Guide to Cemeteries of the Evangelical Synod and related churches in St. Louis City and County

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Bethany Cemetery

Also known as: Bethania Cemetery
Location: 6800 St. Charles Rock Rd. (near Lucas and Hunt Rd.), north St. Louis County
Year established: 1870

Bethany (Bethania) Church was founded in 1867 and located at 23rd and Wash Street until moving to Red Bud and Rosalie Streets in 1915. It merged with Peace United Church of Christ in 1971 to become Bethany-Peace United Church of Christ in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

The congregation established the cemetery on 16 acres in 1870 and expanded it in 1890 and again 1905. By 1988, the cemetery had fallen into disrepair and was purchased by St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

Cemetery records
Contact the St. Peter's Cemetery office:

St. Peter's Cemetery
2101 Lucas and Hunt Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63121
(314) 385-0841

Church address
Bethany-Peace United Church of Christ
11952 Bellefontaine Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63138
(314) 741-9062

Friedens Cemetery

Also known as: Kopf's Cemetery
Location: 8491 N. Broadway, St. Louis City
Year established: 1864

Friedens Church was founded in 1857 in a Presbyterian Church at 9th and Penrose and since 1861 has been located at 19th and Newhouse. The congregation founded a second location, Friedens Chapel, at 1060 Chambers Rd in 1952. Friedens Chapel became an independent congregation in 1990.

Friedens Cemetery, established in 1864, includes a chapel and a mausoleum. It is sometimes known as Kopf's Cemetery after the pastor of Friedens Church when cemetery was founded.

Cemetery records
Records on microfilm are available at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch. Records can also be viewed at the cemetery office:

Friedens Cemetery
8941 N. Broadway
St. Louis, MO 63137
(314) 867-5126

Church address
Friedens United Church of Christ
1908 Newhouse St
Saint Louis, Mo 63107
(314) 421-4075

Gatewood Gardens

Also known as: New Picker's; Independent Evangelical Protestant Cemetery
Location: 7312 and 7212 Gravois Ave., St. Louis City
Year established: 1856

Independent Evangelical Protestant Cemetery was founded by the Independent Evangelical Protestant Congregation (later known as Independent Congregational). The congregation was founded in 1854 by the Rev. Frederick (Franz) Picker and a group that had left Holy Ghost Church. The congregation remained independent until becoming part of the Congregational Church denomination in the 1920s. In 1960, the congregation relocated to Florissant, where it has been known as Christ the King United Church of Christ since 1998.

The cemetery, often known as New Picker's, was established in 1854 on 12-1/2 acres of land on the west side of Gravois Road near the River Des Peres. Eighteen acres on the east side of Gravois were added in 1881, and an additional 28 adjoining acres from in 1921. The congregation sold the cemetery in 1978, and it went into decline as it passed through the hands of a number of different owners. In 1996, the city seized the property for back taxes, and it has been administered by the St. Louis Development Corporation, a St. Louis City agency, since then.

Cemetery records
A tombstone transcription is available at the St. Louis County Library's Headquarters Branch. For cemetery records, contact:

Dee Nickson-Harris
St. Louis Development Corporation
1015 Locust Street, Suite 1200
St. Louis, MO 63101
Phone: (314) 622-3400 Ext. 389

Church address
Christ the King United Church of Christ
11370 Old Halls Ferry Rd.

Florissant, MO 63033
(314) 741-6808

German Evangelical

See also St. Marcus Cemeteries, St. Peter's Cemetery

Also known as: Westerman's, Lemp Avenue
Location: Lemp Ave. near Utah, later bordered by Wisconsin and Cherokee, St. Louis City
Year established: 1846

The German Evangelical Cemetery was founded by the German Evangelical Congregation in St. Louis, founded in 1843 by the Rev. George W. Wall and a group that left Holy Ghost Church. The congregation had two locations, the North Church at 14th and Carr, and the South Church at Soulard and Jackson (later 3rd St.). The two congregations became independent of each other 1848, with the North Church becoming St. Peter's and the South Church becoming St. Marcus.

The German Evangelical Cemetery continued to be operated by both St. Marcus and St. Peter's congregations after they divided. The cemetery was condemned shortly after the last burial in 1856. Both churches advertised that bodies could be removed and buried in the new cemeteries. Bodies found when the land was re-graded in 1899 were removed to Old St. Marcus Cemetery. The churches sold the land in 1909.

Cemetery records
Records up to 1848 are possibly located with St. Peter's Church records. From 1848 – 1856, burials could be listed with either St. Marcus or St. Peter's church records. The Archives at Eden Theological Seminary and the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch has microfilm records of both churches.

Holy Ghost

Also known as: Old Pickers's, Picot's or Picotte's
Location: Gravois near Arsenal on land now partly occupied by Roosevelt High School,
        3220 Hartford, St. Louis City
Year established: 1846
Closed: 1917

Holy Ghost Cemetery was founded by the Independent German Evangelical Protestant Congregation of the Holy Ghost, founded in 1834 as the first German Protestant congregation in St. Louis. Although never a member congregation of the Evangelical Synod, it joined the Evangelical and Reformed church in 1943 and is now a congregation of the United Church of Christ.

On Nov. 2, 1846, nine and 70/100 acres of land were purchased on Gravois Road three miles from the courthouse. On April 25, 1853, it was expanded to 20 acres extending from Gravois to Arsenal just east of Grand Avenue. The cemetery was more commonly known as Old Picker's Cemetery after the Rev. Frederick [Franz] Picker, pastor of Holy Ghost Church from 1843 – 1855. The first burial was Nov. 9, 1846. According to one source, by November 1884, 24,683 bodies had been buried there, including many victims of cholera epidemics.

At the behest of area residents, the city forbade further internments in the cemetery in 1902, and the cemetery association was forced to arrange for the removal of the bodies. As far as possible all owners of lots in which bodies were interred were notified and given a deadline to remove them. Many bodies were moved to Zion, New St. Marcus, Bellefontaine, St. Peter's Evangelical, and Independent Evangelical Protestant (New Picker's) cemeteries. When the property was sold to developer Richard C. Spackler in Jan. 1917, all remaining bodies were moved to Zion cemetery, 7401 St. Charles Rock Rd.

Cemetery records
Microfilm of burial records are located in the Archives at Eden Theological Seminary and in Special Collections at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch. Removal records are not known to exist.

Church address
Holy Ghost United Church of Christ
4916 Mardel Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63109
(314) 352-7008

Independent Evangelical Protestant
See Gatewood Gardens

New St. Marcus
See St. Marcus Cemeteries below.

Old St. Marcus
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St. John's

Location: 1293 St. Cyr Rd., north St. Louis County
Founded: 1858

St. John's Church was established in 1852 in a Baptist Church on 12th St. between O'Fallon and Cass. The congregation built its first building at 14th and Madison Streets in 1853, and has been at Grand Blvd. and Lee Street since 1923.

Twenty acres of land was purchased in 1858 and consecrated for cemetery purposes. In 1889 an addition of eleven and a half acres was made. Since 1927, the cemetery has been operated as a perpetual care cemetery separate and apart from the church.

Cemetery records
Contact the cemetery office:

St. John's Cemetery
1293 Saint Cyr Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63137
(314) 867-4981

Church address
St. John's United Church of Christ
4136 N. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63107
(314) 534-0323

St. Marcus Cemeteries
See also German Evangelical Cemetery

St. Marcus Church was established in 1848 when the South Church of the German Evangelical Congregation of St. Louis became independent from the North Church (later St. Peter's). St. Marcus Church has had three cemeteries in its history:

1. German Evangelical Cemetery
See information above.

2. Old St. Marcus Cemetery

Location: 6638 Gravois Ave. near Kingshighway Blvd.
Year established: 1856

With only 2,290 of about 19,500 burials under perpetual care, this cemetery became so neglected that burials were prohibited after 1960. It was sold to the city in 1977 and afterwards turned into a walking park. Although many of the original grave markers remain, most have been destroyed through vandalism or moved. Money from the sale was used to move graves under perpetual care to New St. Marcus Cemetery.

Cemetery records
Microfilm records are available in at the Archives at Eden Theological Seminary and at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch.

3. New St. Marcus Cemetery

Location: 7901 Gravois
Year established: 1896

Established at Gravois near the River des Peres, this cemetery continues receive burials. All plots are under perpetual care.

Cemetery records
Records on microfilm are available at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch. Original records can be viewed at the cemetery office:

New St. Marcus Cemetery
7901 Gravois Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 353-0227

Church address:
St. Marcus United Church of Christ
2102 Russell Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63104
(314) 771-0738

St. Matthew

Location: 4360 Bates St. near Gravois Rd.
Year established: 1878

St. Matthew was founded in 1875 as a mission congregation, first meeting in a hall at 2622 S. Broadway. The congregations built its first church at 7th and Cave Streets in 1876. A larger church was built at Jefferson and Potomac in 1889, which was St. Mathew's location until closing in 2014.

St. Matthew's established its Cemetery in 1878 on 45 acres and expanded it by another 10 acres in 1892. A chapel was added in 1887.

Cemetery records
Contact the cemetery office:

St. Matthew Cemetery
4360 Bates St.
St. Louis, MO 63116
(314) 481-9033

St. Pauls

Also known as: St. Paul Churchyard
Location: 7600 Rock Hill Rd., south St. Louis County
Year established: 1856

St. Paul Church was founded when Pastor Adolph Baltzer and a group of parishioners left St. Marcus Church in 1848. The church was located 1808 N. 9th St., between Soulard and Lafayette, until relocating to Giles and Potomac in 1924.

St. Paul Cemetery was founded in 1856 at Gravois and Wilmington Roads, with a second section between Gravois and Kingshighway acquired in 1893. When the city banned further burials in 1926 and made plans to widen Gravois and Kingshighway, the church moved all graves to the present site. The cemetery occupies part of what was once the original Ulysses S. Grant Farm. Of the 125 acres originally purchased, 50 were consecrated for cemetery use. The remaining undeveloped portion as sold in 1947.

Cemetery records
Records on microfilm are available at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch. Records can also be viewed at the cemetery office:

St. Paul Churchyard
7600 Rock Hill Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 843-4543

Church address
St. Paul United Church of Christ
3510 Giles Ave
Saint Louis, MO 63116
(314) 772-4772

St. Peter's

Location: 2101 Lucas and Hunt Rd
Established: 1857

St. Peter's Church was established in 1848 when the North Church of the German Evangelical Congregation of St. Louis became independent from the South Church (St. Marcus). The congregation consolidated with St. Peter's Chapel, Ferguson, in 1972. St. Peter's Church has had two cemeteries in its history:

1. German Evangelical Cemetery
See German Evangelical Cemetery

2. St. Peter's Cemetery

The land for the current St. Peter's Cemetery, part of the Lindell Estate, was purchased in 1855 and

had later additions. It has been under perpetual care since 1912 and is non-sectarian.

Cemetery records
Microfilm records are available at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch, or contact the cemetery office:

St. Peter's Cemetery
2101 Lucas and Hunt Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63121
(314) 385-0841

Church address
St. Peter's United Church of Christ
1425 Stein Rd.
St. Lous, MO 63135
(314) 521-5694

Zion

Location: 7401 St. Charles Rock Rd., north St. Louis County

Zion Congregation was founded in 1868 at 23rd and Montgomery, later moving to a new brick Church at 25th and Benton in 1872. The church relocated to Florissant in 1971.

Zion Cemetery was established in 1883 on St. Charles Rock Road. The main entrance was erected in 1906 and Administration building in 1926. In 1913 Perpetual Care was introduced, and since 1920, all lots were sold under the Perpetual Care Plan. Zion Cemetery received many bodies from Holy Ghost Cemetery (Old Pickers) when it closed in 1917

Cemetery records
Contact the cemetery office:

Zion Cemetery
7401 Saint Charles Rock Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63133
(314) 721-8631

Church address
Zion United Church of Christ
5710 N. US Highway 67
Florissant, MO 63034
(314) 741-1590

Cemeteries related to churches currently located in St. Louis County

Parkway

      Formerly called Zion Evangelical Church. See also St. Paul's, Creve Coeur below.

      The roots of Parkway United Church of Christ date back to 1838, when 15 to 20 widely scattered pioneer families began meeting monthly in the home of George Preiss. A log church was built in 1843 at Manchester and Ballas Roads as the Evangelical Manchester Road Church. The congregation soon divided into Lutheran and united Lutheran-Reformed factions. The pastor and some members left the congregation and formed a United German Evangelical congregation nearby. The Lutherans, remaining in the original location, became the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation, joining what is now the Lutheran church—Missouri Synod in 1862. Meanwhile, the German Evangelical Congregation had built their own log church one quarter mile west of Ballas Road near Clayton Road by 1850. The congregation relocated across the street from its present location about 1854. In 1889, the congregation incorporated under the name of the German Evangelical Zion's Congregation. The church changed its name to Parkway United Church of Christ in 1958. A new church building was completed in 1998.

      In 1843, some families from the original group formed their own congregation nearer to their residence. This congregation is the present-day St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Creve Coeur.

      Several cemeteries are related to the Zion / Parkway congregation:

1. St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery

Location: Manchester and Ballas Roads adjacent to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Des Peres
Year established: ca. 1841

Established before the congregation split into Lutheran and United Evangelical factions, this cemetery includes burials of early members and belongs to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Cemetery records
Contact the St. Paul's Lutheran Church:

Church address
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
12345 Manchester Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63131
(314) 822-0447

2. German Evangelical Cemetery

Location: Near Clayton and Ballas Roads
Also known as: Windmoor Place Cemetery
Year established: 1848

The German Evangelical Congregation's first cemetery was established near the first church on a half acre lot in Windmoor Subdivision off Clayton Rd. in 1848. The cemetery was closed in 1850. Vandalism has left only one stone extant.

Cemetery records
No cemetery records are known to exist.

3. Zion (Elm) Cemetery

Location: Across the street from the present church at 2840 N. Ballas Rd., west St. Louis County.
Also known as: Elm Lawn Cemetery
Year established: 1854

The congregation established a cemetery adjacent to the church in 1854. This cemetery, restricted to church members, came under perpetual care in 1932 and was renamed Elm.

Cemetery records
Contact Parkway Church:

Church address
Parkway United Church of Christ
2840 N. Ballas Road
St. Louis 63131
(314) 872-9330

Park Hill
    See St. Lukas Cemetery (Sappington) below.

ST. JOHN'S (MANCHESTER)

Location: Manchester and Sulpher Springs Roads, west St. Louis County
Year established: 1860

St. John's Church and its cemetery have remained in the same location as when established in 1860.

Cemetery records
Contact St. John's Church.

Church address
St. John United Church of Christ
332 Old Sulphur Springs Road
P.O. Box 613
Manchester, MO 63011
636-391-6655

St. Johns (Mehlville)

St. John's Church has remained in the same location since its founding in 1838. The German Evangelical Church Society of the West (late the Evangelical Synod of North America) was founded there in 1840.

The church has had two cemeteries:

1. Old St. John's Cemetery

Location: 11333 St. Johns Church Rd., Mehlville
Year established: 1838

Old Saint John's Cemetery was established soon after the church on adjacent ground. Though still active, only members of
St. John's Church may be buried there.

2. New Saint John's Cemetery

Location: Lemay Ferry and Forder Roads; entrance is at 44399 Kinswood Lane
Year established: 1915

This cemetery was purchased around 1915 and is non-sectarian.

Cemetery records
Contact St. John's Church.

Church address
St. John's Evangelical United Church of Christ
11333 St. John's Church Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 892-0848

St. John's (Chesterfield)

Location: Adjacent to the church at 15370 Olive Blvd., west St. Louis County
Established: 1896

St. John's Church was founded in 1893 with the assistance of St. Paul's Church in Strattmann (now Creve Coeur) when Chesterfield was known as Bellefontaine. A new church building was built at the same location in 1962.

St. John's Cemetery was established in 1896.

Cemetery records
Contact St. John's Church.

Church address
St. John's United Church of Christ
15370 Olive Blvd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017
(636) 532-0540

St. Lucas (Sappington)

Location: Adjacent to the church at 11735 Denny Rd., west St. Louis County
Established: 1880

St. Lucas Church was founded in 1880 by members of St. John's Church, Mehlville who wanted a church more accessible to their homes. A frame church on five acres, built in 1881, was replaced by a stone church in 1905. The present building was constructed in 1971. A building that was converted into a home for the church sexton was formerly a Congregational Church.

The cemetery, which shares the church grounds, was established at the time of the church. Park Hill cemetery, established May 1891, was purchased by St. Lucas in 1922. Both cemeteries have been known as St. Lucas Cemetery since 1964.

Cemetery records
Contact the church.

Church address
St. Lucas United Church of Christ
11735 Denny Road
St. Louis, MO 63126
(314) 843-2100

St. Paul's (Creve Coeur)

      See also Parkway above.

      Location: Adjacent to and across the street from the church at Olive Street Blvd.
          (formerly Bonhomme Rd.) and Warson Rd., west St. Louis County
      Established: About 1845

      Seeking to establish a church more convenient to their homes, some families worshipping with the German congregation at Manchester and Ballas Roads (the later St. Paul's Lutheran and Zion Evangelical / Parkway Churches) founded the German Evangelical Lutheran-Reformed St. Paul's Congregation in what is now Creve Coeur (formerly Central Township, later Stratmann). The congregation has occupied three buildings, all at the same location. Formerly United Church of Christ, St. Paul's has been a member of the Evangelical Free Church in America since 1999.

      St. Paul's Cemetery was established about 1845 adjacent north of the church building. The cemetery was expanded when ten acres were purchased across Warson Rd. east of the church in 1901. The cemetery has been under perpetual care since 1927.

      Cemetery records
      Contact the church. An index of cemetery records is available on line at:
      http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~lindainmo/st_pauls/index.html

      Church address
      St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church
      9801 Olive Street Blvd.
      St. Louis, MO 63141
      (314) 993- 0015

St. Paul's (Oakville)

      Location: Heintz and Bamgartner, south St. Louis County
      Established: 1844

      St. Paul's Church was founded in 1844 near Heintz and Old Bamgartner Roads (also refered to as Mathees or Mattese Creek). It moved to its present location on Telegraph Rd. in 1905. The cemetery was established at the same time as the church and remains in its original location.

      Cemetery records
      Microfilm records are available at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch, or contact the church.

      Church address

      St. Paul's United Church of Christ
      5508 Telegraph Road
      S.t Louis, MO 63129
      (314) 892-3332

St. Peter's (Ferguson)

    Originally located in St. Louis City. See Cemeteries related to Churches located in St. Louis City—St. Peter's Cemetery above.

St. Thomas (Chesterfield / Gumbo)

    Also known as: Koewing, Long Road, or Gumbo Cemetery
    Location: Long Rd. just north of Wild Horse Creek Rd., west St. Louis County
    Established: 1907

    St. Thomas Church and its cemetery was founded in 1907 on Long Road in what was then known as Gumbo in Bonhomme Township. The Church relocated west to 17842 Wild Horse Creek Rd. in 1966.

    Cemetery records
    Contact the church.

    Church address
    St. Thomas United Church of Christ
    17842 Wild Horse Creek Rd.
    Chesterfield, MO 63005
    (636) 532-3556

Zion (Town & Country)
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Zion
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