

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

HEINLEINS AND PITTSBURGH CONNECTION THINGS

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

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Zion
 Evangelical Lutheran
 Church

of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

In Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of
 Her Organization on October 6, 1896

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IN THE BEGINNING

Hardly anyone was thinking of the organization of a Lutheran congregation in Coraopolis, during the years of 1893 and 1895, but there was one energetic Lutheran Pastor of Pittsburgh who was delighted to gather scattered Lutherans together and hold preaching services. The Rev. O. S. Oglesby of Knoxville was holding such preaching services in this area. The father of the Lutheran City Mission Society of Pittsburgh made his first attempt at holding services in the little village then called Ivanhoe, and it was not until in December, 1895, that he moved into the Borough of Coraopolis to hold a service. This first service was held just three days before Christmas in the old Presbyterian Church on Fifth Avenue. It is the way of history that certain courses of action produce certain inevitable results. The Lutherans of the community were definitely interested, and the services were held every two weeks with increasing interest, giving evidence that a congregation should be organized.

The first organization meeting was held in the home of Philip Seibert on September 15, 1896. Twelve persons attended this meeting at which part of the constitution was adopted. Two more meetings were necessary for the complete organization. The second meeting was held at the home of Ernest Greenwald on September 22, with fourteen persons present, and the third and final meeting at which the constitution was adopted was held at the home of Martha Stoehr on October 6, 1896. Seventeen persons were present, five other persons were absent, but are entitled to recognition as Charter members. Thus twenty-two men and women of Coraopolis organized Zion Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made for services in winter in Scharpf's hall on Mill street, and in the summer in the old Presbyterian Church.