

Original site of Zion Lutheran Church, Hilda, Alberta

The church was organized in 1912 under the direction of Missionary Bernard Bierwagen, the building was actually constructed in 1914. The first board of elders established in 1912 included: Anton Dewald John Lutz , Gottlieb Bredo and Fred Roeder.

The church played an important part in the lives of its' members, regular services as well as weddings and funerals along with special services were conducted there. The first pastor in 1914 was Reverend Wilhelm Wiltenburg, he was followed by Reverend's Griesse, Walter Beltz, Lohman, Seitenstick, Maier, Martin Rische 1921 to 1923, John Meichsner 1923 to 1926, William Busse 1927 to 1929, Gerhardt Gehrs 1929 to 1934, Roland Langbecker 1934 to 1936, Klewer 1937, Rudolph Ohlinger, R. Kaun, Ernest Nayan 1938 to 1942, Phillip Becker 1942 to 1945, Walter Brockopp 1946 to 1947, Fred Schole 1948 to 1950, Edgar Priess 1950 to 1952, Louis Theiss 1953 to 1955, Frank Miller 1955 to 1958, G.E. Knoernschild 1958 to 1965, D. Igge 1965 to 1967, Albert Maschmayer and Vicars Fardin and Scharlach 1967 to 1969.

In 1961, the congregation renovated the former Maple Tree School located only one half mile from the church therefore the old church closed its doors in November 1963 It had celebrated its' 50th. anniversary November 17, 1963 with a special service. Reverend John Meichner was the guest speaker. The new church was dedicated that same afternoon with Reverend Thomas L. Ristine as guest speaker.

The new church was open for only six years, due to the decline in congregation caused by farm mechanization and the reduction of the number of families living in the rural area. The remaining members transferred their membership to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1969. The abandoned building was moved to Oyen, Alberta, and rededicated there in 1972.

The original cemetery in use from 1912 to 1935, is located nine miles west of Hilda, Alberta, at the junction of township road 180 and range road 24. Legal land description is NE 32-17-02-W4, the Emil Krause homestead. The one acre plot is well fenced, a cairn has been erected but grass needs attention, as at August 12, 1995.

Zion Lutheran Cemetery Site 1, Hilda

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NE32-17-02-W4

Twp Rd 180

Rge Rd 24

Cypress County

Name	Memorial Information
Bierwagen, Herbert	1917 - 1917; parents: William Bierwagen and Antonia Bierwagen
Bierwagen, Lillian	1920 - 1920; parents: William Bierwagen and Antonia Bierwagen
Bierwagen, William	1881 - 31 Oct 1935; spouse: Antonia Bierwagen
Bredo, August	1894 - 1918; parents: Gottlieb Bredo and Christine Widman
Bredo, Christina	1903 - 1918; parents: Gottlieb Bredo and Christine Widman
Dewald, Raynard	1915 - 1915; parents: Anton Dewald and Margaret Murschel
Frisch, Alexander	1890 - Nov 1918; spouse: Rosena Albrecht
Frisch (nee Albrecht), Rosena	1891 - Nov 1918; spouse: Alexander Frisch
Kern, Freidrich Phillip	01 Mar 1896 - Dec 1918; parents: Fred Kern and Karoline Kuhnli
Kern, Jacob	19 Jul 1892 - 28 Feb 1917; parents: Fred Kern and Karoline Kuhnli
Krause, Della Ruth	21 Feb 1934 - 10 Jul 1935; parents: Emil Krause and Maria Kern
Krause, Johann	12 Nov 1913 - 12 Nov 1913; parents: Emil Krause and Maria Kern
Krause, Maria	05 Jan 1922 - 05 Jan 1922; parents: Emil Krause and Maria Kern

Krause, Martha	28 Mar 1920 - 08 Aug 1920; 4m; parents: Christian Krause and Marie Brauer
Ray, Henry	1916 - 1918
Roder, Emma Alwina	05 Jun 1915 - 29 Aug 1915; 5m24d; parents: Fred Roder and Maria Roder
Sautner (nee Wiedmann), Katherina	1880 - 1918; spouse: Joseph Sautner
Sautner, Magdalena	19 Jul 1913 - 2 Mar 1914
Wiedman, George	27 Apr 1850 - 1917; spouse: Charlotte Wiedman