

Walburg Zion Church Marker text

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CONCORDIA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1882 AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR IMMIGRANTS OF GERMAN-WENDISH DESCENT, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF REVEREND J.H. MAISCH. THE CHURCH CEMETERY WAS ALSO ESTABLISHED IN 1882, WITH THE FIRST RECORDED BURIAL OCCURRING THE SAME YEAR. SINCE EDUCATION WAS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO THE SETTLERS, A SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED AT THAT TIME AS WELL AND CONTINUES TO EDUCATE STUDENTS TODAY,

THE SETTLERS MIGRATED TO TEXAS IN THE 1850s WITH THE REVEREND JOHN KILIAN FROM LUSATIA, A SLAVIC REGION NEAR THE BORDER OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND POLAND. AFTER FOUNDING A NEW HOMETLAND IN PRESENT-DAY SERBIN, (LEE COUNTY) TEXAS, A NUMBER OF THE PIONEERS BEGAN MIGRATING IN THE LATE 1870s TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY IN WHAT WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS WALBURG (CONCORDIA).

THE CHURCH'S NINE CHARTER MEMBERS WERE WILHELM ANDRES, AUGUST DOEHRE, ALBERT KRAUSE, JOHN NEITSCH. ALBERT RAMM, ANDREAS SCHNEIDER, JACOB SCHOMBER, JOHN SCHULZE, AND CARL STREICH.

AS THE CONGREGATION HAS GROWN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, THE CHURCH HAS BEEN REBUILT AND ADDITIONS PLACED ON BOTH THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL,
AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE RESIDENTS OF WALBURG AND WILLIAMSON COUNTY BY SERVING AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP, AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE AND, SINCE 1971, A COMMUNITY MAGNET FOR THE ANNUAL WURSTBRATEN SAUSAGE SUPPER.

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