ellingson, a active member of the congregation.

The **offering collection plates** were also hand-crafted by **Hazel Skagen**. She made a set that was used in the second church and then a new set using a darker wood for the offering plates still in use in our present church. Hazel Skagen also was an active member of the church and from a pioneer church family.

OUR CHURCH NAME CHANGE

In **1956-1958**, the period when Rev. Otto Keller was the Pastor, the church was operating under an outdated constitution and a corporate seal which still designated the church name as the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Soos Creek. The congregation voted to adopt a new constitution at this time and a new corporate seal with the name to be **Zion Lutheran Church of Kent, Washington**.

1956-1961
Rev. Otto Keller

(there will be some more entries here to be inserted later--)

We are growing in size, community and worshipping families in this period of 1930-1960.

Transportation and communication brings us closer together and also we have grown in our Mission giving.

"Give and it shall be given unto you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38

1960-1980

THE THIRD ERA: 1960-1980

CHANGES IN LADIES AID NAME AND ADDING CIRCLES

1961-1964
Rev. E. M. Butenshon

On **January 5, 1961** an invitation was extended to all women of our church to attend a meeting for the purpose of forming a new organization and dropping the name of The Ladies Aid. Now, the official name would be **Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW)**. It was decided to form four circles, namely, Rebecca, Martha, Naomi, and Ruth-Eunice. The meeting time and place would be decided by each circle. Bible Study would be a part of each meeting, as it was with the Ladies Aid. Special functions of the church would be planned and serviced by the different circles, such as weddings, funerals, Lenten soup suppers, smorgasbords, potluck suppers and coffee hours. The ZLCW also sponsored the church bazaars, which in the last years have been known as our "Julefest".

NEW PARSONAGE

1964-1973
Rev. Kristian Frosig

The **parsonage** was built on the church property in **1965**. The first residents were Pastor Kristian and Joyce Frosig, and their children, Kathryn and Laurel and Christopher. The first parsonage, just south of the old church, has been rented at times for the church custodian and others.

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN FOR FURTHER MINISTRY STUDY

In **1967** a scholarship was given to John Moody, confirmed member of our church for the purpose of attending a seminary. John attended Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. John Moody was **ordained** at our church by Pastor Kristian Frosig on Sunday, **April 15, 1972**.

John Moody was **installed** in the Lutheran Church, Richland, Washington and served there for fifteen years as Tri-City Chaplain. **Presently**, John Moody is in Honolulu, Hawaii as Chaplain in the Interfaith Ministries. He has served there for thirteen years.

(space here to insert more "info" -- and also we have a current member who just finished at the seminary--Jack Anderson)

OUR THIRD AND PRESENT CHURCH

On **January 8, 1967** our present church was dedicated. The beginning plans commenced in the spring of 1959. We realized our growth and the need for



more space but first we were still able to purchase more property from the farm just north of the church--(the Moe farm and now the Stevens farm, but related to the Moe's so still a feeling of nostalgia here.) We were able to purchase approximately four and a half acres at **\$2,000 an acre**, with one quarter down and the balance at five percent interest.. An architect was chosen and plans drawn.

We now had approximately five hundred members. Our new sanctuary has seating capacity for two hundred plus a balcony for the organ and the choir.. A wing on the west side has a reception area we call the Fellowship Hall and a kitchen too. The east wing of the building is the church office. This is Unit A. and B with an educational wing planned for the future. Cost of the construction for the church was about **\$180,000**.

Members of the congregation held many work parties to assist in the construction and thus help with the cost. We used the old church main floor and basement for Sunday School classes and also some in the parsonage. Adult classes were held in the Fellowship Hall.

THE MISSION QUILTING GROUP

The Mission Group is made up of ladies that meet regularly at Zion Lutheran Church for quilting. This started in the fall of **1969** and met in the homes of members. **Helen Erickson** was the first chairman. The **first recipients** of their work were **two Alaska missions** in Leller and Brevig, Alaska. Quilts were also made and sold, and the **proceeds helped to purchase a snowmobile for Alaska**.

Later, more space was needed so the group moved into the Fellowship Hall of our church. The quilts then were distributed locally, and some quilts were sold and the money was donated to various causes, relating to our church.

In **1981 Joanne Emerson** became the Coordinator, and the emphasis shifted then to sending the quilts to Lutheran World Relief for distribution, along with local needs.

Each year the quilts are displayed on the pews in the Sanctuary on Quilt Sunday, for a special blessing, before the quilts are taken to Seattle for shipment to various parts of the world.

As of the year 2000, **over 4000 quilts have been made and distributed**, touching countless lives here and around the world. We at Zion are so proud of this group of faithful, willing workers meeting every Monday, our thanks to you.

ANNA WIVAG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

This, **our first Endowment Fund**, was set up in **1971** at the time of the death

of Anna Wivag. Money to form the endowment came from an estate gift. Interest from the Wivag Endowment was designated for Christian Education.

ZION LUTHERAN CELEBRATES ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY

October 8, 1978 --a day of celebration and reviewing the past years of our church. At the anniversary dinner talks were given by the "old timers" members and present time members reviewing how we have grown. The music was special too as some of the instrumental and hymn selections were in Norwegian to bring back memories of the church in the beginning years. **Rev. Merton Johnson** was the Pastor at this time.

1973-1978

Rev. Merton Johnson

There was a room off the Fellowship Hall to display things from the past such as the first organ, the Pastor's chair, mannequins dressed in costumes of the past years, baptismal gowns and many antiques from homes of members in the early years of the church.

From its simple beginning Zion Lutheran Church has now grown in a modern facility. Family communion was started at this time allowing the entire family to kneel together at the altar, the young receiving a blessing while the adults partake of communion.

There is a quilt that was made for the 75th anniversary. It has the names embroidered of all the previous Pastors of our church.

OUR PIPE ORGAN

Every Sunday, our early worship service begins, continues, and ends, with the sound of the King of Instruments, Zion's pipe organ. This instrument had its origin even years before our church was organized.

1978-1979

Rev. Roald Knerndal

Some interesting facts about our pipe organ: it is a tracker-type with **804 pipes**. This tracker-type organ means it uses mechanical ways to open the valves and let air into the pipes. There are over 804 pipes, the largest which is eight feet tall and one foot square and made of wood. Originally, the instrument had hand operated bellows to provide the wind -- the organist would step on a foot pedal to signal a boy to pump wind. Our organ has an electric blower.

In the **late 1800's** a wealthy Pennsylvania resident commissioned C. S. Haskel, a well-known organ builder at that time to construct a pipe organ for his Wallingford, Pennsylvania home. The mansion changed hands in the 1900's but the organ remained intact. Then in the late 1960's the mansion was sold to the Community Art Center.



Organist Sally Fink is dwarfed by the “new” organ.

The organ had not been used for many years, but it was cleaned up and readied to play again for concerts, recitals, plays and silent movies. Soon, however, the organ was sold again, and now to a private party, disassembled and put in storage and soon again listed for sale.

In **1976**, Zion Lutheran Church had a substantial organ fund and also our Hammond electric organ was showing its age, and the time was right to acquire a new organ. An inquiry was made to the Organ Clearing House, and now we are on the "track" to a pipe organ and it will be this one in Pennsylvania.

A task force, spearheaded by **Bill Emerson**, obtained a suitable U-Haul truck to transport the organ to Kent. Mr. Glen White of Seattle was hired to be in charge of rebuilding this organ. With the help of some members of our church, and the supervision of Mr. Glenn White the process of rebuilding the organ from pieces spread here and there in our Fellowship Hall took place. This was a difficult task as none of the helpers had been present in Pennsylvania when the pipe organ had been dismantled for shipping.

The cost for the congregation for the pipe organ was approximately **\$10,000** to buy, ship from Pennsylvania, and rebuild the organ here. At this time the choir loft had to be remodeled to place the pipe organ.

Sunday, December 11, 1977 was **dedication day for the pipe organ**. David Dahl of Pacific Lutheran University was the guest organist, with Bruce Hudson of our church as trumpet player.

In **1982** substantial work was done, re-leathering, fixing leaks and adjusting the action of the pipe organ. In 1991, Martin Pasi, an organ builder, from Roy, Washington, took over the tuning and preparing some ideas and costs for major maintenance, re-tuning, re-voicing, and possible expansion

MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM 1971

SUNSHINE MOUNTAIN PRESCHOOL

May, 1999, Sunshine Mountain Preschool celebrated **twenty years** of teaching approximately two hundred children a year, beginning their school years with a Christian background. We at Zion Lutheran Church are proud of Sunshine Mountain Preschool.

THIS IS HOW IT BEGAN: In the Fall of **1978**, Paulette Anderson and Nancy Anderson were serving as Sunday School teachers at Zion Lutheran Church. One morning during a discussion about preschools for their own children another Sunday School teacher said to the two of the, "You should start a preschool. You two are so gifted at teaching this age." And so it began.



Zion's Outstanding Old Men (ZOOM)
Orvin Berg at bat! July 1971



Zion's Women watch and root for the ZOOMs!

Willa Burly (standing). Sitting: Elsie Ytreeide, Jan Anderson, Carolyn Johnson & Kristi, Elaine Weiss & son, Vivian Berg, Delores Anderson, Mrs. Slama. July 1971

The idea was presented to the Zion Lutheran Church Council on January, 1979 that **Paulette Anderson** and **Nancy Anderson** would like to start a program as a **non-profit Christian Preschool for four and five year olds** as a mission extension of the Parish Education Department. The idea was give the "go-ahead," and Paulette and Nancy started drawing up plans, looking for furniture, writing curriculum, and sending out "fliers" to let the area know what was happening. The little white church building is the home of this preschool. There was space to be remodeled and be used to fulfill dreams of expansion, too. The church council was consulted, and a request for a loan from the building fund of Zion Lutheran Church was granted.

Through the efforts and leadership of **Roy Torstenson**, the first walls came down to make three small rooms into one large room with its own entrance, and bathroom on the first floor. In the **Fall of 1981** we had classes of four and five year olds and many requests for a program for three year olds. In the Fall of 1982 a session was added for three and four year olds. We were growing rapidly and with long waiting lists. Now we had to do more remodeling to make room, so the downstairs was remodeled, too. Sunshine Mountain Preschool is so in demand there is always a waiting list. This preschool has been a wonderful success. Our church benefits, too, as many parents become acquainted with Zion Lutheran Church through this preschool program.

1979-1986
Rev. Grant Gard

Rev. Jim Erickson,
Associate
Rev. Delmas
Luedke, Associate
Dale Stetson, Youth
Worker

The name "Sunshine Mountain Preschool" came from a Sunday School song Paulette Anderson learned as a little girl:

"Climb, climb, up Sunshine Mountain
Climb, climb, up Sunshine Mountain, Heavenly breezes blow,
Climb, climb up Sunshine Mountain faces all aglow.
We praise Him with many thanks and singing,
Look to God on High.
Climb, climb up Sunshine Mountain, you and I."

CLOSING

The church we call "our church", Zion Lutheran is **the church of Jesus Christ**. Through His guidance and His grace we are continuing to be His church today and in the future. We rejoice in our growth of families coming to worship services and Sunday School as shown in this period of 1960-1980.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give you grace and glory, no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Psalms 84:11



**80th Anniversary Celebration
May 15, 1983
Brings new insight into Church Council meetings!**

Shelby Dellelo, Vivian Berg, Jan Cooke, Charlotte Talbeck
and Ollie Baker show what Council meetings are really
like!



Zion Campout 1987

Opal Johnson, Margaret and Roy Torstensen and
Pastor Gard

1980-2003

THE FOURTH ERA: 1980-2003

TRUST FUND and COMMITTEE

1986-1988
Rev. Delmas Luedke,
Interim

Zion's **Trust Fund** was approved at the **1985 Annual Meeting** and the first **Trust Committee** began administering that fund. The Trust Committee holds money in trust, either as an endowment or on direction of the church council until needed for a specific purpose. Memorial Funds are held in Trust until they are used for special purposes.

THE STORY OF OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

1988-1989
Rev. Larry Morris,
Interim
Rev. Conrad Tollefson,
Interim
Rev. Phil Kunder,
Interim

June 11, 1989 was the dedication for our beautiful stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. The artist is **Janice Tankersley**, and she was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Ferndale, Washington. She designed these seven windows to portray highlights of the story of the Christian church since it developed thru the centuries. The series begins with the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan and ends with the trees which grow beside the River of Life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. The water flows throughout each panel or window as a reminder to us of our own baptism and the life to which we are called to God.. Each panel is under-girded by two angels who are in support for the human event which is being enacted in the story and the scripture reference upon which the event is based. Janice (Jani) Tankersley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington State University and has worked with stained glass windows for many years.

1989-present
Rev. John Strand
Senior Pastor

THE STOLES

The liturgical stoles made by **Carol Matson** and **Darlene Boysen** and presented to our church, are designs done in Hardanger. Hardanger is a pulled-thread embroidery that comes originally from Hardanger, Norway.

1990-1996
Rev. Charles Bailey,
Associate

On the day of presentation to our Pastors fourteen liturgical stoles were presented by Carol Matson and Darlene Boysen. These two ladies have also written books about Hardanger embroidery, published by Nordic Needle, in Fargo, North Dakota: ***'Hardanger for Today'*** and ***'Holiday Hardanger'*** were published in **1991**. Then a year or so later they had published their book, ***'Liturgical Stoles for the 21st Century'***!. The books include color photographs and charts of each design. Carol and Darlene receive letters and questions about Hardanger embroidery from afar and have word too that some of their stoles have been duplicated for churches in many areas.

Carol and Darlene have taught many ladies of our church to do Hardanger embroidery as they meet every Monday afternoon at the church Fellowship Hall. Hardanger embroidered selections too, by various

members of our church are popular items at the yearly, "Julefest".

NORAH MATSON ENDOWMENT

This new endowment fund was established in **1991** at the direction of Norah Matson's estate. The initial gift was \$48,000 and the interest from this fund was first used to help purchase our grand piano.



In later years this endowment became the basis for a loan to ourselves to close out the AAL mortgage on the new education building. The interest we paid ourselves was more than the endowment could have earned at current bank rates, but less than we would have had to pay for a bank mortgage.

WE ADD A GRAND PIANO

Zion's 6'8" grand piano was purchased in **1992** with funds from designated gifts to the Memorial Fund, and interest from the Norah Matson Endowment Fund.

A committee comprise of Darcy Fulkerson, Karen Hansen, and Marc and Paula Rieke researched, inspected and played pianos for sale in our area, and ultimately selected the Kohler-Campbell instrument from Sherman Clay, Bellevue, Washington. The purchase price was **\$10,506.34**, included covers for the new grand piano. Approximately **\$7500** of the cost of the instrument came from two years' worth of interest from the **Norah Matson Endowment Fund**, and the remaining balance was covered by designated gifts from Zion's **Memorial Fund**.

The first piano technician to service this piano was Paul Scott, a piano tuner from Seattle who had previously worked at the Steinway factory in New York. He was very impressed with our purchase and stated that once it was voiced and balanced to suit our sanctuary, it would be one of the "finest pianos in the entire south-of-Seattle area".

The grand piano was dedicated during a Fall worship service with special piano music by Zion members. It has been a wonderful addition to our church, leading us as we worship and praise God each Sunday. We are truly blessed by the generosity of Norah Matson and her family, and those Zion members who so generously contributed to the Memorial Fund for this purpose.

OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDITION OFFICE SPACE AND MUSIC ROOM

The groundbreaking for the education building took place on **June 20, 1993**, which was also the **90th anniversary celebration** for our church, Zion Lutheran. The dedication for the building completed was **May, 1, 1994**.

The total cost was **\$1,100,000**, and that included permits, preparation, parking improvements, etc. There are 12 classrooms, a nursery and office/reception area between the nursery and large classroom which could also be used for a nursery. There is a library area, a music practice room with built in acoustics, restrooms, and additional storage areas -- a very functional building.

The educational building was actually in the original planning in 1965 when plans were made for the new church. This plan could not be used at this time and it was more feasible to build a separate building to avoid having to do expensive changes to the church to meet new code standards as this is approximately thirty years since the architectural plans for the present church were made.

Our Youth Director and Education Coordinator have offices in this education building

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Stephen Ministry program was begun at Zion in **1997**. Eight members of our congregation, including the Pastor John Strand and Angie, went to the University of Washington for the intensive training required of Stephen Ministry Leaders.

These people became the Stephen Ministry "pioneers" at Zion and it then became their responsibility to train and equip fellow members for the Stephen Ministry program. They instituted a training program that trained over a dozen other Zion members as Stephen Ministers. As a result, many of our members have received loving care through the ministry. More members continue to be trained and the work goes on, enabling us to reach out with love and caring to those who may be going through difficult times.

WALT JACOBSEN ENDOWMENT

The **Walt Jacobsen Endowment** was set up in **1997** while Walter was alive so that the interest could be used in perpetuity for adult education and other purposes. The interest from the original **\$75,000 gift** was used to fund the Epiphany Speaker Series in February of each year. **Dr. Cynthia Jurrisen** was the first Epiphany Speaker in **1998**.

In 1999 the Epiphany Speaker was
In 2000
In 2001
In 2002



Walt Jacobsen

1996-2001

**Rev. Rebecca Lucky,
Associate Pastor**

Then an **additional \$100,000** was added from Walt's estate upon Walt's death in 2001 and has become a permanent endowment which will be added to as other members are moved to do so.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Looking to the future and more growth, Zion Lutheran Church has purchased two acres of property to the south of the church for **\$120,000**. This property will allow us to expand our ministry in ways we may not even have imagined when the purchase was initiated in **WHAT YEAR???** It is one more piece of the legacy we have been able to establish for future generations at Zion.

CLOSING

In closing this history of Zion Lutheran Church we all share in our sincere appreciation the effort given by our pioneers, in their strong faith and determination to build the church and bring us together through this century in Faith of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

2002-present

**Rev. Daniel Shaw,
Associate Pastor**

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:17

**"The Lord Hath Done Great Things for Us, Whereof We Are Glad."
Psalms 126:3**

PRESENTATION BY WALTER JACOBSEN FOR DEDICATION OF NEW EDUCATION BUILDING MAY 1st, 1994

Thanks to you Ruth (Mulvihill) for leading the way. At the congregation meeting of January 8, 1946 presided over by Pastor Adskim. It was voted to begin the development and the building of the NEW CHURCH a 30x55 structure with full basement.

Arthur Jacobsen was given charge of the new building and Tim Swoen was to take charge of tearing down the old church, Sunday School room and kitchen. The material salvaged from this was to be used to build a new parsonage, on the SE corner of the Zion property where it remains to this day.

The work on the new church started immediately and by January 14, 1947, just a little over one year, the first congregation meeting was held in the basement. The building was not finished but it was in the dry, roofing had been installed. The church was finished later in 1947.

Among the many stories I can tell about the building of Zion, I want to share this with you. Sometime around June 1946 the men of the church aided by the ladies serving lunch, poured the concrete floor of the Sunshine Mountain building. The men totaled about 20 involved and we used the "mix the aggregate on site method". There were 2 small wheelbarrows and 1 wheel barrow mixer going. The concrete was placed in a wheel barrow and wheeled down a ramp and placed in the correct position. Then the leveling and finishing took place. Well, about 12:30 a.m. on a Sunday I was heading south toward home when I noticed my Dad's car was still at the church. I stopped to check on him and found him just completing his work on the concrete. My question to him was simple, "What on earth are you doing here at this hour"? Well, I knew what he had been doing but his answer to my question was as simple as my question to him, he said "Well you just never finish building churches"!!

We can wonder now with the time spent in obtaining building permits, what was so terribly wrong with the Good old days".

The parsonage took awhile longer because of the time it took to tear down and salvage material before anything new could start. Pastor Adskim left in 1947 and Zion was served by several interim Pastors until 1949 when their first resident Pastor, D. Hedland accepted the position.

At this time Zion assumed the responsibility of paying **2/3 of the Pastor's salary**. It was not until January 1951 that they assumed 100% of the salary obligation from the home mission.

In 1951 Zion authorized Art Jacobsen to take charge of building a new education unit which was to the west and extending south past the existing church. This unit with the old church remains today and is being used by Sunshine Mountain servicing 200 plus pre-schoolers.

A bus service was implemented and soon there were some 122 families with 330 students in the Sunday School.

At this time Zion ran out of room to park their cars. They felt that one acre would satisfy their needs but when the special donation time was up they had to pour this back to 3/4 of an acre which cost Zion \$824.00

Pastor D. Hedland left in 1956 and Pastor Otto Keller was installed on October 21, 1956. At this time the official name changed from Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Soos Creek, Washington to Zion Lutheran Church of Kent, Washington. Also, in January of 1957 Zion reached another milestone, they now had a phone installed in the church. We were now dealing with the newest communication device!

A bold new plan was taking shape at Zion with informal discussions taking place by some of the older members with some of the newer members about the future role that Zion should take in the community.

On April 15, 1959, this bold plan was presented by Paul Oster, General Chairman of the group. Two concerns were expressed, the first was Christian Education with the enrollment in Sunday School of some 225 in 1956, 400 plus in 1959 and a projected enrollment in the 1960-61 period of 500. The immediate need was more classroom space. So money was allocated for material to make more areas in the existing building usable for more classes.

Beyond that the first plan started to be made available for a new church home, but we had a problem we did not own enough property to building anything new. So the first order of business was to obtain more property.

At this time a parcel of land which comprised approximately 4 1/2 acres was dealt for and subsequently bought from Mr. Stevens which now owned the Hans Moe farm. The cost now as in the \$2,000 per acre range.

The new building was to be architecturally designed and the firm of Austin and Johnson was chosen. The building was to be built by certified people which became J>O>B> Construction of Tacoma.

Pastor Keller fell on medically hard times in 1961 and then resigned to retirement.

He was replaced by Pastor E. M. Butenshon and he arrived for his first sermon on September 16, 1961. I was serving as one of the ushers at that service and when the service was close to starting And our new pastor had not shown there were some worried looks exchanged. But he did get there at the very last minute with the excuse that we all who drive can and have made "I did not realize I'd run into all this traffic"!!

By 1964 there was still no new church but the land which now totals some 7 plus acres was now all paid for.

Pastor E. M. Butenshon left in 1964 and Pastor Kristian Frosig took over on August 6, 1964. At about this same time Paul Oster was transferred out of the area and his replacement as building committee chairman was taken over by Walter Jacobsen, a member of the building committee.

It was not until January 8, 1967 that we celebrated the dedication of this our latest new church.

Michael Jacobsen the 3rd generation of Jacobsen's to be involved at Zion was the Acolyte at the first service in the new building. Greetings were presented by Alex Thornton, Mayor of Kent, Walter Jacobsen, Building Committee Chairman and Nils Ladderud, President of Zion Congregation...who will continue the celebration story of today's dedication.

In listening to Ruth before me and in going over the dates in my presentation, there is one thing that stands out to me.....things just don't happen overnight it seems that they fall in place at the right time and place. We are very patient congregation and I commend you for this.



Walt Jacobsen donated many hours of work to prepare the site for our new Education Building.



BIOGRAPHIES OF SOME OF ZION'S MEMBERS

The following are excerpts from biographies of people who were active at Zion for many years, most of whom are deceased now. These interviews were done in 1989 and 1990:

RUTH BARRIE

Ruth was born Olga Augusta Hedin in Sweden on March 2, 1902. Her family came to the U.S. when she was six years old. There were five children in the family when they moved to Joyce, Washington. There was no church at Joyce so Ruth would take the horse and buggy to attend Sunday School a few miles away by herself. WWI was in progress when Ruth reached adulthood and a chance meeting with a young soldier led to marriage in 1919. The Barries were blessed with two daughters, Corinne and Barbara. They settled on the East Hill of Kent and Ruth joined Zion with her daughters. (Editorial note: Corinne and Barbara Barrie are often mentioned in the minutes of the Junior League during the 1930's.) Ruth's husband, Robert, passed away in 1961 and, in 1964, Ruth accepted Pastor Frosig's offer of the job of Parish Secretary at Zion, where she graced our front office with her quiet smile for more than eight years. She, then, retired to care for a brother whose health problems required her attention. Ruth eventually spent her last years in a nursing home in Renton, passing away in 2001.

MARY & NELS QUAM

Nels was born in Adams, North Dakota, the youngest of eight children of Norwegian immigrants. Childhood diseases (diphtheria and small pox) ravaged many of the farm families and Nels doesn't even all the children did farm work for which they were paid \$1.00 per year at Christmas. Nels' parents moved the family to Washington in 1912 and, finally, settled in Kent in 1924. That is when they became members of Zion Lutheran Church.

Nels was lured into the fishing business and fished the waters of Alaska every summer in Bristol Bay. It was a hard live, to be sure. They fished from 28-foot vessels with no motors. If the sails were being repaired, the men rowed. They often went for three days without sleep and often dozed off at the oars. There were no cabins on the boats and they pitched tents on the decks. These fishermen were called "The Iron Men in the Wooden Boats." Nels retired in 1983, after fishing for 52 years.

In 1940, Nels married Mary Sanger and brought her to live at his parent's home in Kent. Nels speaks very fondly of the families who made Zion their home so many years ago, among them, the Oies, the Skagens, and the Sortuns. He recalls that, while serving on the church council, he and Martin Sortun started home from a meeting in their separate cars one snowy, icy night, driving north. The other vehicle couldn't make it, so Nels attached a chain and pulled his friend's car. When he stopped, he discovered that his spinning tires had thrown rocks backward and shattered the Sortun car's windshield. Nels says he tried for years to pay for that windshield but Martin Sortun would only say, "Oh, forget it. Have a cup of Coffee."

The building of the "new" white church was a big event in Mary's and Nels' memories. They recall that the pastor and his wife were most anxious to have the sanctuary ready for Christmas and, with volunteers working long hours, they were able to bring the pump-organ over from the old church and the children's Christmas program was presented in the new building. What a happy

occasion! Nels says that at one time there was a shed, used to park horse-drawn carriages, on the site of the present brick sanctuary.

Another memory is of digging a well just north of the white church. They hired a dowser to locate the water and were told they would hit water at 30 feet. Nels, Walt Jacobsen, and one of the Skagen boys dug the well by hand; and, sure enough; it was 30 feet deep. In earlier days, water had to be carried from home or from across the street when needed for smorgasbords, etc.

Two qualities stand out when listening to Nels' and Mary's years together in Kent. One is devotion to hard work and the other is loyal service to church, family, and friends.

SOLVEIG OIE

(Solveig was Pat Michelsen's Mother)

Solveig was born in the town of Sarissa in northern Norway, one of thirteen children. Her father, Ole Angell, was a fish buyer (grosserer). He was injured when Solveig was very young, thus becoming unable to support his family. Therefore, some of the children were sent to live with relatives. Solveig, at age thirteen, was one of sent away. At age fourteen, this brave young lady came to America at the invitation of an aunt. She came by way of Ellis Island to live in New York City.

Of, course; she needed to go to work immediately. Her first job was in a factory that made "Settle's Powder" (a stomach medicine). She could speak no English and she earned \$7.50 every 2 weeks. \$7.00 of that went for board and room. She and her aunt lived in a rooming house and cooked on two burners in a closet. Solveig slept across two chairs.

Her next job was with a French milliner, Madame Tromblei. This proved to be a wonderful experience and she stayed there for 14 years. During that time, Solveig met and married her husband, John. Their first child lived only four days but another child, Patty, was born to them. Sadly, John died while Patty was small, leaving Solveig to raise her child alone. Her millinery experience led to a job with the renowned Hedde Carnegie, where she remained for twelve years.

She began to feel, however, the need for a better place than New York City to raise her daughter and, finally, she moved to Seattle, where two of her brothers lived. She was hired at I. Magnin. While working there and living in Ballard, she met Norman Oie, after having been invited to his sister's wedding. They were married a year later. Norman's first gift to two deer steaks. He proved to be a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and the two of them enjoyed many years together before his death in 1983.

The Oies, of course, were life-long members of Zion, and it became Solveig's church, also. She belonged to the Ladies' Aide and helped with "Smorgasbords", making pickled herring, Krumkaka, lefsa, and other goodies alongside Hazel Skagen, Alma Stendal, and Lillie Lee, to name a few. She remembers money from one Smorgasbord being used to buy a piano and silverware for the church. She and Ena Michelsen went to Seattle to purchase the items.

Zion didn't have the new building then and the ladies performed all the services necessary for the care of the old white church, including scrubbing floors. It was hard work but Solveig remembers it as a labor of love. Solveig also sang in the choir, along with daughter, Patty; and Norman served as Deacon under Pastor Keller. Solveig's oldest three grandchildren were baptized by Pastor Keller.

Solveig passed away at a care center in Des Moines in 1992. Even while at the center, she came to church here at Zion whenever she could. It was her church home.

VALESKA WHALL

Valeska was born in Manhattan, New York City, in 1898. Her mother, who was German, met and married her father in New York. When Valeska was 2 years old, however, her father caught “Gold Fever” and her parents took her to Rostock, Germany, located on the Baltic Sea, leaving her with her maternal grandparents. Valeska lived there for seven years, while her mother, Clara, ran a roadhouse in Alaska and her father searched for gold. Clara finally tired of the difficult Alaska life, left Val’s father and came to Seattle but not before returning to Germany to bring her nine-year-old daughter to America.

Clara remarried here and the family settled in an area called Springbrook. (It is still referred to as such.) Val attended elementary school at Orilla and, of course, she walked to and from school until her parents bought a horse and buggy. High school was at Meridian (Where the elementary school is now.). It was while attending high school that Val met her husband George. He was plowing across the street from the school when he saw her playing basketball and said, “That’s the girl I am going to marry.”

George’s parents, Hannah and Julius Whall, were Kent pioneers, coming to East Hill about 1888. George was born in 1890 in a log cabin on what is called the Moe farm. (That is where the big white ranch house just north of Zion is and where the new Kent ball fields are being installed.) Julius Whall helped lay out and build many of the first roads in Kent and on the East Hill.

Around 1900, the Betania Lutheran Church (Free Lutheran) was formed east of where Zion is and the Julius Whall family belonged to that church. Later, they and several other families joined Zion, and the Betania Church was disbanded. George and Valeska were married in 1917. The marriage was blessed with two children, Eileen and Winston. George was a member of the Meridian school board for 16 years and was instrumental in starting the first hot lunch program in any school in the State of Washington. In addition, George Whall served as Sunday School Superintendent at Zion, was a member of the church council, sang in the choir and participated in most church work projects. George and Val’s children were both baptized and confirmed at Zion but no longer live in the Kent area. (Ed’s note: Winston was one of the teens who belonged to the Junior League in the 1930’s.)

The family home, across from Meridian Elementary on 140th Ave. SE and 256th St. has been sold now but the house is still there on the east side of the street. Valeska lived her last few years at the Foss home in Seattle and she passed away in _____ .

Those who visited her during those years were privileged to share a wealth of memories and wisdom gained through decades of hard work and service to church and community.

HULDA “GRANDMA” FLETTEN

Hula was born in Hillsborrow, North Dakota, in 1891. When she was six months old, her parents moved the family into a sod house in Bisbee, North Dakota. She was the oldest of 10 children. In 1921, she began a 53-year marriage to Carl Fletten. They moved to Ballard in 1938. Hul-

da had yearned to be a nurse but, unable to obtain the necessary education, she used her talents caring for family and friends. When anyone was ill, he or she called for “Grandma” Fletten. Hulda pioneer home health care in Seattle, nursing patients at home after they were discharged from hospitals. She was always on deck when there was a crisis and, during the years when grandson, Allen, lived by means of a kidney dialysis machine, Grandma’s love, faith, and common sense carried the family through many life-threatening situations.

Grandma Fletten was never heard to say she was tired. She always maintained that there was no kind of work she did not like to do. Being raised on work and loving it, she would not go to bed night until the floors were scrubbed clean, even if she finished cooking or canning at 1 a.m.

Hula and Carl moved to Kent in the 1950’s and joined Zion, where she tirelessly worked in the kitchen, cooking for smorgasbords, Easter breakfasts and serving at weddings and funerals, and ALWAYS making the coffee. She served on the prayer chain for years and, when the present sanctuary was being built in the 1960’s, Hulda did more than her share there, also. She could be seen helping Tor Stendal move large pieces of sheet rock and, when son-in-law, Carl Erickson, wanted his wife, Helen, to help him on the church roof, Helen wouldn’t climb the ladder; but Grandma, then about 75 years old, went up onto the roof to lend a hand, while Helen hid in the car in embarrassment. Hulda suffered a severe stroke in 1989 and lay helpless in a nursing home for more than five years, where family and friends would visit her to talk, sing, pray and read to her in English and Norwegian. Her responses were mostly with her eyes but, when she overheard concern for her well-being, she clearly said several times, “I am fine.” Helen remembers her mother saying in other times of illness, “I will be all right. The Lord is taking care of me.” There was a sign on the refrigerator in the family home that read, “Give Jesus a chance!”

Each who remembers Grandma Fletten can remember a special act of love or service that she performed. She was known as “The Rock of Gibraltar of Bisbee, North Dakota” and many here at Zion would call her their own “Rock of Gibraltar”.

NOREEN TOMMERVIK
(Interviewed by Mary Clouse in 2002)

My name is Noreen Stendal Tommervik and I have attended Zion Lutheran Church for over 80 years (all my life). My grandparents, Elias Carlson and Carrie Lee Carlsen came to Kent in about 1901 from Norway. They immigrated through Ellis Island and came by train to Washington. The family doesn't know why there are different spellings for their name. It is even different on their tombstones: Elias Carlson 1862-1942; Carrie Carlsen 1857-1923. One of the mysteries of life.

Norway was poverty stricken in those early days and, often, the eldest child would leave home to take the burden off from the family. (Not enough food to go around. My husband, Bob's, parents were in the same situation when they immigrated..) Elias Carlson and Carrie Lee came to the U.S. by boat. They met and married here in Kent and I have their marriage certificate on my wall in a lovely old frame. They attended small churches in Norway, but often the ministers would come to people's homes for services and confirmation. Elias and Carrie were founding members of Zion and instrumental in the building of the church. The Carlson's first home was 40 acres on the Middle Road (256th) where White Horse Crossing is now. Their living was made from farming and dairy cows. They had to clear the property because East Hill was nothing but trees.

My mother, Bertha Carlson Stendal, was born at the farm on 256th in 1892. Bertha had one brother, Clifford Carlson, and one sister, Norah Carlson Matson. Mother attended school at Brace Elementary, Meridian High School, and college in Everett followed by employment at Schaffer's feed as a bookkeeper, located where the new train station is in Kent now. Bertha met my father, Simon (Sam) Stendal, when he came here from Norway when he was 16 years old. She was walking home from work at Shaefer's Feed one day and Sam, who had a car came along and asked her if she wanted a ride home. Of course, she did and they were married at Zion in 1919 by pastor Slettedahl. Daddy was superintendent of a logging company in Selleck, an old mill town east of here past Ravensdale. I was born in St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma. There was no hospital in Selleck and the roads were very bad. Therefore, my mother stayed with friends in Tacoma to be near the hospital until I was born. I have one sister, Ruth Stendal Mulvihill, born in 1925. When I was a kid, I used to think Selleck was the end of the world. Daddy was also a "timber cruiser" and would travel the area evaluating timber. He bought Grandpa's farm and moved the family to Kent when I was in the third grade.

One my first memories of Zion is of Sunday School. Not many people could play the piano so I played for Sunday School. I would practice the songs I knew all week, then give the songs to the superintendent and tell him which ones I could play for Sunday. Ruth and I took piano lessons every Saturday in Selleck. (My daughter, Marlene Tommervik Wagner, has Mom's piano.) I also was very active in Luther League. My grandparents came to church in horse and buggy or walked but my folks drove over in their "Nash". Sometimes I walked to Sunday School and confirmation through the woods.

The Middle Road (256th) wasn't paved until I was around 10 years old. Naturally there was lots of dust and mud to contend with for my grandparents and parents. There were trees everywhere. Foss's Store was on the corner of 256th and 168th (where it still is).

There we could get groceries, meat, and feed. In downtown Kent, there was Berlin's Hardware, Kent Bakery, J.C. Penney, a butcher shop, and a men's clothing store. The schools at that time were, Brace, Tanner, Ham Lake, and Berrydale.

I was confirmed at Zion by Pastor Londahl. We had loads of memory work, including the Augsburg confession. Some others in my class were Agnes Ellingson Marsh, Aslaug Sortun Bauman, and Einar Sortun. One time I had to give the Lord's Prayer when the new class was coming in and I was so nervous I couldn't remember a word of it.

Mother was the church organist for many years, sang in the choir and was president of the Ladies Aid. She often visited sick people and cooked in the kitchen and helped with the church Smorgasbords. In

one of her cookbooks, I found a list of items served at one of the Smorgasbords and a recipe for lutefisk. She was a very good cook and baked bread, cookies, and rolls. She was very active at church because it was very important to her. My father was always away working; he would come home from his job in Selleck on weekends, as a lot of men in those days would do, and would have too much to do at home to be active at church. When Daddy was widowed and got older, he lived with Bob and me and went to church regularly.

My college education began at UPS. My original plan was to be a nurse but I changed my plans to teaching and finished up at PLU, graduating in 1943, then becoming a first grade teacher. I taught 36 years in Kent. Bob was a teacher, also, graduating from PLU. He taught at Kent and Kent-Meridian High Schools as a history teacher, track coach and assistant football coach for 36 years.

I was married to Thoralf M. (Bob) Tommervik on June 29, 1943. We were married at Kent Lutheran Church because it was wartime and Kent Lutheran had good coverings on the fellowship hall windows. We had "blackouts" all along the coastal areas during the war. No light was allowed to show through windows at night in fear of attack from the air. Our children are: Robert (Bob) Tommervik, WSU and U of W grad, Vietnam vet and pharmacist; Terry Tommervik, PLU grad. and Boeing machinist; and Marlene Tommervik Wagner, PLU grad. and 1st grade teacher at Crestwood Elementary.

Marlene's husband, Harvey Wagner, is semi-retired from a career as owner of a Hobby Shop in Auburn. My one grandchild is Katrina Wagner, who is now attending PLU. My children and Katrina were all baptized and confirmed here at Zion and Katrina began her education at Sunshine Mountain.

Five generations in my family have attended Zion: My grandparents, Elias & Carrie Carlson; my mother, Bertha Carlsen Stendal; me, Noreen Stendal Tommervik; my children, Marlene Wagner, Bob and Terry Tommervik; and my granddaughter, Katrina Wagner. I feel truly blessed that family has stayed with the faith and the church.

My own involvement at Zion has included Hardanger, Lifelight Bible Study, Ruth/Rachel Circle, choir member, Sunday School Teacher, Young at Heart, Stephen Ministry, quilting, Julefest, Evangelism Committee, and Mission Friends (an early group that met in the Fireside Room, which is now a Sunshine Mountain Kindergarten room). As favorite hymns, I have "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Search Me, Oh God", "On Eagles Wings", "Bind Us Together", "Amazing Grace". And "How Great Thou Art". In addition, my favorite Bible verses are – Psalm 45:1-3, Psalm 122 & 123, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Matthew 7:7-8, Philippians 4:13, and Romans 8:28. Zion is the only church I have ever belonged to and I have always loved the church and the people, the Pastors, the doctrine and the fellowship; also how wonderful everyone is – when people need support the church family is right there to help.

HAZEL HARTNETT

(Interviewed by Mary Clouse, Jan. 20, 2002)

My name is Hazel Oie Hartnett. Let me begin with my parents because they are a part of Zion history, also. They were Randi and Ole Oie. My father, Ole, was born in Vang, Norway in Valdres County, of which Oye is the center. Everyone took the name of the area, thus that became his name and then "Oie" when he came to America. Two of his five brothers and five sisters, Nils and Ben, came to Kent, also, and are buried in the Meridian Cemetery, as are my parents. My mother, Randi Sjostrom, was born in Sundalsorra Fjord-OKSENDAL, Norway, near KRISTIANSUND – on the coast of Norway

Mother immigrated through Ellis Island when she was 16 and probably came to Seattle by train from there. She worked for the Seattle Times and learned the language by reading the funny papers. Father had immigrated to Canada, looking for his brother, then came to live in Northfield, Minnesota, at age 19, where he attended St. Olaf College. He came to Seattle later by train then worked as a logger on Lake Washington at Port Blakely. The two of them met at a young people's church group in Seattle. My father had purchased an apartment building where the Seattle Center is now. The building contained four apartments or flats, as they were called then. My parents married on January 5, 1905, in one of the ground-level flats, which was to

be their home after they were married. Mother was told that she couldn't wear a white wedding dress because she was married in a private home rather than in church. She was disappointed to later find out that was not true and she could have had a traditional wedding dress.

Father had a grocery store on 6th and Pine but closed the store to go to Alaska to investigate the stories of gold there and mother stayed home in Seattle with my sister, Ruth. She finally joined father in Alaska where my brother was born. Wouldn't we like to hear the stories of the living and travel conditions they endured? Upon their return to Seattle, they joined some cousins in Kent and took a farm here about a mile from the south end of Lake Meridian. They had a logging camp on the farm to get all the big timber off the land. Father farmed and drove the milk truck, picking up all the milk cans from the neighborhood and, as there was no school bus, he took the kids to school as well. It was the Brace school on Kent-Kangley Road. The roads were unpaved and, as some folks still used teams and wagons, there was a watering trough for the horses halfway up the Kent hill.

I was born on the farm in 1916, as was my sister, Myrtle, in 1912. We joined sister, Ruth, and Brother, Norman, and all were baptized and confirmed at Zion. In the early 20's, we had a Dodge touring car (see picture in this book) and that was our transportation to church during those years. However, we often walked to Sunday School. Church was mostly in Norwegian. Later, when I was about 8 or 9, Sunday School would be in English. Then, they began working English into the church services, alternating Sundays with Norwegian. The pastors I remember best from the 20's to the 50's were, Pastor Sneve, Reverend Eggen, Rev. Londahl, and Rev. Adskim. My father, Ole, was congregational secretary for several years.

My favorite time at church was Christmas – we exchanged gifts at the Sunday School program, adults too. The Christmas tree had real candles. The Deacon would come in with a long stick and light the candles – no fire inspectors and we never worried about it.

I also fondly remember all the dinners at church. We kids played all day while the mothers were getting everything ready. Water had to be packed from the well across the street as there was no water at the church. I also recall the ladies aid meetings when I was little. We played during the meetings or, after we were in school, we would run home from school, knowing there would be delicious cookies and cake waiting for us. Parts of those meetings were in Norwegian (we had Norwegian hymnals) and part in English.

We went to confirmation every Saturday for 3 hours during the school year and we shared the time with Kent Lutheran. We were, however, confirmed in our own churches. I was confirmed in 1930 by Rev. Eggen. Father drove the Sunday School bus and both parents were very active in all church activities.

I attended Meridian High School (class of 1934) and Western Washington College in Bellingham. I never missed a day of school in the first 12 years. I then taught at the Brace school and at Briscoe Catholic Grandview School for the special education children and at Meridian Elementary. I was teaching there when my future husband, Hubert (Hugh) Fitch Hartnett, who was in the service, called home from South Dakota, saying he had a leave and could be home the next week. I told them at school that I was going to get married next week. I was in a daze. I was 26 when we married on March 27, 1943. There was no time for a real honeymoon so we went to the Olympic Hotel in Seattle and paid \$11 for two nights. I still have the bill. Hugh and I had a son and a daughter. James is in the construction trade in Florida and he and Laura have 2 young boys, Julian and Jesse. Julie lives in Michigan and has 2 college age daughters, Carrie and Laura. Sadly, Julie was widowed in 2001. Both Jim and Julie were baptized and confirmed at Zion.

Zion has always been my church and I love it and all the people. You might say people are one of my hobbies, along with card games and e-mail. My favorite hymn remains, "Now Thank We All Our God" and John 3:16 my favorite Bible verse. Unlike nearly all other ladies at Zion, I do not sew and have been teased because I "staple".

Note: Hazel was recently honored at the Kent Senior Center as a true native of the East Hill and Lake Meridian area. It was said that Hazel could write the history of Lake Meridian from its beginning as Cow Lake. In fact Hazel is a valuable resource for knowing when things happened in the area, where people

lived, and where they live now. Hazel keeps in touch.

NORAH MATSON article added here

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Minutes of Jr. League meetings 1931 to 1934

The Junior Department (There was also a Senior Department.) was the forerunner to the Luther League of Zion Lutheran Church, which was the forerunner of our present “Youth Group”. The church had split around 1932 because of a dispute of some kind. Some of the families went to Kent Lutheran Church and some stayed at Zion, here on the hill. Apparently, however, the rift was not so deep that the Junior League of both churches could not be consolidated and meet together, and that is what they did during the years represented by this constitution and these minutes.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN LITERACY YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY, “FREMSKNIDT”

**May, 1933
CONSTITUTION**

Article I. Name - The name of this organization shall be the Junior Department of the Christian Literacy Young Peoples’ Society “Fremsknidt”.

Article II. Object – The object of the Junior Department shall be to foster the spirit of love and loyalty to the Word of God and the Lutheran Church and to prepare the Juniors for Christian leadership, and for active membership in the Senior Department.

Article III. Membership – Sec. 1. The Junior Department shall embrace the young people of the ages from ten to seventeen years inclusively. Sec. 2. Applications for membership may be presented to the president of this society who shall report this at the next meeting of the society. A majority, by a ballot vote, shall be necessary for the election to membership.

Article IV. Officers – Sec. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and pianist. They shall hold office for a term of six (6) months, or until their successors have been elected and have qualified. Their duties shall be such as generally appropriate to their respective offices. Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected at the Semi-annual meetings to be held during of the months of April and October.

Article V. Amendments - Sec. 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Society by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present provided the members present constitute a quorum and provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing and read at least two weeks previous. Article 2 shall not be changed. Sec. 2. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

BY LAWS

Article I. Meetings – The regular meetings of this Society shall be held once each month. Special meetings may be called at the request of five (5) members or upon the responsibility of the President.

Article II – These By Laws may be amended at any business meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

The members of the Junior League are as follows:

Marguerite Hansen, Doris Birklid, Della Birklid, Alice Marie Johnson, Doris Wivag, Norma Wivag, Frances Wivag, Ruth Mae Martin, Pauline Brenston, Mae Knapstad, Corinne Barrie, Johnny Birklid, Louise Birklid, Karl Johnson, Winston Whall, Vernon Birklid, William Martin, Harold Iverson, Arnold Iverson, Harold Bratvold, Victor Iverson, Jack Brenston.

JUNIOR LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Secretary's Report May 14, 1933

The question, "Should a Junior League organization be formed within the Senior League" was discussed at a few Senior League meetings and it was decided to elect an advisor who should be responsible for such an organization, to organize it, and to perpetuate its life by being helpful to all who participated in any way and all Literary and Social endeavors. Therefore, since Mr. Feroe was elected advisor, he sent out a call to the Juniors to gather for the purpose of organizing a Junior League. The meeting was held at Zion Lutheran Church on May 14, 1933.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty", after which Brother Feroe read scriptures from the book of Ecclesiastes, 12th chapter, verses 1 through 7 and offered prayers. The meeting then proceeded to the business necessary for organization and the results of the election, by ballot, were as follows:

Temporary Secretary, Agnes Ellingson
Permanent Chairman, Winston Whall
Secretary, John Birkliid
Treasurer, Alice Marie Johnson
Pianist, Marguerite Hansen
Program Committee, Louie Birkliid; Karl Johnson; Doris Birkliid
Constitution Committee, Marguerite Hansen; Corinne Barrie; Della Birkliid;
Winston Whall-Ex. Officer

The president was authorized to appoint members for a social committee and the following members were appointed: Marguerite Hansen, Karl Johnson, Harold Iverson.

Chorus singing was then conducted by Mr. Feroe. The meeting was enriched by appropriate talks by Harold Ulleland, George Whall, Mrs. Birkliid and Einar Hansen.

The meeting was closed by the Benedictions and Lord's Prayer.

Agnes Ellingson, Secretary Pro. Tem.

JUNIOR LEAGUE CHARTER PROGRAM Secretary's Report

The first regular program was given by the Junior League **May 23, 1933** at the Zion Lutheran Church. The program opened by singing "O, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways", after which Della Birkliid read Samuel 2:1-14 and offered prayer.

There was a short business session at which members signed their names as members of the League. The program then proceeded as follows:

Hymn: "My God Accept My Heart This Day."
I. Topic Discussion: "Do Early Decisions Count?" – Della Birkliid
Piano solo – Marguerite Hansen.
II. Topic Discussion: Luke 18:16-17 and Matthew 18:3 – Alice Johnson
Hymn – "Blessed Savior, Who Has Taught Me."
III. Topic Discussions: Psalms 119:9 – Marguerite Hansen\
Vocal Duet – "Just as I Am" – Della and Doris Birkliid
Junior Chorus Practice – J. J. Feroe
Closing with "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".
Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

John Birkliid, Secretary

JUNIOR LEAGUE REGULAR MEETING At Zion Lutheran Church June 29, 1933

The meeting was opened by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", after which Winston Whall read Philippians 3:13-20 and offered prayers. Hymn by audience, "God Calling Yet". The meeting then proceeded to the business session, which consisted of the Secretary's report, adoption of the Constitution, and accepting new members.

Bible Study: "Aiming at the highest mark".

- I. Topic: "The mark at" by Winston Whall, after which we heard a violin duet and piano accompaniment by Marguerite Hansen, Corinne Barrie, and Alice Johnson.
 - II. Topic Discussion: "What does to mean to be well-pleasing to God?" – Harold Iverson.
 - III. Topic Discussion: "When do we reach that Mark?" – Louis Birkliid
Hymn: "Blessed Savior Who Hast Taught Me."
 - IV. Topic Discussion: "How can we reach the mark?"-Mae Knapstad
 - V. Topic Discussion: "What is the prize for gaining this mark?"-Doris B.
- Junior Chorus practice – John Feroe. Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

John Birkliid, Secretary

JUNIOR LEAGUE REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 1933
at Zion Lutheran Church

The meeting opened by singing, "Blessed Jesus at Thy Word" after which we heard a scripture reading and prayer by **Doris Wivag**, hymn by the audience and the meeting proceeded as follows:

Business session – which consisted of secretaries report, new business – accepting new members, hymn by audience, recitation "Do you wonder why?" – Frances Wivag; piano solo by Alice Marie Johnson; topic –Recreation Christian attitude-does it make a difference?

1st. The Christian at play by Doris Wivag.

2nd The non-Christian at play by Corinne Barrie

3rd Christian behavior in recreation by Arnold Iverson.

Hymn by audience.

Report from Bible camp at Des Moines by Marguerite Hansen.

Talk by Harold Ulleland; then benediction and Lord's Prayer.

John Birkliid, Secretary

JUNIOR LEAGUE REGULAR MEETING
August 31, 1933
at Zion Lutheran Church

The meeting opened with singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" followed by scripture reading and prayer; then business meeting, secretary's report & hymn. The meeting then continued as follows:

Recitations – "Thank loyally"-Chlorice O.

"Soldiers of Christ".-Howard H.

Piano Solo – Marguerite Hansen

Topic Discussions – "Loyalty".

I. Topic - "The Girdle of Truth" by Norma Wivag.

II. Topic – "The breastplate of righteousness" by Pauline Brenston.

III. Topic – "The shield of faith" by Gladys Wivag.

Hymn by audience.

Reading – "The church" by Karl Johnson.

Reading – "The missionary field" by Ruth Mae Martin.

Song practice – Mr. Feroe.

Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

John Birkliid, Secretary

JUNIOR LEAGUE REGULAR MEEETING
Sept. 28, 1933

The meeting opened by singing, "My Jesus I Love Thee", after which we heard scripture reading and prayer – Colossians 3:20-25 by Marguerite Hansen and a hymn by the audience; then secretary's report and new business.

Recitation: "If Christ is not divine" by William Martin.

Recitation: "Is your lamp burning?" by Corinne Barrie.

Topic – Disobedience to parents and superiors.

I. Topic – "Present condition" by Marguerite Hansen.

II. Topic - "What God says about knowing parents and superiors" by Alice Marie Johnson.

III. Topic – "The penalty of disobedience" by Winston Whall.

Hymn by audience, benediction & Lord's Prayer.

John Birklid, Secretary

FAMILY MEMORIES FROM OUR MEMBERS 2002

LOIS & NILS LADDERUD

We started attending Zion in 1958 when we moved to Kent and there are so many memories. When we step into the old church today, we can hardly believe it was really that small. We liked the small, friendly, little country church feel and soon joined. Almost everyone had roots in Norway and many had family ties back to the founding of Zion in 1903. It was a very active church and we had about 15 or more in choir and a large Sunday School program running two buses to bring children to church. Pastor Keller was the minister when we joined but poor health brought about his retirement a few years after.

Soon Zion was growing to the point that we needed a larger building. So many of the members had grown up in the old church and it was hard for them to believe that there was the need for a new church. Lowell Hesse always had his thermometers posted and colored in with red to show the growth of the building fund. No computer charts and printouts then. Walt Jacobsen supervised the construction and many pitched in and volunteered to do jobs like painting and finishing and there was always a kitchen crew making sure the volunteers were fed. By 1965 we were in the new facility. The education wing was in the plans, but many years went by before we were able to construct the education building we now have, and it seemed so much easier now.

HAZEL HARTNETT

My memories of our church go back eighty plus years. As a child the best part was the social friendliness and we always knew, after the sermon was over and the visiting, something good would come. For sure, someone would be invited to our house for Sunday dinner or we would be invited somewhere. It was not hard to sit through a sermon (and they were long too and most of the time in Norwegian) when you knew you would have someone to play with at your house or could go to theirs.

Christmas time at church was exciting and fun. Children and grown ups too exchanged gifts from under the Christmas tree. The treat for the children from the Sunday School teachers was a huge orange and we thought it was wonderful--(we all had apple trees at home--oranges were special!)

We were all so trusting too in our loving Savior as we sat together and anticipated the deacon to come in with a long, lighted stick to slowly, starting at the top of the huge Christmas tree, to light all the candles. How different today, people would panic for sure thinking of fire. Too, for the Sunday School picnics you dressed in your Sunday best, not in play clothes as it would be today.

Church, Sunday School, Confirmation and Vacation Bible School were all very serious and there was much more memory work. It was competitive too in Sunday School as you earned a pin and then more bars added on for the number of memory verses you could recite.

IS THIS FROM HAZEL???? IT WAS A LOST SEGMENT???

I am so happy I have lived and been a part of this church--Zion Lutheran, and tho' I should be thinking towards a life-change to assisted living, I don't want to leave my church home. The Lord has blessed me.

BILL AND CAROL MATSON

In May of 1970 our family, which included our four sons, Jeffrey, Scott, Roger and Matthew, joined Zion. This then became our church home. All of our sons were confirmed at Zion and several were married here. In the years that we have worshipped here we have been nurtured, educated, fed and coffee'd. We have helped with bazaars, Easter breakfasts, yard work, painting, teaching, council and a myriad of other activities. We have been aware of the depth of the caring that this community shares with others and have also been aware of how much our faith has grown. We feel blessed to be a part of this church family and our lives have been richer because of Zion.

MARY CLOUSE

While working on Zion's 80th Anniversary celebration planning committee in 1983, I was surprised to learn that my Great Uncle, Arthur Lee (by marriage) had been in the original confirmation class here at Zion. Art's parents had been among the first settlers to come from Norway to Kent's Easthill, and lived near Clark Lake. As a young man, Uncle Art had a job hauling milk up the middle road (now 256th), from dairy farms in the Kent Valley, where he met and married my Father's Aunt, Muriel Taylor. Uncle Art eventually went on to own his own trucking company.

When John and I bought our home on 245th street in 1978 (near Clark Lake) and chose Zion as our church home (in 1980), I had no idea of the family ties I had to the community, both on the East Hill and in the Kent Valley. I had traveled around the U.S. (and Germany) as a youngster (my Father was in the Army), and really had no real "roots". Then after settling in Kent, I discovered all kinds of relatives that were coming out of the woodwork! It was really kind of nice.

We have many treasured memories of our life at Zion: The baptisms of daughter Julie and son Andrew, Sunshine Mountain Christian Preschool, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Search and Lifelight Bible studies, lots of great sermons, choir, Ruth/Rachel Circle, worship and music, adult education, picnics, potlucks, campouts, youth group, retreats, many wonderful friends, and all these things have one thing in common, being one in the Spirit with God's Word. We are truly blessed!

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION - 1951 THRU 1972

| Date | Name | Office | 1958 | |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1950 | Headland, Rev. D. R. | Chairman | Monson, Robert | President |
| | Whall, George | Vice Chairman | Graham, Mrs. Harold | Vice President |
| | Oie, Ole | Secretary | Hartnett, Mrs. Hugh | Secretary |
| | Christensen, Chris | Deacon | Barrie, Mrs. Roy | Treasurer |
| | Johnson, Gustav | Deacon | Winecka, Earle | Trustee |
| | Whall, George | Deacon | Jacobsen, Arthur | Trustee |
| | Quam, Nels | Deacon | Michelsen, Arthur | Trustee |
| | Matson, Andrew | Deacon | Anderson, Robert A. | Elder |
| | Swoen, Tim | Trustee | Holmberg, Henry | Elder |
| | Jacobsen, Arthur | Trustee | Oster, Paul | Elder |
| | Sortun, Martin | Trustee | Erickson, Fred | Deacon |
| | Johnson, Mrs. Gust (Anna) | Treasurer | Allmer, John | Deacon |
| | Jacobsen, Arthur | Auditor | Tommervik, Thoralf (Bob) | Deacon |
| | Christensen, Chris | Auditor | Hartnett, Hugh | Auditor |
| | Benson, Mrs. Gunnar (Esther) | Organist | Long, Delmar | Auditor |
| | Whall, George | Sunday School Supt. | Michelsen, Ena | Organist |
| | Streng, Sena | Asst. S.S. Supt. | Wold, Mrs. Guy | Asst. Organist |
| | Jacobsen, Arthur | Usher & Collector | Keller, Ralph | Asst. Organist |
| | Johnson, Gustav | Usher & Collector | Barnhart, Norman | Sunday School Supt. |
| | | | Streng, Sena | Asst. S.S. Supt. |
| | | | Christensen, Chris | Nominating Comm. |
| | | | Lee, Clifford | Nominating Comm. |
| | | | Krekow, Paul | Nominating Comm. |
| 1951 | Headland, Rev. D. R. | Chairman | 1960 | |
| | Whall, George | Vice Chairman | Krekow, Paul | President |
| | Oie, Ole | Secretary | Lancaster, Robert | Vice President |
| | Ellingson, John | Deacon | Torstenson, Margaret | Secretary |
| | Holmberg, Henry | Deacon | Wold, Guy | Treasurer |
| | Chris Christensen | Deacon | Winecka, Earle | Trustee |
| | Johnson, Gustav | Deacon | Tommervik, Thoralf | Trustee |
| | Whall, George | Deacon | Mitchell, Richard | Trustee |
| | Quam, Nels | Deacon | Erickson, Fred | Deacon |
| | Sortun, Martin | Trustee | Oie, Norman | Deacon |
| | Matson, Andrew | Trustee | Whall, George | Deacon |
| | Swoen, Tim | Trustee | Anderson, Robert | Elder |
| | Hendrickson, Oliver | Trustee | Erickson, Carl | Elder |
| | Jacobsen, Arthur | Trustee | Monson, Robert | Elder |
| | Jacobsen, Arthur | Auditor | Barnhart, Norman | Sunday School Supt. |
| | Chris Christensen | Auditor | Streng, Sena | Asst. S.S. Supt. |
| | Stendal, Mrs. Simon (Bertha) | Organist | Michelsen, Arthur | Organist |
| | Matson, Mrs. Andrew (Nora) | Asst. Organist | Matson, Andrew | Organist |
| | Huss, Roger | Treasurer | Bower, Linda | Organist |
| | Whall, George | Sunday School Supt. | Mitchell, Richard | Choir Director |
| | Streng, Mrs. Lewis | Asst. S.S. Supt. | Christiansen, Kenneth | Auditor |
| | Lee, Richard | Usher & Collector | Long, Delmar | Auditor |
| | Charbonneau, Robert | Usher & Collector | Holmberg, Henry | Nominating Comm. |
| | Gyles, Jackie | Usher & Collector | Michelsen, Arthur | Nominating Comm. |
| | Peterson, Derron | Usher & Collector | Skagen, Hazel | Nominating Comm. |
| | Gill, John | Usher & Collector | | |
| | Christensen, Rolf | Usher & Collector | Date Name | Office |
| | Ellingson, John | Bell Ringer | 1961 | |
| | Charbonneau, Mrs. M.C. | Treas.(Rplcd by R. Huss) | Krekow, Paul | President |
| Date | Name | Office | Lancaster, Robert | Vice President |

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Torstenson, Margaret | Secretary |
| Wold, Guy | Treasurer |
| Tommervik, Thoralf | Trustee |
| Mitchell, Richard | Trustee |
| Jacobsen, Walter | Trustee |
| Oie, Norman | Deacon |
| Whall, George | Deacon |
| Anderson, Robert | Deacon |
| Erickson, Carl | Elder |
| Monson, Robert | Elder |
| Buetow, Harry | Elder |
| Ydtreeide, Roland (Ron) | Sunday School Supt. |
| Christensen, Chris | Nominating Comm. |
| Tommervik, Noreen | Nominating Comm. |
| Hartnett, Hazel | Nominating Comm. |
| Christiansen, Kenneth | Auditor |
| Howell, Kenneth | Auditor |

1962

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Lancaster, Robert | President |
| Ladderud, Nils | Vice President |
| Torstenson, Margaret | Secretary |
| Wold, Guy A. | Treasurer |
| Mitchell, Richard | Trustee |
| Jacobsen, Walter | Trustee |
| Talbeck, Ted | Trustee |
| Whall, George | Deacon |
| Anderson, Robert | Deacon |
| Jeaneret, Louis | Deacon |
| Oie, Clarence | Elder |
| Buetow, Harry | Elder |
| Moody, Henry | Elder |
| Ytreeide, Roland | Sunday School Supt. |
| Talbeck, Charlotte | ZLCW Pres. |
| Krekow, Paul | Nominating Comm. |
| Michelsen, Ena | Nominating Comm. |
| Wagner, Lily | Nominating Comm. |
| Howell, Kenneth | Auditor |
| Skagen, Hazel | Auditor |

1963

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Skagen, Verne | President |
| Grout, Morris | Vice President |
| Anderson, Hilda | Secretary |
| Wold, Guy | Treasurer |
| Jacobsen, Walter | Trustee |
| Tommervik, Thoralf | Trustee |
| Anderson, Robert | Deacon |
| Jeaneret, Louie | Deacon |
| Mahnke, Dr. John | Deacon |
| Buetow, Harry | Elder |
| Griffin, Charles | Elder |

Date Name

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Monson, Robert | Elder |
| Ytreeide, Roland | Sunday School Supt. |
| Mrs. Charles Cook | ZLCW President |
| Hartnett, Hazel | Nominating Comm. |
| Ellingson, John | Nominating Comm. |

Office

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Mitchell, Richard | Nominating Comm. |
| Monson, Robert | Nominating Comm. |
| Jeaneret, Louie | Nominating Comm. |
| Howell, Kenneth | Auditor |
| Krekow, Paul | Auditor |

1964

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Mitchell, Richard | President |
| Jacobsen, Walter | Vice President |
| Long, Delmar | Secretary |
| Wold, Guy | Treasurer |
| Tommervik, Thoralf | Trustee |
| Torstenson, Roy | Trustee |
| Buetow, Harry | Trustee |
| Jeaneret, Louis | Deacon |
| Mahnke, Dr. John | Deacon |
| Ytreeide, Roland | Deacon |
| Griffin, Charles | Elder |
| Monson, Robert | Elder |
| Anderson, Robert | Elder |
| Wold, Guy | Nominating Comm. |
| Whall, Valeska | Nominating Comm. |
| Barnhart, Norman | Nominating Comm. |
| Karpen, Mrs. Warren (Margaret) | ZLCW Pres. |
| Howell, Kenneth | Auditor |
| Hesse, Lowell | Auditor |

1965

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Mitchell, Richard | President |
| Karpen, Richard | Vice President |
| Long, Delmar | Secretary |
| Bray, Elizabeth | Treasurer |
| Buetow, Harry | Trustee |
| Hesse, Lowell | Trustee |
| Price, Harold | Trustee |
| Griffin, Charles | Deacon |
| Ytreeide, Ron | Deacon |
| Schultz, Vern | Deacon |
| Monson, Robert | Elder |
| Anderson, Robert | Elder |
| Winter, James | Elder |
| Lee, Clifford | Nominating Comm. |
| Oie, Clarence | Nominating Comm. |
| Jacobsen, Walter | Nominating Comm. |
| Estabrook, Esther | ZLCW Pres. |
| Barnhart, Norman | Sunday School Supt. |
| Jacobsen, Walter | Sunday School Supt. |

Date Name

1966

| | |
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| Ladderud, Nils | President |
| Karpen, Warren | Vice President |
| Melin, Betty | Secretary |
| Bray, Elizabeth | Treasurer |
| Buetow, Harry | Trustee |
| Hesse, Lowell | Trustee |
| Melin, Betty | Trustee |
| Erickson, Carl | Deacon |

Office

Oie, Clarence
Schultz, Vern
Davick, Kenneth
Barnhart, Norman
Winter, James
Howell, Kenneth
Talbeck, Ted
Jacobsen, Marietta
Estabrook, Esther
Jacobsen, Marietta

Deacon
Deacon
Elder
Elder
Elder
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
ZLCW Pres.
Auditor

Bray, Elizabeth
Talbeck, Ted
Phillips, Harold
Dahlstrom, Curtis
Torstenson, Roy
Seibel, Lorez
Miller, Howard
Anderson, Richard
Hoog, Hollis
Black, Edward
Johnson, Lester
Karpen, Margaret
Davick, Kenneth
Schultz, Vern

Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Elder
Elder
Elder
ZLCW President
Sunday School Supt.
Sunday School Supt.

1967

Ladderud, Nils
Kleweno, Melvin
Ytreeide, Elsie
Bray, Elizabeth
Phillips, Harold
Hesse, Lowell
Melin, Walter
Erickson, Carl
Seibel, Lorenz
Schultz, Vern
Davick, Kenneth
Hoog, Hollis
Winter, James
Buetow, Harry
Janes, Shirley
Oie, Clarence
Torstenson, Margaret
Jacobsen, Marietta

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Elder
Elder
Elder
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
ZLCW President
Sunday School Supt.

1970

Ytreeide, Roland
Fatland, Richard
Anderson, Jan
Bray, Elizabeth
Hesse, Lowell
Dahlstrom, Curtis
Hartley, Lloyd
Sykes, Jerry
Anderson, Richard
Weiss, Richard
Black, Edward
Johnson, Lester
Cooper, Leslie
Anderson, Richard
Kleweno, Melvin
Ladderud, Nils
Ytreeide, Elsie
Davick, Kenneth

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Deacon
Trustee
Elder
Elder
Elder
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
ZLCW President
Sunday School Supt.

1968

Kleweno, Melvin
Monson, Robert
Ytreeide, Elsie
Bray, Elizabeth
Talbeck, Ted
Phillips, Harold
Dahlstrom, Curtis
Melin, Walter
Erickson, Carl
Seibel, Lorenz
Miller, Howard
Davick, Kenneth
Hoog, Hollis

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Elder
Elder

1971

Ytreeide, Roland
Fatland, Richard
Anderson, Jan
Bray, Elizabeth
Hesse, Lowell

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer

Date Name

Office

Black, Edward
Mellin, Betty
Schultz, Vern
Hesse, Lowell
Torstenson, Margaret
Hagen, Maynard

Elder
Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee
ZLCW President
Sunday School Supt.

Date Name

Office

Finnila, John
Sykes, Jerry
Hartley, Lloyd
Anderson, Richard
Weiss, Richard
Catt, Larry
Johnson, Lester
Cooper, Leslie
Johnson, Kent
Dahlstrom, Curtis
Davick, Kenneth
Melin, Walter
Ytreeide, Elsie
Davick, Kenneth

Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Elder
Elder
Elder
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
Nominating Comm.
ZLCW Pres.
Sunday School Supt.

1969

Kleweno, Melvin
Ytreeide, Roland
Hoog, Ione

President
Vice President
Secretary

1972

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Fatland, Richard | President |
| Matson, E. E. | Vice President |
| Van Over, Nancy | Secretary |
| Bray, Elizabeth | Treasurer |
| Hesse, Lowell | Asst. Treasurer |
| Finnila, John | Trustee |
| Sykes, Jerry | Trustee |
| Haugan, Wallace | Trustee |
| Cooper, Leslie | Elder |
| Johnson, Kent | Elder |
| Roberts, Larry | Elder |
| Weiss, Richard | Deacon |
| Catt, Larry | Deacon |
| Pargeter, Richard | Deacon |
| Ytreeide, Ron | Nominating Comm. |
| Hartley, Lloyd | Nominating Comm. |
| Berg, Orvin | Nominating Comm. |
| Burley, Willa | ZLCW Pres. |
| Schultz, Vern | Sunday School Supt. |

