

Alliance Church Leader, Saskatchewan.

Early records for this congregation have been lost, but pioneers in the area recall that the congregation was formed in 1911. Meetings were first held in homes, by 1913 the congregation adopted the name Zion Congregational Church. The church, built on Second Avenue was dedicated by Reverend William, because of the large number attending, the service was conducted from the Lutheran church across the street.

The first resident pastor, Henry Triesse was succeeded by Richard Otto. The rapid growth of the congregation forced them to build a new church in 1917, it was dedicated by Reverend G.F. Ricker. Some of the founding families included: Albrecht, Bock, Eirich, Frie, Gies, Gill, Herman, Janot, Klein, Litzenberger, Nagel, Neumiller, Nitschke, Rader, Ritz, Salmeir, Schissler, Schmick, Seifred, Sept, Serr, Trautwein, Wiese, Yackel and Zahl. Pastors who served include: Julius Haum 1919 to 1920, Gross 1920 to 1921, Strobel 1921 to 1925, Martens 1925 to 1929, from 1930 to 1953 the church was served by itinerant pastors from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Medicine Hat and Calgary, Alberta. Reverend Ewald Degen served from 1953 to 1967, Harvey Boldt 1967 to 1969, Irwin Driedger 1969 to 1970, David Anderson 1972 to 1974, Lome Cornelson 1974 to 1977 and Ken Siemens starting in 1977. During the latter part of the 1920's most Congregational churches in Canada merged with the Presbyterians and Methodists to form the United Church. At this time this congregation adopted the name "German United Church" but did not become an official part of the United Church.