

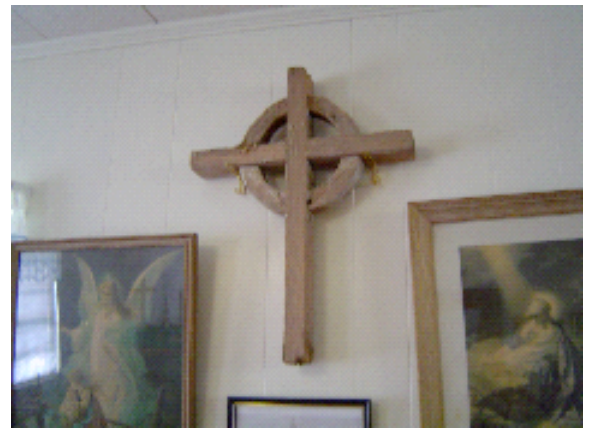
A Quick Tour

Museum of the Swedish Lutheran Zion Church

Founded by Swedes in the
Augustana Synod
1905



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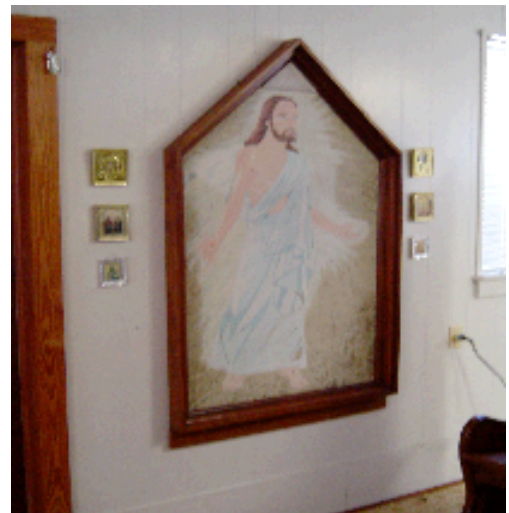
Steeple cross stood atop Zion Lutheran Church in 1915, the construction year of the original church building.



Original mock-slate hymn board used in the original church prior to the use of bulletins to announce hymns of the day, etc. This board may have been used in the school rented by the church as early as 1905 or in pre-church days beginning in 1897.



Entry portal to the fellowship hall added to the rear of the church in 1965, home of Zion Lutheran Church's historical archives.



Hallberg-Prahl altar painting, circa 1960.



Wall of Remembrance of members and confirmations past. Pew with two-board back was used upstairs of the Silverhill School for church meetings from 1905 to 1915 when there was no church building.



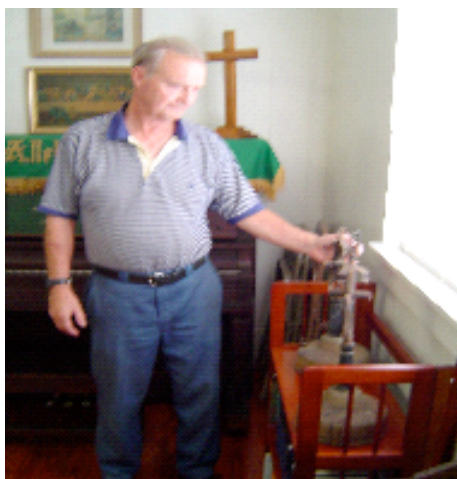
Plaque honoring John Erik Elfstrand (source of seed-money). He and Oscar Johnson (source of land) were responsible for the first church building in 1915, ten years after the founding of the church.



One of two oil lamps used to light the nave during evening worship, one hanging on each side of the chancel.



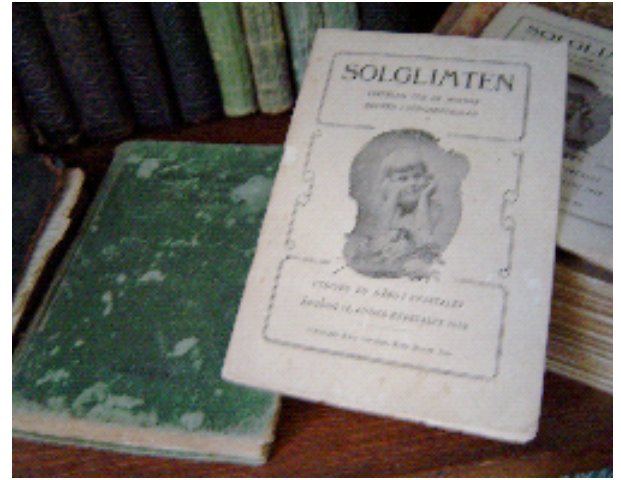
Cabinet of memories stands beneath announcements board that reported church statistics two generations ago. Original church documents, building cost estimates, crosses, altar memorabilia, and assorted items spanning a century are displayed on four shelves.



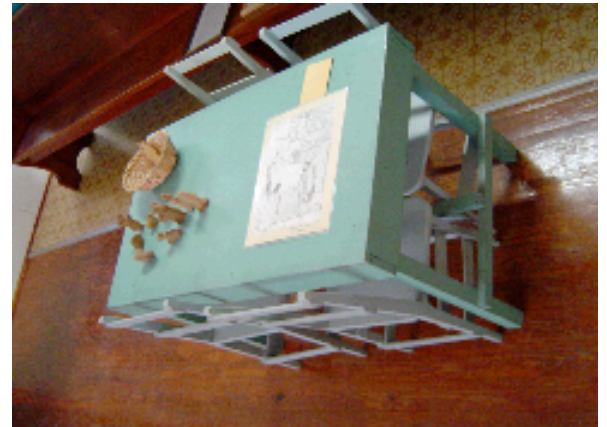
Museum Curator, Ernie Burnett, adjusts two "gas" lamps which utilized glowing mantles to brighten up the evening worship.



1905 incorporation notebook of first church official meeting written in Swedish (top shelf) and 1915 notebook of donated work with dollar annotations in English (bottom shelf).



From its beginning, Zion Lutheran Church has been interested in children as this early Swedish lesson book illustrates.



Original children's Sunday School table and chairs with Nativity figures.



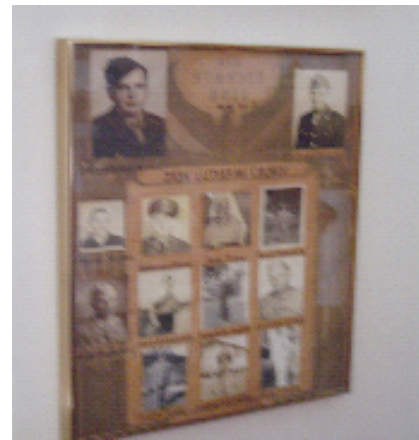
Zion Lutheran Church began under the auspices of the Augustana Synod in 1905, then became part of the United Lutheran Church in 1953, the Lutheran Church of America in 1962, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in 1988, and the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in 1995, each with a distinct hymnal.



Antique church desk with business items from church history. Church library items are displayed on each side.



A number of plaques and certificates have acknowledged members of the congregation and their work on behalf of the church fellowship.



A number of people dear to Zion Lutheran Church have served in the military. Honor for our community's heroes goes back officially to World War II with this remembrance.



Several sets of chalices and host boxes fill out a display of church artifacts.



Curator Burnett adjusts chalice and hostbox crafted by Robertsdale's own potter, James Potmesil, in 1992.



A humble cigar box held the proceeds of a church activity. This official adding machine from 1969 helped Victor Kubina in his treasurer's tasks on behalf of the congregation during his long tenure.



The cross is dear to the people of God. The processional cross utilized in the ordination of Pastor Peacock in 1987 is on the right.



A boxed American flag received from Congressman.

