

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

HEINLEINS AND PITTSBURGH CONNECTION THINGS

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

The first piece of ground was purchased on December 20, 1896. The lot was located on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Chestnut Street, and the consideration was \$750.00. Two years later the congregation looked up the hill and purchased the lot at the top of the grade at the corner of State Avenue and Chestnut Street as the logical place for the building of a Church. In 1898 the building was erected at a cost of \$2,140.00 and dedicated in the month of May, 1898. On May 5, 1901, a fine church bell, the gift of two members, was dedicated and still calls the congregation to the hour of worship. This church building has often been changed, improved, and rededicated but still stands as the house of worship for the congregation.

In 1906 the congregation purchased the lot adjoining the church for \$2,000.00, and three years later erected a new parsonage at a cost of \$5,500.00. By 1916 the parsonage was free of indebtedness. In 1911 a new altar and pulpit were placed, as gifts of members, and in 1921 a Tellers-Kent organ was dedicated. In the year 1927 the desire for more adequate Sunday School facilities, and more room for the social program of the church, an architect was employed and the beginnings made for the erection of a new Sunday School Building and Parish Hall. The building was dedicated on Rogate Sunday, May 5, 1929. The approximate cost of this building with its equipment was \$50,000.00. In July of 1944 still thinking of future growth the congregation made a cash purchase of the lot adjoining the parsonage on State Avenue, for the sum of \$2,000.00. The mortgage on the Parish Hall was fully satisfied, and the bond destroyed forever by fire in a public service in November, 1945. In the month of August of this anniversary year the congregation approved the suggestion of the Church Council authorizing the employment of a competent architect to submit preliminary sketches of a proposed new Church. Mr. Arthur N. Steinmark, a registered architect of Pittsburgh, has already completed these preliminary sketches and has made reports to the committee of council, and the committee on preliminary steps toward a new church building.

Thus, step by step, through the years the property and buildings of Zion Lutheran Church have been acquired, with increasing value. Our present property and holdings are conservatively valued at more than \$80,000.00.