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### **Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Church**



SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN ZION'S CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

This church was organized in 1874 and the present pastor, Rev. D.P. Ahlquist, from Marshalltown, Iowa, who was installed December 11, 1883, is the fourth pastor the society has had.

The original house of worship was erected on Waverly Avenue in 1879, but it was rebuilt and enlarged in 1883, and will now comfortably accommodate about 500 people.