



ZION

LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*A Legacy of Faith,
Learning & Community*



1888



Zion Lutheran School was started in 1888 by Pastor Bergen who also served as the first teacher. For 18 years, the school was conducted in the church edifice at Madison and Union (the present State Farm office).

1888-1924



For 36 years, the school was conducted on the ground floor of the new church built on the same location. The present church site was dedicated in 1942.

1947-1969



- 1947 – A new school building was constructed with two classrooms.
- 1951 – A third classroom was added due to steady growth.
- 1969 – A temporary fourth classroom was added in the school basement.

In more recent years, the 1947 school building was used for PreKindergarten, PreKindergarten Plus, Kindergarten, First grade, and the Before and After School Program.

1962-1972



- 1962 – A planning committee was appointed to define the future needs of the church and school.
- 1968 – A building and parsonage committee was appointed because the old parsonage needed to be removed to build the new school building.
- May 3, 1970 – Groundbreaking took place. Much of the construction work was done by members of the congregation on a volunteer basis.
- April 30, 1972 – The new educational facility and church offices were dedicated.
 - Zion was one of the first Lutheran schools in the district to have full air conditioning.
 - The cost of the project was \$275,000. A large portion of that amount came from the Weber estate.



HONORING A FAITHFUL LEADER

Mr. Harold Repp served as teacher and principal from 1932-1971. Unfortunately, he died before seeing the completion of his dream.



2017



In the fall of 2017, groundbreaking took place for the addition of five classrooms joined to the 1972 main building. At this time, the 1947 school building was demolished. Laborers For Christ, local contractors, and volunteers were involved in building the addition. The addition to the school has been wonderful for the Zion community.



2022-2023
& BEYOND



- The staff of Zion has grown from four teachers in 1972 to a half-time principal, eight full-time teachers and two PreK Plus half-day assistants.
- A Before and After School program was started in 2022.
- A Summer Camp day camp began being offered in 2023.



ACCREDITED

Zion is accredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation Committee and also by the State of Illinois.



We are proud of our church and school. Many of our students can say their parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents went to Zion Lutheran School.



*To God
be the glory!*