

# History

The serious need for a hospital became apparent to the people of Harvey in 1910, when an association was formed and a stock company was organized for the purpose of building a hospital. Ground was broken January 23, 1913, and the hospital incorporated that year. The Harvey Hospital was opened March 23, 1914 by the Clark Brothers, assisted by Dr. Nugent and a woman doctor. The Hospital rendered efficient service but was short-lived due to financial difficulty.

The Harvey Hospital was reorganized in 1916 with a change of directors. Dr. Robert Reimche was in residence, assisted by Dr. Robb until the death of Dr. Reimche in 1918. The Hospital management was then assumed by Dr. Titzel, a surgeon from Des Moines, Iowa, but without success and the hospital was closed. The building came into use, first, as an apartment house, and then for classrooms for the Harvey Public School.

Dr. John J. Seibel, re-opened the building as a private hospital in 1927 and continued until the early 1930's, when it was operated as the Lutheran Good Samaritan Hospital. In June 1938, the stockholders offered the hospital for sale to the Reverend Charles A Eck, Pastor of the St. Cecelia Catholic Church.

After deciding to accept the offer of the stockholders, the Sisters took charge in the morning of October 16, 1938, and the hospital has successfully served the community since that time. The first baby born in the new establishment was Duane Holzer of Manfred, ND, on October 18, 1938.

Where many others had failed, the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation have operated the hospital as a vital service to the area, embracing many towns in numerous counties with infallible faith, and devotion to the sick, without regard to race or creed.

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