

Loomis Evangelical Free Church

Years of Service: 1928 – 1930

Location: Loomis, Nebraska

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Alfred, Julia, Merle & Iola Stone
Photo from the Merle Stone Collection



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Loomis Evangelical Free Church Parsonage
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Merle Stone graduated from Loomis High School in 1928 at the age of 15 years. He went to live with his grandparents, Rev. John and Carrie Thompson in Fargo, ND.

Source: Recollections of Merle Stone

Church History

During Alfred Stone's pastorate the first Daily Vacation Bible School was held. Since that time one has been conducted each year. The Nebraska State Conference was invited to Loomis in 1930. At this conference, one of the church's young men, Arley Bragg, was ordained to the ministry. Brother Stone's ministry of house to house visitation was especially appreciated.

Source: The 50th Anniversary Booklet of the Loomis, Nebraska Evangelical Free Church 1886 – 1936, Family Recollections

Greeting from Rev. Alfred Stone to Loomis Church

Alfred Stone sent this greeting to the Loomis Evangelical Free Church on their 50th anniversary: “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Matt. 5:14. With great pleasure do we look back over the time we were permitted to serve the Free Church in Loomis. It can truly be said of this church that it is a city set on the hill. Throughout the years it has served its purpose as a life saving station where souls have heard the Gospel preached; many accepted salvation through the preaching of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We stepped into a field of labor well worked and organized to supply both physical and spiritual needs. As we entered into the field of labor in Loomis we felt that we entered in, not with a strange group, but with friends that were fully aware of their responsibility. In the first place to their Lord and Master and naturally they did not forget their Shepherd and his family. We truly thank God for our dear friends in Loomis for what they have been to us. We certainly rejoice with you in celebrating your fiftieth anniversary. Our prayer is that God will continue to let His blessings hover over the church and the community.”

Source: The 50th Anniversary Booklet of the Loomis, Nebraska Evangelical Free Church 1886 – 1936