

## BASIN LUTHERAN CEMETERY

This cemetery is located 8 1/4 miles south of Mason City, Custer County, Nebraska and is accessible from the road. From Nebraska highway 2, turn south into Mason City and follow this same road south. The road is oiled about half of the way and then becomes gravel. This road takes you directly to the cemetery. This cemetery has an arched gateway leading into it. Across the top of the arch are the words "Basin Lutheran Cemetery". A gate- under the arch - leads into the cemetery. Right inside the gate is a large granite stone with the following inscription on the front:

Former Site Of Evangelical Zion Lutheran Church 1901 - 1989

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heaven

A time to be born and a time to die

A time to plant and a time to uproot

A time to kill and a time to heal

A time to tear down and a time to build

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On the back of the stone is the following inscription:

The Black Hill Basin area of Custer County was settled in the 1800's. Many of the families of Scandinavian ancestry along with friends and neighbors used a crudely built sod school as a place of worship. As more settlers arrived and the need for a church and cemetery arose two acres of land were donated by John Estby. It was on this land that the frame church was erected and where it stood as a beacon and landmark for eighty - eight years serving the people of the community in life as well as in death.

Arp, Peter, May 24, 1848 - Oct. 26, 1916, at the top of the stone it says: "In my Father's house are many mansions." under the date are the letters "HVIL I Fred"

Arp, Johanne W., wife of Peter Arp, 1856 - 1914, the top of this stone also reads "In my Father's house are many mansions." under the date are the letters "HVIL I Fred"

Arp, Thelma B., 1907-1911; Gladys H., 1903-1921

Arp, Maude B., Apr 1, 1882 - Nov 13, 1974;

Arp, Nels P., Nov 22, 1874 - July 16, 1957

Arp, Mary C., 'Mother', July 19, 1878 - Sep 6, 1957;

Arp, Hans G., 'Father' , Oct 3, 1876 - Feb 5, 1961

Bernert, Georgia, Feb 22, 1907 - Sep 24, 1979;

Bernert, John, Aug 16, 1902 - Mar 21, 1971

Bernert, Emili, Unser Liebling, 9,

Bernert, Marz 1896 - 16, Feb. 1897

Binder, Ernestine W., 1890 - 1916

Cheaves, Margaret Dyan (mortuary marker) 1977 - 1996  
Christensen, Frederik, 1822-1898;  
Christensen, Christine, his wife, 1826-1902  
Crosley, Ellen Lee, "Mother", Sep 22, 1885 - Sep 11, 1975;  
Crosley, R. Newton, "Father", Oct 9, 1881 - Apr 25, 1967

Downey, Marie C. Jensen, "Daughter", Mar 1, 1894 - May 4, 1963, below date it says "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Estby, Johannes Olsen, "Fod paa Round Prairie Iu den 26, Aug 1858 Dode den 3, Dec 1882"  
"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided. This is a tall square stone and on the other side of the stone is:  
Estby, Ole Johnson "Fod paa Gundy Jens Guurd Tyilanhlen i Norge den 29, Oct 1826 Dode den 2, Apr 1897"

Hansen, John B., "Father", 1863-1918  
Hansen, Jettha J., dau. of H. & M. C. Hansen died Nov. 18, 1884 aged 12 y 3 m 22 d "Dearest Jettha thou hast left us here, thy loss we deeply feel, but tis God that hath bereft us, he can our sorrows heal. Our darling sleeps in peace.

Jacobson, Ole, born in Norford, Norway 1830 died Aug 14, 1913 Aged 82 years  
Jensen, Nels P., 1861 - 1954;  
Jensen, Caroline 1863 - 1935  
Jensen, Otto, son of Mr. & Mrs. Neils P. Jensen, Oct 2, 1891 - May 7, 1892  
Jensen, Niels, "Father", Sep 15, 1829 - Mar 7, 1902; the bottom of the stone says "Until the day break and the shadows flee away"  
Jensen, Thomine, "Mother", Apr 17, 1840 - Jan 22, 1907 the bottom of the stone says "Until the day break and the shadows flee away"  
Jensen, Edward E., Aug 21, 1901 - Mar 13, 1992;  
Jensen, A. Gladys, Sep 16, 1902 - Sep 21, 1971 "The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want"  
Jensen, Harlan D., Oct 15, 1923 - May 16, 1990  
Jensen, Ramon D., Oct 15, 1923 - June 19, 1997

Lauridsen, this is a large stone with nothing else on it - to the west of this stone is a small gray marble stone with nothing on it  
Lee, Amy, born July 21, 1891, died June 5, 1900 "Little Amy is gone to sleep on the Saviours loving breast, Oh fond parents do not weep for she there will sweetly rest."  
Lee, Mary C., "Mother", 1872-1920; at the top of this stone it says: "Gone But Not Forgotten"  
Lee, Canute, "Father", 1852-1943 at the top of this stone it says: "Gone But Not Forgotten"  
Lee, Ellen, died Apr 9, 1897, aged 69 years, Rest in Peace and on a different side of the same stone: also has Stephen B Lee  
Lee, Stephen B., died Jan 14, 1897, aged 77 years, Gone But Not Forgotten  
Lee, Sarah, Sep 5, 1860 - Feb 14, 1893, age 33 years  
Leihs, Herman, died Sep 25, 1906, aged 8 ys 7 ms 12 d

Leih, Margaret F., "Mother", Sep 20, 1858 - Mar 8, 1938;  
Leih, Theodore, "Father", Oct 26, 1858 - May 18, 1932  
Loar, Marie, this is a small grave with a cement border around the edges - looks like a small child's grave - no dates  
Loar, John, this is a cement marker and is several yards from Marie Loar's grave - no dates - nothing in between the two graves  
Loucks, Cora C., Dec 19, 1852 - Feb 19, 1919  
Lowder, 2 flat cement markers with only the word Lowder on them  
Lund, Dorothy, "Mother", Apr. 14, 1855 - Jan. 5, 1929 a metal marker beside stone that says "American War Mothers"  
Lund, Edwin T., Mar 13, 1895 - Apr. 12, 1921 under date it says "Pvt. 8th Co. GAC beside stone is a metal marker that says "World War I U. S. 1917 - 1918 behind stone is a small cement stone that says Brother  
Lund, Theodor, May 2, 1831 - Jan 23, 1901 "Gone but not Forgotten" behind this headstone is a cement slab that says "Father"  
Lund Family marker - this is a large granite headstone with only this one name on it with a cross above the name - beside and to the left of this stone are three graves, each enclosed by a cement border  
Lund, Mali 1853 - 1921- first one says Mother on top of the front piece of cement –  
Lund, father, 1840 - 1902 second one says Father on top of the front piece of cement and below that on the side it says (stone has been broken into pieces, but does appear to spell out Father on top, it looks like there was a name beside the date at one time, but it is broken up too much too read now) –  
Lund, Ella, 1884 - 1889 third looks like a child's grave, it isn't as long as the other two, it says Ella on the top of the front piece of cement and on the side of cement.

Madsen, Christian, May 13, 1857 - Dec 23, 1935;  
Madsen, Anna Katherine, Apr 12, 1851 - Apr 19, 1918 (on Christian's side of the stone there is a small marker on the ground that says "Father" - on Anna's side of the stone there is a small marker on the ground that says "Mother")  
Madsen, Anna, 1883-1907  
Madsen, Christ (no date) and Otto (no date) these are on the same stone  
Mohr, Henry, "Father", 1860 - 1943  
Mohr, Theodora, Mar 2, 1863 - Apr 12, 1929, "At Rest"  
Mohr, Carl, 1884 - 1938  
Monsson, Peters, born May 6, 1862, died Sep 28, 1930 (an old metal mortuary marker)  
Mortensen, Timothy Ray, Jan. 3, - Oct. 3, 1962  
Mortensen, Marvin T., May 26, 1908 - Mar. 14, 1984  
Mortensen, M. Grace, Aug. 18, 1913 - Jan. 11, 1959  
Mortensen, Robert Sr., Sept. 1 1851 - Aug. 5, 1912;  
Mortensen, Caroline, July 30, 1852 - Aug. 16, 1925 his wife, "Rest in Peace" at bottom of stone  
Mortensen, Fred M., 1877 - 1945  
Mortensen, Elizabeth C., 1880 - 1943 a cement stone with a piece of paper under glass - paper is faded out and unreadable

Nielsen, Niels, 1826 -1891;  
Nielsen, Sine, his wife, 1833 - 1895, At Rest

Nelsen, infant children of J. P. and Annie N. Nelsen, born 26 July 1871, "Asleep in Jesus", this was all on the front side of the stone - on the side of the stone it says Peter C Nelsen,  
Nelsen, Peter C., died 16 Jan 1882 aged 10 y 5 m 20 d, "A light is from our household gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant by our hearth, which never will be filled."  
Nelson, Jens P., 1848 -1937; beside Jens there is a small marker that says "Father"  
Nelson, Anna M., 1850 - 1928, beside Anna is a small marker that says "Mother"  
Nelson, Soren, Fodt den 17 Mai 1853 - Dod den 13 Nov 1882  
Nielsen, Marie, "Mother", 1866 - 1942;  
Nielsen, Niels P., "Father", 1860-1911  
Nielsen, Hans, 1868-1953;  
Nielsen, Mary L., 1871-1940  
Nielsen, Harold E., Nov 25, 1901 - Dec 12, 1975  
Nielsen, Mary L., 1871 - 1940;  
Nielsen, Hans, 1868 - 1953  
Nielsen, George, "Father", 1870 - 1938;  
Nielsen, Cecila M., "Mother", 1877-1969  
Nielsen, Victor E., Feb. 1, 1911 - June 14, 1989  
Nielsen, Sidsel, Aug 12, 1817 - Oct 24, 1902

Olsen, Gertie, "Mother" , 1869 - 1939;  
Olsen, Ole, "Father", 1860 - 1939, a small white marble stone marked C.M. is to the north of this grave  
Olsen, Christian J., 1893 - 1942  
Olsen, Margaret, Dec. 8, 1895 - Feb 20, 1978  
Olsen, Alfred, 1900 - 1901, this is a small stone under a bush  
Olsen, Martha, wife of Ole J. Olsen, 1828 -1904  
Olsen, Marion, 1905-1905, north of this grave is a marker that says only "infant son 1890 - 1890"  
Olsen, Ruth Schall, Feb 15, 1904 - Jan 23, 1935  
Olsen, Edward, 1898 - 1964  
Olsen, Gertrude, 1906 - 1992  
Olsen, Chris, 1872 - 1922

Paulsen, Carl M., May 23, 1886 - June 1, 1918  
Pedersen, Clifford, Aug. 9, 1937 - Aug. 22, 1937 (a flat cement stone with name and date scratched onto it.)  
Pederson, Robert Clifford, "Our Darling", on the top of stone, Feb 8, 1929 - Feb 8, 1929  
Peterson, Christ P., Nov. 18, 1880 - May 25, 1964; Nellie C., June 1, 1884 - May 18, 1957  
Peterson, Albert, June 14, 1907 - Oct. 5, 1907  
Peterson, Marie Christina, wife of Robert Peterson, Nov. 29, 1856 - Aug 16, 1920 top of stone says "Rest In Peace"  
Peterson, "Father" Robert, July 20, 1854 - Jan. 4, 1937; P. Elmer, "Son", Sep 11, 1883 - May 14, 1964

Peterson, (this is a large stone with nothing else on it) to the left of this stone is a small stone marked "Mother" Maren N. Aug 31, 1855 - Apr 6, 1942 - to the right of the Peterson stone is a small stone marked Hans  
Peterson, "Father", Hans C., Mar 6, 1858 - Aug 14, 1928 - to the right of Hans' stone is a small stone that is marked Esther  
Peterson, Esther, May 11, 1900 - Apr 3, 1932  
Peterson, Nick, Nov 16, 1855 - Aug 3, 1933;  
Peterson, Maggie E., Oct 26, 1852 - May 17, 1925, aged 72 yrs 7 mos 17 days  
Price, Edwin L., July 1, 1923 - Sep 23, 1979, PFC U. S. Army, World War II - beside this there is a metal marker, it has an eagle on it and the dates 1941 - 1945  
Price, Ronald Edwin, May 2, 1956 - Apr 23, 1961, "A Jewel In His Crown"

Rasmussen, Don D., July 24, 1925 - June 25, 1994;  
Rasmussen, Marian E., May 28, 1927  
Rasmussen, Axel, Minde Over, Student, Fodt I, Danmark, 30 Dec 1894, Dod I Lincoln, Neb 6 Maj. 1915, Han Var En Sand Kristen En Kaerlig Son, En Trofast Broder Og Ven. Herren Gav, Herren Tog. Herrens Navn Vaere  
Lovt. Job. I 21.  
Robertson, Charles E., 1876-1953;  
Robertson, Ona L., 1882-1963  
Robertson, Corp. Lewis H., born Jan 4, 1888 died July 26, 1918, Co. G. 4th U.S. infantry, 3rd regiment division, World War Veteran marker  
Robertson, Fred G., Sep 10, 1883 - May 11, 1958;  
Robertson, Mary, Apr 7, 1886 - June 5, 1958, "I am the resurrection and the Life"  
Robertson, Jack, "Son", 1918 - 1936;  
Robertson, William C., "Father", 1880-1952;  
Robertson, Vennie, "Mother", 1883 - 1965  
Robertson, R. Loucks, 1910-1963  
Robertson, Lorene E., 1910-1989  
Robertson, Robert, "Father", 1853-1894;  
Robertson, Anne C., "Mother", 1859-1941  
Rosborg, Frederick J., 1888-1963

Schall, John A., "Father", 1875 -1959;  
Schall, Mary M., "Mother", 1876-1962  
Schall, Larry, 1936 (only date on stone)  
Sorensen, Bertha N. W., 1888 - 1983;  
Sorensen, Jens, 1880-1959  
Sorensen, Soren, 1857-1932  
Stender, Atonia, 1860 - 1919 on the same stone has Magnus  
Stender, Magnus, 1858-1939, these two graves each have a cement border around the grave- one says Mother and one says Father  
Stender, Clinton and Alvin (this is a small marble stone and has no dates on it)  
Stender, Herman, 1894 - 1984;  
Stender, Thomina, 1896 - 1960  
Stockdale, Winnetta, 1889, daughter of C. W. and W. A.,  
Stockdale, Earlton, 1893 son of C. W. and W. A.,

Swenson, John A , Jan. 18, 1841 - Sep 9, 1921;  
Swenson, Martha, May 17, 1848 - Mar 17, 1940 "The deed is everything, the fame is nothing."  
Swenson, John A., son of John A. and Martha Swenson, died Jan 15, 1886, Aged 7 y 7 m 28 d

Turvey, William, died Jan 11, 1886, age 68 years

Yohn, Robert, Aug. 16, 1890 - May 12, 1974 (grave marked by a white, wooden cross)  
Yohn, Amelia C. (Albreht), May 23, 1898 - Jan. 15, 1933 (grave marked by a white, wooden cross)  
Yohn, "Baby" Eldon Lee, Oct 17 - 18, 1938  
Yohn, Christina C., Aug 13, 1896 - Nov 2, 1967; there are two wedding rings on the stone- between Christina's name and William's name - one says Married, the other says Apr 8, 1920  
Yohn, William, Jan. 27, 1892 - Oct 25, 1973 there are two wedding rings on the stone- between Christina's name and William's name - one says Married, the other says Apr 8, 1920 - also a metal marker beside William that says World War U. S. 1917 - 1918

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