



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 275TH ANNIVERSARY

History Moment

Zion has been praying for those affected by the coronavirus, but did you know that our congregation was praying for victims of the Spanish Flu during World War I? A young soldier from Zion was drafted and sent to France. His name was Sammie Monts, son of Daniel Jacob Monts. Sammie left Lexington on February 25th, 1918 with a group of other draftees from Camp Jackson. He then left for France around May 1st of that year. In the 1910 census, Sammie was listed as a farm laborer who couldn't read or write. Neither could his parents. Imagine their feelings when they received a cablegram stating that their son, Samuel Preston Monts, died in France of influenza, September 1st at the age of 25 years. According to the Dispatch News, "Sammie was the first soldier from the Lexington area to die in France giving his life for his country and the cause for which it is fighting. He was ready and willing to go to the front from the time he was drafted." Sammie is buried at St. David's Lutheran Church.

We honor all of our veterans and continue to pray for all those in harm's way.