

HISTORY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PLUM CREEK TOWNSHIP

The Plum Creek congregation was founded by Rev. C.F. W. Maass in 1886. At the time of its formal organization on Aug. 14, 1887, it was being served by Pastor Wm Faulstick of Whittemore. He served Plum Creek with devotion and success for 9 years in addition to his work at St. Paul's of Whittemore. In 1896 the members of the Zion Lutheran Church called Candidate M. Behrends. He was ordained and installed on Aug. 2, 1896.

A Resolution was signed on September 7, 1890 for the incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plum Creek Township. The trustees of the new congregation called Zion Lutheran were F. Miller, Wm. Bohn and H. Boehle.

It was originally dedicated on July 24, 1892 for a total cost of \$1,612.73 completely furnished.

In April 1910, the Rev. G.C. Treskow became Behrends successor in Plum Creek and also assumed charge of Trinity in Algona. Regular services were also conducted at Burt and Bancroft by the new Plum Creek pastor. In the records of 1912 it is documented that pastor Treskow would be paid \$1.00 for each service he conducted in the summer months and \$1.50 for each winter service.

From the 20th anniversary book let of Trinity, Algona, authored by Pastor Herman J. Dubbe, it appears that Plum Creek Zion celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 1912. The church then disbanded, a majority of its members forming St. John's Lutheran of Burt.

The men and boys sat on one side of the church and the women and girls on the other, with the children going back and forth.

The people went to church with horses and took their lunch along because it got so late. Behind the church was a long horse barn where parishioners unhitched horses and buggies before attending church services. Pastor Behrends had a fancy black horse and buggy with which to visit the people. Pastor Treskow bought the first car in the congregation, a 1912 Model T.

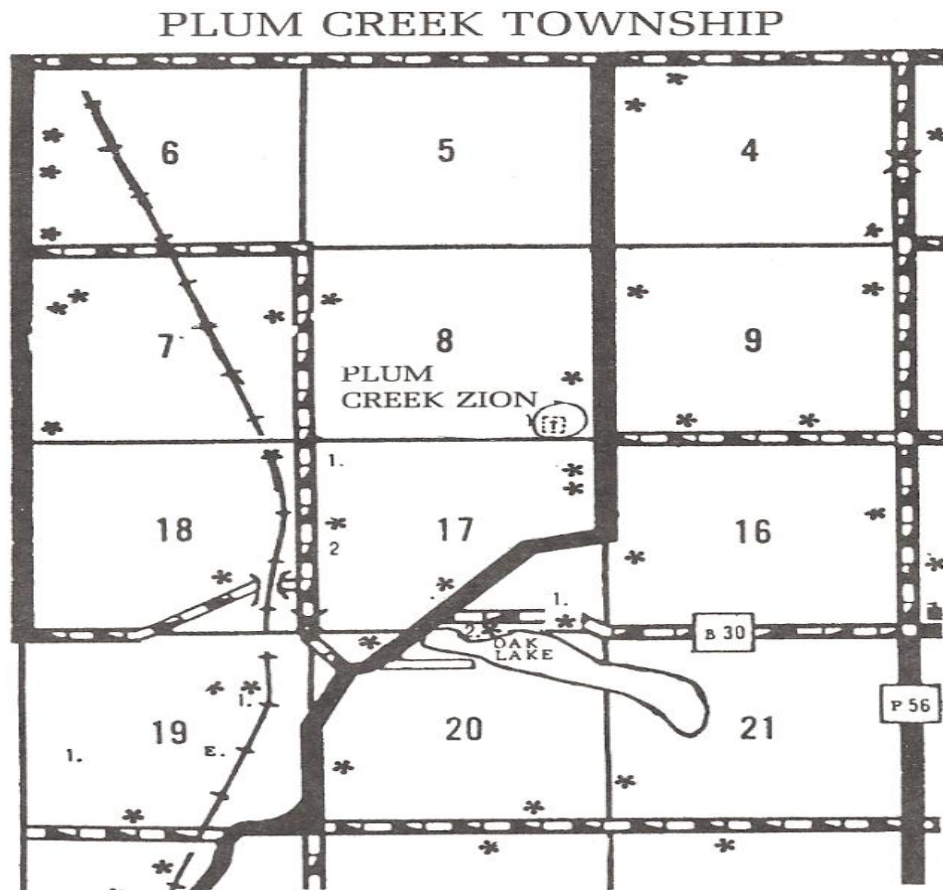
The school was a one story building attached behind the church where confirmation class was also held. There were about 12 pupils enrolled at the time of its closing in 1913. Rudy Willrett walked across the creek on stilts every morning to reach school.

When the congregation was dissolved, the parsonage was moved to Burt and the Church to Algona. Rudy Willrett followed the moving in September 1916 of the church on his pony.

The old cemetery, owned jointly by St. John's and Trinity containing approximately 3 acres marks the spot where the rural Zion Lutheran Church once stood in Plum Creek Township at Range 2836, Section No. 8.

A number of regulations were established for "God's Field" in June 1891 including that only true Lutherans and a few exceptions could be buried in the cemetery. Children under the age of seven (7) years could be buried there if their parents were not members of a church. A separate section of the

burial grounds would be set aside for those who were banned from the church or committed suicide. A person given death bed repentance would be allowed a regular funeral and interment. Currently there are 35 headstones in the cemetery. Family names include Riedel, Leeck, Krueger and Bohn. The burials took place between 1890 and 1931.





Rev. C. G. Treskow

Zion Lutheran Church, Plum Creek Township, erected in 1892, moved to Algona in 1916. It served as house of worship for Trinity until 1951.

PLUM CREEK ZION BAPTISMS

1886

Edward Elmer Miller

1887

Wilhelm Heinrich Krueger

Adolph Heinrich Falk

1888

Bertha Lilia Miller

Friedrich August Schrader

Heinrich Albert Schrader

Maria Paulina Schrader

Bertha Mathilda Lueck

Johann Wilhelm Blinkmann

Edward Heug

1889

Adolph Reinhard Krueger

Ernest Richard Riedel

Heinrich Johann Falk
Andreas Henrich Throne
Elisa Lilia Heug

1890

Wilhelm Friedrich Kramer
Waldmar Hermann Riedel
Gerhard Wilhelm Buhrke
Anna Pauline Juliana Buhrke
Heinrich Gottfried Buhrke
Emil August Guderian

1891

Wilhelmine Caroline Bleich
Emma Bella Heug
Leo Carl Throne
George Friedrich Lueck
Edward Julius Craemer
Georg August Leo Blinkmann
Bertha Mathilda Reik
Emma Margaretha Groh

1892

Carl Ludwig Falk
Wilhelm Heinrich Meyer
Walther Julius Wiese
Elisa Ada Trauth
Edward Conrad Falk

1893

Reinhold Leopold Krueger
Heinrich Walther Krueger
Wilhelm Friedrich Bleich
Helena Louisa Reik
Walther Ludwig Miller
Eva Barbara Koestler
Martha Mathilda Riedel
Mabella Mathilda Kramer
Dora Agnes Kuchenreuter

1894

Minna Maria Heug
Arthur Wilhelm Falk

Conrad Heinrich Groh
Albert Earl Clarence Miller
Julius Anton Blinkmann

1895

Julie Amalie Riedel
Herwardt Hermann Falk
Ada Eleonora Koestler
Anna Dora Seefeld
Lydia Adeline Schmalz
Reinhold Leonard Kramer
Louisa Katharina Handke
Anna Emma Whiteing
Friedrich Louis Heug
Georg Wilhelm Heug

1896

Ortwin Friedrich Bleich
Christian Friedrich Blinkmann
Alfred Emil Otto Kresensky
Dora Emma Jacobs
Johann Lloyd Barthleth
Nellie Auguste Jacobs
Himke A. Janssen
Ida Theresa Maria Lendman
Harrie Rudolph Lendman

1897

Louise Clara Buckland
Georg Friedrich Mushmann
Edward Ferdinand Winky
Alice Allen Seefeld
Frida Edna Dora Bohn
Hemann Martin Falk
Clas Friedrich Schmidt
Rolf Heinrich Schmidt
Katarina Maria Heerd
Edna Anna Koestler
Clara Emilie Atilie Callies
Wilhelmine H Weinemann
Esther Paulina Muller
Wilhelm Georg Reick
Ernst Ewald Luck

Ida Lenora Hueg
Hugo Gottlieb Wilhelm Bohn
Frans Julius Jacobs
Anna Barbara Kuchenreuther
Herman Frans Wolfgramm
Hernriette McAlellan
Waldemar Arnhold Bleich
Theodor Bruno Gerdes

1898

Raymond Joseph Kresensky
Rose Perl Seip
Karl Wilhelm Kohl
Ludwig Emil Butt
Friedrich Carl Buckland
Arthur Edward Riedel
Hubert Friedrich Bohn
Ida Johanna Lendmann

1899

Margaratha Maria Schmidt
Bernard Friedrich Behrends
Walter Leo Heinsohn
Edna May Bankon
Carl Friedrich Seefeld
Alfred Theodor Falk
Alvine Maria Bohn
Bianka Ida Blinkmann
Conrad Worth Heerdt
Frida Luise Heug
Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Callies
Mina Katharina Kutschara
Eleanor Bertha Koestler
Bertha Grothe

1900

Nellie May Schmidt Falk
Liona Emilie Putz
Ruth Johanna Kresensky
Hilda Maria Rebecka Gerdes
Else Maria Willrett

Luther Jacob Falk
Friedrich Wilhelm Kirstein
Emil Julius Riedel
Alma Lurena Bohn
Louise Katharina Heerdt
Louise Barbara Behrends
Emilie Auguste Frieda Miller

1901

Friedrich Bernhard Luck
Alma Dora Miller
Maria Helene Gertrude Kohl
Heinrich Johann Weinemann
Norma Elisabeth Huenhold
Mable Mathilde Putz
Friedrich Wilhelm Heug
Rudolph Julius Bohn
Martin Herold Falk
Karl Gustav Abraham
Paul Bernhard Falk
Hilda Maria Elisa Lendmann
Margaretha Mussman
Gustav Edward Bleich
Christina Louise Nelson
Hans Martin Schmidt
Edna Paulina Seefeld
Rosa Bertha Seefeld

1902

Mildred Emma Kresensky
Alice May Seip
Anna Burnice Bankson
Pauline Friedericka Callies
Georg Michael Kirstein
Gertrude Hertha Miller
Roland Ferdinand Leek
Albert Reinhold Bleich
Ludwig Friedrich Heerdt
Georg Rudolph Wilreth
Esther Amalie Kramer
Bertha Wilhmine Gerdes
Hermann Oskar Luck

1903

Margaretha Sophie Behrends
Harold Albert Putz
Philip Theodor Falk
Johann Carl Schmidt

1904

Leo Ortwein Leek
Wilhelm Alverston Nielsen
Leonard Bert Heerd
Ferdinand Ludwig Callies
Hinrich Otto Bussman
Anthonie Friederike Leek
Esther Margaretha Falk
Louis Herbert Riedel
Isabella Mathilde Bleich

1905

Wilhelm Martin Behrends
Olivia Emilie Pompe
Reinhold Hermann Putz
Rudolph Friedrich Leek
Emma Katharina Falk

1906

Anna Mathilde Pommerening
Irvin Louis Siemon
Ferdinand Alvin Drone
Herold Johann Arens
Ernstine Louise Leek
Irving Harold Jensen
Herbert Wilhelm Bleich
Leone Pauline Leek
Alvin Johann Huenhold
Bertha Margaretha Falk
Erich Christian Willrett

1907

Ralph Carl Riedel
Chester Friedrich Hoppie
Child of Carl Leek
Herbert Friedrich Kruger
Ella Sophia Post

Anna Wilhelmine Post
Johann Christian Post
Esther Alfred Post
Emil Jacobsen
Wilhelm Jacobsen
Johanna Maria Jacobsen
Peter Theodor Schmidt
Milda Johanna Schmidt
Herbert Edward Pompe
Paul August Pommerening

1908

Helene Anna Behrends
Gertrude Anna Rinderknecht
Gerhard Leonhard Drone
Esther Maria Leeck
Delma Alma Rakow
Otto Wilhelm Weiske
Agnes Alwine Falk

1909

Raymund Heinrich Kramer
Karl Wilhelm Adam Schuler
Gertrude Maria Herdt
Elmer Wilhelm Schuler
Wilhelm Walther Post
Martha Anna Carney
Louise Therese Callies

1910

Luella Louise Ernestine Bleich
Lorenz Herman Robert Wiese
Emil Bay Petersen
Florenz Irene Teemann
Laura Anna Rose
Helen Marjorie Dransfeldt
Edna Maria Andreasen
Walter Edward Krueger

1911

Augusta Mildred Bobo
Edna Marta Emilie Treskow

1912

Edwin Arthur Mueller
Clara Marie Wiese
Coreene Edna Bunkofski
Viola Marta Bleich
Franz Friedrich Callies

1913

Raymond Arthur Bleich
Howard Walter Bobo
Mildred Sarah Drone
Herman Emil Wiese
Georg Ludwig Bollinger

1914

Clarence Wilbert Bunkofski
Elmer Bernard Bobo

1915

Ella Viola Dettman

PLUM CREEK ZION MARRIAGES**1887**

Carl Riedel and Bertha Bohn

1888

Heinrich Kramer and
Hulda Bleich

1889

None

1890

Wilhelm Reik and
Emilie Schroeder

1891

Emil E. Wiese and
Josephine C. Frank

1892

Friedrich Miller and
Paulina Bohn

1893

None

1894

Wilhelm L. Bohn and
Clara E. Miller

1895

Wilhelm Bleich and
Martha Bohn

1896

Karl A Leeck and
Emma Rickter

1897

None

1898

None

1899

Herman Putz and
Mathilda Bleich
Edward Heug and
Maria Sophia Bauer

1900

Martin Biuk and
Rosina Appel
Otto Rudolph Kramer and Mathilde Thaves

1901

Heinrich Ernst Kramer and Alice Miller

1902

Georg B Anderson and
Rosa F C Baack
Georg Weinemann and Elisabeth Kohl
Hermann Ziegler and

Ida Lueck
Edward Fr Pompe and Emma A Kruger

1903

Edward Darwin Drone and
Anna M Bleich Pompe

1904

Heiko Storh and
Amalia Kramer
Friedr W A Gronert and Isabelle Pompe

1905

Richard A Pommerening and
Lulu M Kennedy

1906

John McCorkle and
Julia Kutschara

Otto Pommerening and Hattie Innman
Reinhold A Bleich and
Louise M Falk
Friedrich A Kruger and
Lora Anna Falk

1907

None

1908

Louis Kutschara and
Ethelyn Wunkel

1909

Emil Hermann Wiese and
Emma M L Callies
Emil Leeck and
Emma Drager

1910

J.H. Savage and ?
George Dettman and
Berta Bunkofske

1911

William Freese and
Elsie Pommerening

1912

None

1913

George Beard and
Emma Ruhnke
Emil Ruhnke and
Anna Haack

Plum Creek Zion Burials**1890**

Johann Lueck
Justine Lueck

1891

Anna Meyer

1892

Juliana Miller
Carl Guderian

1893

Reinhold Krueger
Heinrich Krueger

1894

Gustav Lueck

1895

Gottlieb Bohn

1896

None

1897

Katrina Heerd
Martin Bahr
George Heug

Henrietta Abrahams
Esther Miller
Justine Bahr

1888

None

1899

Elmer Noah Seefeld

1900

Julianne Bohn
Luther Falk
Louise Heerd

1901

Martin Falk
Arthur Callies
Gustav Bleich

1902

H. Seefeld
Karoline Guderian

1903

None

1904

Minna Katherina Geschwester

1905

Wilhelm Kruger

1906

None

1907

Child of Carl Leek
Emilie Bleich Kruger
Child of Richard
 Pommerening

1908

None

1909

None

1910

None

1911

Auguste Krueger

1912

Wilhelm Krueger

1913

None

1914

None

1915

Rev C R Riedel

Berta Bohn Riedel

1916

None

1917

None

1918

None

1919

None

1920

Johanna Riedel