# PastPorts

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# **OF NOTE**

# Special Collections Department to celebrate 15 years on July 24

The public is invited to help the Special Collections Department celebrate 15 years of operation at an open house on Wednesday, July 24, 2–7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Tours of the Department will be offered at 3 and 6 p.m.

Created after the St. Louis Genealogical Society transferred its research collection to the St. Louis County Library, the Department officially opened on July 20, 1998. Since then, the addition of the Julius K. Hunter and Friends African American Research Collection, created in 2000, and the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection, received in 2001, has added immense depth and breadth to the Department's offerings. The Mary F. Berthold Collection (2004) and several smaller but important acquisitions have also added many valuable items to the Department's resources. Holdings now include more than 80,000 book titles, 850 periodicals, 20,000 microfilm rolls, 55,000 microfiche, 300 CD-ROM titles.

# FOR THE RECORDS

# United Church of Christ records

Some of the oldest existing churches in the St. Louis area are members of the United Church of Christ denomination. Their records are an important source of genealogical information, particularly for researchers with German ancestry.

Many UCC records have been microfilmed and are available in the Special Collections Department or may be borrowed through Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A complete list of UCC records on microfilm held by the Special Collections Department is available on the library's website <a href="http://tinyurl.com/atmkxfr">http://tinyurl.com/atmkxfr</a>>.

## Historical overview

The United Church of Christ was formed in 1957 by the merger of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Both were the products of mergers in the 1930s. A chronological list of St. Louis City and County congregations by founding denomination begins on page 8.

# **■ Congregational Christian Churches**

The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches was formed in 1931 as a merger of the National Council of Congregational Churches and an association of congregations known as the Christian Connection. The Congregational Church dates back to the English Reformation, when the Church of England declared itself independent of the Roman Catholic Church in 1534. Although the Church had adapted many ideas from the German and Swiss Reformations, some radical groups felt the reforms had not gone far enough. Once such group, the Congregationalists, advocated for a strict form of Calvinism and opposed any sort of church hierarchy. These views brought the group into conflict with the established Church of England, which largely retained a Catholic-style of worship and hierarchical system of government.



# 15 YEARS

# Special Collections Department

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# **Open house**

July 24, 2013 2 –7 p.m. Headquarters, Tier 5

Refreshments will be served.

**Tours** of the department will be conducted at 3 and 6 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Please join us!





Right | Pilgrim Congregational Church, Washington and Ewing Avenues, St. Louis as depicted in "A Tour of St. Louis, or the Inside Life of a Great City," 1878, p. 116 (R 977.866 D119T). The congregation is now located at 826 Union Blvd.

After suffering severe persecution, a group of Congregationalists went to Holland in 1607 and later crossed the Atlantic, arriving on the Mayflower at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620. Later groups of like-minded Puritans arrived to make Congregationalism the dominant religious tradition in New England.

Congregationalism was first established in St. Louis in 1852, when the pastor of Third Presbyterian Church and a faction of members left to establish First Trinitarian Congregational Church, now located at 6501 Wydown Blvd. in Clayton. In all, more than 20 congregations were founded in St. Louis City and County between 1852 and 1957, although many have since closed or merged with other congregations.

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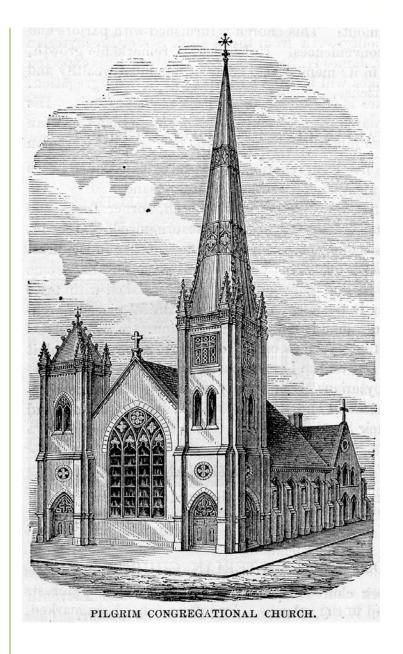
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### Tours

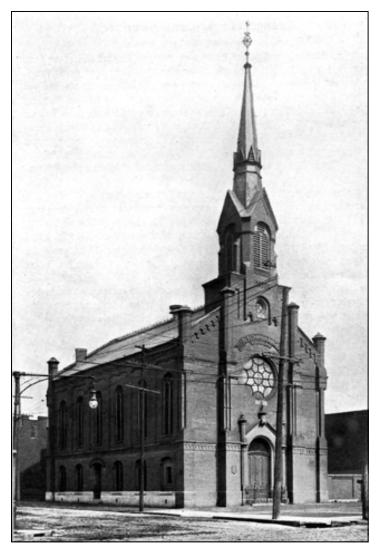
Tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.



The Christian Connection was an association of congregations resulting from late-18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup>-century religious movements that sought to overcome denominational divisions by using the New Testament as a model for Church organization and practice. No congregations of the Christian Connection are known to have existed in St. Louis City or County.

# **■ Evangelical and Reformed Church**

The Evangelical and Reformed Church was formed when the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed



Bethany German Evangelical Church, Wash (now Cole) and Franklin Streets, 1904. The congregation is now Bethany-Peace United Church of Christ in Florissant. Photo courtesy of Eden Seminary Archives, used by permission.

Church in the United States merged in 1934. Both denominations had their roots in the 16-century Reformation in Germany and Switzerland and were founded by Germanspeaking immigrants.

The Reformation in Germany is usually dated as beginning in 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. In doing so, Luther started a movement that sought to correct what he and others believed were abuses in the church. Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin began a similar movement in Switzerland

about the same time. Although the German and Swiss Reformers shared much in common, key differences dividing them resulted in separate Lutheran and Reformed denominations. Switzerland and much of the Palatinate along the Rhine River became Reformed, while most other Protestant areas in Germany became Lutheran.

The results of war and economic hardship created the "first wave" of German immigration to America beginning in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, when immigrants brought the German Reformed faith to America. The first German Reformed Church organization was formed in 1747 in Pennsylvania, which became the center of the German Reformed Church.

In St. Louis, only two German Reformed congregations were established. Salem Reformed Church, at 14<sup>th</sup> and Sullivan Streets, was founded in 1884. It merged with Faith Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1949 to create Faith-Salem located at 7348 W. Florissant Ave., Jennings (closed 2000). Maple Avenue Reformed Church was founded as an English-speaking congregation at Maple and Clarendon Avenues in 1897 but closed about 1915.

## ■ The Evangelical Synod of North America

The Evangelical Synod was created by the second wave of German immigration beginning in the 1830s. When German immigrants began flooding into the St. Louis area their early communities lacked both churches and clergy to serve them. Meanwhile, the established German Lutheran and Reformed denominations in the east found themselves unprepared to minister to the new German-speaking communities on the western frontier.

At the request of a group of New England Congregationalists, German and Swiss missionary societies began sending pastors to the area in 1836. In 1840, six clergymen working in Missouri and Illinois met at St. John's German Evangelical Church at Gravois Creek (now Mehlville) in south St. Louis County to form the German Evangelical Church Society of the West. Intended as a local association to support pastors and their congregations, it grew in scope to become the German Evangelical Synod of North America, a national denomination. "German" was dropped from the name in 1935.



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The Evangelical Synod merged Lutheran and Reformed faiths into a united denomination, as had been done in Prussia and other areas of Germany beginning in 1817. The Evangelical Synod was numerically strong in Midwest areas where German immigration was heaviest, including St. Louis, the Missouri River Valley, and southern Illinois. The denomination's headquarters were in St. Louis. Eden Seminary in Webster Groves, Evangelical Children's Home (now known as Every Child's Hope) in north St. Louis County, and Emmaus Homes in St. Charles are prominent local institutions founded by the Evangelical Synod. The denomination established forty-four congregations in St. Louis City and County, including some of the earliest German Protestant Churches west of the Mississippi.

# ■ Independent German Evangelical congregations

Some "free-thinkers" among the German immigrants resisted the idea of hierarchical denominational structures and formed independent German Protestant congregations that later joined established denominations. Chief among these were Holy Ghost Church, the first German Protestant Church in St. Louis City, organized in 1834 (closed 2007). Independent German Evangelical Protestant Congregation (now known as Christ the King UCC, Florissant), was founded by a splinter group from Holy Ghost Church in 1856. Holy Ghost Church was received into the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1943. Independent German Evangelical Protestant joined the Congregational Christian Churches in 1935.

# Records of UCC congregations

Records always reflect the purposes and dispositions of their creators, and church records are no different. The kind of information available in UCC records depends on factors including denominational background, recordkeeping practices, and the time period.

# **■** Congregational records

Congregational Church records reflect the denomination's emphasis on the congregation as an independent community of believers. Detailed membership lists are a dominant record type. They commonly note when and how an individual joined the congregation (by baptism, letter of transfer from another congregation, or profession of faith) and how and when he or she left (through death, letter of transfer to another congregation, or dismissal). The address of residence is often included. Names can be listed alphabetically or chronologically by date of the individual's entry into the congregation.

Both infant and adult baptism was practiced in Congregationalism. Records of infant baptism list the child's name, his or her parents, and the baptismal date. Birthdates are not always included. Adult baptisms usually only include the name of the person and the date. Infant baptisms, marriages and deaths often appear in lists separate from other records but can occur elsewhere. Confirmation was not normally practiced in Congregational Churches,



although records usually note when new members were received. Minutes of congregations and annual reports can include records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths not recorded elsewhere.

### **■** German Protestant records

German Protestant immigrants and their pastors came from areas where the Church was an arm of the state, where universal Church membership was assumed, and where detailed church record keeping was required by law. Many immigrant pastors brought these record-keeping practices to their American congregations. Records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths are almost universally present, although the level of detail can vary depending on the time period and the pastor's record-keeping preferences. Earlier records tend to be more detailed than later ones, although this is not always the case. Early records can appear in narrative form or in handwritten tabulated columns. Ledgers with standardized pre-printed forms began to appear in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Records created before about WWI are almost always written in German script. The following descriptions of the records note what a researcher might expect, although actual records can be more or less detailed.

# **CLASSES**

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is required. **Call** (314) 994-3300 to register. Space is limited.

# Thistory and Genealogy in Newspapers

This class will be offered at the following times:

- Monday, July 1, 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.

Classes will be held in the Headquarters Computer Lab. Registration is now open.



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Salem Reformed Church, 14th and Sullivan Streets, St. Louis. The congregation merged with Faith Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jennings, 1949 to form Faith-Salem. Image courtesy of Eden Seminary Archives.

Infant baptism was the norm, but records can include the occasional adult. Baptismal records can include name of baptismal candidate; place of birth; names of parents, including mother's maiden name; father's occupation; place of residence; name of sponsors (sometimes indicating relationship to the baptized person); baptismal date; birth date; and name of the pastor.

Confirmation occurred about the age of 14. Records can include name of confirmand, names of parents, baptismal date, birth date, confirmation date, confirmation memory verse, and name of pastor.

Marriage records can include names of the bride (with maiden name) and groom, places of birth and residence, names of parents, names of sponsors (sometimes indicating relationship to the bride or groom), date of ceremony, and name of the pastor. Records sometimes note when the act was entered in the civil register.

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Membership records of First Congregational Church, Springfield, Missouri, 1902. Deaths are noted in the "Date of Removal" column. Used by permission of Eden Seminary Archives.



Death records can include the name of the deceased, names of parents, name of spouse, date and cause of death, and place of burial. Some churches included a brief biography or obituary of the person who died.

It is not uncommon to find an immigrants' village of birth mentioned in German Protestant records. This information often shows up in marriage records, but the information can be recorded in other places as well.

Other records kept by German congregations included church council and congregational meetings, and communion attendance records. Later records sometimes include membership lists similar to those kept by Congregational churches.

# Historical guide to congregations founded in denominations that are now part of the United Church of Christ

Congregations are listed by founding denomination in chronological order. Data provided by Eden Seminary Archives and used by permission. A † symbol indicates that microfilmed records are available in the Special Collections Department. A complete list of holdings is posted on the library's website <a href="http://tinyurl.com/atmkxfr">http://tinyurl.com/atmkxfr</a>>.

# ■ Congregational Churches, to 1957

- † First Congregational Church of St. Louis, 6501
   Wydown Blvd., Clayton; founded by the pastor and a faction of members from Third Presbyterian
   Church as First Trinitarian Congregational; located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets until 1885, then 2610
   Grandel Square until 1915
- 1866 First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10W. Lockwood Ave.; founded by members of FirstCongregational Church of St. Louis
- **Pilgrim Congregational,** 826 Union Blvd., St. Louis; established from a Sunday school at Morgan St. near Garrison St. in 1853; located at Washington Blvd. and Ewing Ave. until 1906
- 1869 Third Congregational, 1220 N. Grand Blvd.; founded as a split from Pilgrim Congregational and out of Mayflower Mission, established 1867;

- located at Garfield and Spring Avenues until 1882; Merged with Aubert Place Congregational to form Fountain Park Congregational, 1895; building sold to Holy Ghost German Evangelical Church
- 1879 Swedish Evangelical Congregational, 1201 Armstrong Ave. (Later McKay Place); closed by 1919
- **†** Compton Hill Congregational, Compton and Lafayette Avenues, St. Louis; founded out of High Street Mission established 1880 at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Clark Streets; known as Fifth Congregational until 1886; merged with Mt. Hope Evangelical, 3661 Detonty Ave., 1955
- 1881 Hyde Park Congregational, 1501 Bremen Ave.; met at 9<sup>th</sup> and Salisbury Streets until 1883; closed by 1940
- **1882** ♦ Memorial Congregational, 6241 Victoria Ave., St. Louis; known as Cheltenham Congregational until 1886; located at Sulpher Ave. and Way St. until 1911; closed 1997
- 1883 Union Congregational, 1433 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis; merged to Congregational Church of the Redeemer, 1918
- 1885 Church of the Redeemer Congregational, Barrett and Thompson (now Garrett) Avenues; merged with Union Congregational in 1911.
- 1885 Garfield Congregational, Garfield and N. Spring Avenues, St. Louis; founded as First German Free Evangelical Congregational; closed by 1928
- 1887 People's Tabernacle, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Clark Streets; closed 1900
- 1889 Sappington Congregational, 11735 Denny Rd., Sappington; closed by 1939; building sold and converted into a residence by St. Lucas Evangelical Church
- 1890 Aubert Place Congregational, Fountain and Aubert Avenues, St. Louis; merged with Fountain Park Congregational, 1895
- 1890 Old Orchard Congregational, 640 Amelia Ave., Webster Groves, closed about 1948
- 1891 Bethlehem Bohemian Congregational, 1300 Gravois Ave. at Allen Ave.; established from a mission begun in 1888; closed by 1938, possibly in 1935
- 1891 Hope Congregational, 4200 Brown Rd., St. John; established from Garfield Mission, founded in 1890;



- met at 1485 Stewart Place in St. Louis until 1908 and then 1636 Semple Ave. until 1958; left the Congregational Christian Churches in 1934 to become an independent congregation.
- 1891 Immanuel Congregational, 2960 Jamieson Ave.; met at 6801 Hancock Ave. until 1925
- 1892 Central Congregational, 626 N. Newstead Ave.; closed or merged by 1901
- 1893 Maplewood Congregational, 1517 McCausland Ave.; originally known as Church of the Covenant and located at 2736 Sutton Ave. until 1941; left the United Church of Christ in 1960
- 1891 Reber Place Congregational, 2741 Macklind Ave., St. Louis; established out of Manchester Road Mission, founded 1981; located at 2717 Macklind until 1903; closed by 1938
- 1895 Fourth Congregational, 2407-2411 Belle Glade Ave., St. Louis; organized out of new Hope Mission Sunday School established in 1965 and known originally as Plymouth; merged to Fountain Park Congregational, 1919
- 1895 Fountain Park Congregational, 4950 Fountain Ave.; formed by a merger of Aubert Place and Third (Mayflower) Congregational; closed by 1936; building sold to Centennial Christian Church
- 1896 Union Congregational, Ann Avenue and Daugherty Ferry Rd. (Forst Ave), Valley Park; closed 1904
- 1912 Faith Congregational, 210 Chestnut Ave.; established as South Webster Sunday School
- 1922 Brentwood Congregational, 2400 S. Brentwood; established from a mission begun in 1903
- 1949 Church of the Open Door, 9440 Big Bend Blvd.
- 1955 Mt. Hope Evangelical Congregational, 3661
  DeTonty St.; founded as a merger of Mt. Hope
  Evangelical (independent) and Compton Heights
  Congregational; closed 1962; building razed during
  construction of I-44.

# ■ Reformed Church in the United States, to 1934

- Salem Reformed, 14<sup>th</sup> and Sullivan Streets,
   St. Louis; merged with Faith Evangelical and
   Reformed, Florissant to form Faith-Salem, 1949
- 1897 Maple Avenue Reformed, Maple and Clarendon Avenues, St. Louis; closed about 1915

# ■ Evangelical Synod of North America, 1840–1934

- **1838** ♦ **St. John,** 11333 St. John's Church Rd., Mehlville
- Wendelin Wall and a faction from Holy Ghost
  Church. The congregation met in two locations: the
  North Church at 14<sup>th</sup> and Carr Streets, St. Louis, and
  the South Church at Jackson (now 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Soulard
  Streets. The locations became independent congregations as St. Peter (North Church) and St. Marcus
  (South Church) in 1848.
- 1843 St. Paul, Olive Blvd. and Warson Rd., Creve Coeur (Strathmann), with roots in the German Evangelical Congregation of Des Peres, founded by 1837; withdrew from the UCC in 1999
- **1844 † St. Paul,** 5508 Telegraph Rd., Oakville, located at Heinz and Baumgartner Roads until 1918
- **1848** Parkway, 2841 N. Ballas Rd., 1848, with roots in the German Evangelical Congregation of Des Peres, founded by 1837; known as Zion until 1957
- **1848** St. Marcus, 2111 McNair Ave., St. Louis; formed when the South Church became independent from the German Evangelical Congregation; located at Jackson (now 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Soulard Streets until 1915
- **1848** St. Paul, 3510 Giles Ave., St. Louis; formed by a faction that left St. Marcus; located at 1808 St. 9<sup>th</sup> St. until 1924
- **1848** St. Peter, 4015 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis; formed when the North Church became independent from the German Evangelical Congregation; located at 14<sup>th</sup> & Carr Streets until 1915; consolidated with St. Peter's Chapel, Ferguson, 1972
- **1852 St. John,** 4136 Grand Blvd., St. Louis; located at 14<sup>th</sup> and Madison Streets until 1923
- **1857** Friedens, 1908 Newhouse St.; met at Fairmont Presbyterian Church, 9<sup>th</sup> and Penrose Streets until 1861; closed 2008
- **1860 St. John,** 332 Old Sulphur Spring Rd., Manchester
- **1867 Bethany**, Redbud and Rosalie Avenues, St. Louis; located at 22nd and Franklin Streets until



- 1874, then at Wash (now Cole) and Franklin Streets until 1915; merged into Peace, Florissant in 1971
- **1868 † Zion,** 5710 N. Highway 67, Florissant; located at 2506 Benton St. until 1971
- **1869** Carondelet Evangelical, 7423 Michigan Ave., St. Louis (Carondelet)
- **1869 St. James,** 1505 E. College Ave.; met at DeSoto and McKissock Streets until 1887; closed 1979
- **1875** St. Matthew, 2613 Potomac St., St. Louis; located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Cave Streets until 1888
- 1885 Salem, 2490 Pohlman Rd., Florissant; located at Marcus and Margaretta Avenues until 1898, then at Shreve and Margaretta Avenues until 1962. The congregation withdrew from the United Church of Christ in 2001.
- **1886 Ebenezer,** 2911 McNair Ave., St. Louis; merged with St. Andrew, 1964, to form Epiphany
- **1888 ♦ Immanuel,** 221 Church St., Ferguson
- **1889** Immanuel, Maple Ave. and Washington Blvd.; merged with Eden, St. Louis, to form Eden-Immanuel, 1919
- 1890 Bethlehem, 5801 Southwest Ave., St. Louis; located at Hereford St. and Shaw Ave. until 1910; merged with Messiah to form Mt. Tabor, 1928
- 1890 Christ, 7126 Bruno Ave., Maplewood; located at Manchester Rd. and Blendon Pl. until 1925
- **1892 Description Eden,** Hamilton and Bartmer Avenues, St. Louis; merged with Immanuel, St. Louis, to form Eden-Immanuel, 1919
- 1892 St. John, 15370 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield
- **1893 Trinity,** 5200 Hilda Ave., St. Louis; located at 3124 Neosho until 1931, then at 4700 S. Grand Blvd. until 2005
- **1894** Jesus, 2464 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis; formed by members of St. Marcus Church; met at Soulard Market Hall until 1896
- **1896 Emmaus,** 4341 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis; closed 1976
- **1896** St. Stephen, Halls Ferry Rd. and McLaren Ave.,

- St. Louis; located at Gimblin Ave. and Halls Ferry Rd. until 1938; closed 2012
- **1901 Bethel,** 14700 New Halls Ferry Rd., Florissant; located at 2941 Greer Ave., St. Louis until 1965; originally known as First English Evangelical
- 1903 Nazareth, 3554 Morganford Rd.; St. Louis, closed 1994
- 1905 Samuel, 320 N. Forsyth Blvd., Clayton
- **1906** Salvator, 5518 Thekla Ave., St. Louis; closed 1979
- 1907 Bethesda Evangelical Church, 85 Lemay Gardens Dr., Lemay; Located at Hoffmeister and Dammert until 1960; withdrew from UCC in 1999
- 1907 St. Thomas, 17842 Wild Horse Creek Rd., Chester-field (Gumbo); located at 0150 Long Rd. until 1969
- 1910 Redeemer, 6450 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis; established from Rosa Park Mission, formed at Gravois Blvd and Hapsburger Ave. The congregation left the United Church of Christ in 2001.
- 1911 Second English Evangelical, Alice Ave. and Grant St.; merged to Bethel, 1919
- **1912 Description Eden,** 8920 Eden Ave., Affton
- **1919 Description Eden-Immanuel,** 5630 Page Blvd., St. Louis; founded as a merger of Eden, St. Louis, and Immanuel, St. Louis
- **1920 Peace,** 204 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves; known as Webster Groves Evangelical until 2012
- 1923 Caroline Mission, 1821 Hickory St., St. Louis; the mission was established in 1913
- 1924 Messiah, 6520 Arsenal; merged with Bethlehem Evangelical in 1928 to form Mt. Tabor
- 1928 Mt. Tabor, 6520 Arsenal; formed as a merger of Bethlehem and Messiah
- 1929 Calvary, 2501 Hartland Ave., Overland
- Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1934–1957
- 1942 Faith (Faith-Salem), 7348 W. Florissant Ave., Jennings, 1942; merged with Salem (Reformed), in 1949; closed 2000



- 1943 † Hope, 6273 Eichelberger, St. Louis
- 1952 Friedens Chapel, 1060 Chambers Rd., founded as a chapel congregation of Friedens Church in St.Louis; closed 2012
- 1952 Kirkwood, 1603 Dougherty Ferry Rd. Kirkwood
- 1953 Christ in the City, 1121 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.; closed 2003

# **EVENTS**

Events are sponsored by St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public.

# StLGS Italian Special Interest Group

Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. Headquarters East Room "Tour of Cuggiono, Italy"

# St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m.
Headquarters Auditorium
"Jefferson Barracks and the Civil War in Missouri,"
Art Schuermann, presenter

# **StLGS German Special Interest Group**

Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

"St. Louis Turnvereins: German Gymnastic and Social Societies from 1850 to 1940," Andrew Wanko, presenter

# StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Tuesday, July 23, 7 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

"Research Service," Dan Vornberg and Ken Webb, presenters

- 1953 Kirkwood United Church of Christ, 1603 Dougherty Ferry Rd., Kirkwood
- 1955 Peace, 11936 Bellefontaine Rd., Bellefontaine Neighbors, 1955; Bethany Church, St. Louis, merged with the congregation in 1971
- 1958 St. Phillip, 10708 Lavinia Dr., Concord Village

# ■ United Church of Christ, 1957-present

- 1963 Ivy Chapel, 620 N. Woods Mill Rd., Chesterfield.

  The roots of this congregation go back to the founding of First Society of the New Jerusalem (also known as the Swedenborgian Church) in 1874, eventually located at 620 N. Spring in St. Louis.

  The congregation relocated in 1959 to 1045 Dautel Lane in Creve Coeur as Garden Chapel Community Church. In 1962, a faction left Garden Chapel and formed Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ. The congregation remaining at Dautel Lane is now known as Church of the Open Word (Swedenborgian)
- 1964 Epiphany, 2911 McNair Ave.; formed as a merger of Ebenezer and St. Andrew
- 1964 Prince of Peace, 4966 Town South Rd., south St. Louis County
- 1988 Greater New Higher Heights, 4657 S. Grand
- 1999 Iglesia Cristiana del Dios Viviente, 11625 Old St. Charles Rd.
- 2008 Garden Light, 2336 Tennessee Ave., St. Louis; formerly St. Luke; closed 2011.

# ■ Independent Evangelical congregations

**1834** \* Holy Ghost German Evangelical Protestant Church, 4916 Mardel Ave.; formed by a group of residents who began meeting as early as 1832. Met at Benton School, 6<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets until 1840, at 7<sup>th</sup> and Clark Streets until 1858, at 8<sup>th</sup> and Walnut



Streets until 1895, at Grand and Page Boulevards until 1923, at B'nai El Temple at Spring and Flad Avenues until 1928; closed 2007. Holy Ghost remained an independent congregation until 1943, when it was received into the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

- Protest the King; known as Independent German Evangelical Protestant until 1935; Independent Evangelical Congregational until 1957, and Congregational United Church of Christ until 1998; located at 8<sup>th</sup> and Mound Streets until 1869, at 13<sup>th</sup> and Tyler Streets until 1917, at Fair and Margaretta Avenues until 1960
- **1914** Pilgrim Evangelical Church, 3325 Arsenal St.; closed 1983
- 1935 Mt. Hope Evangelical Church, 3661 DeTonty St., St. Louis; founded as an independent congregation by the pastor and a faction of members from Pilgrim Evangelical Church; merged with Compton Hill Congregational to form Mt. Hope Evangelical Congregational, 1955

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# **Beauty Queens Bare Family Tree Limbs**

This was the lead for an article published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sept. 3, 1941, reporting on the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. The contestants were required to submit their family tree, and were encouraged to include "noted ancestors or relatives." The executive director of the pageant, George D. Tyson, intended to tout the impressive family backgrounds of these exceptional ladies. The results disclosed claims to a variety of colorful ancestors.

Miss Florida, Mitzi Strother of Miami, could trace her impressive family back to 1715 in Virginia, including a Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Davey Crockett. Miss Mississippi, Madeleine Smith of Winona, claimed Robert E. Lee and Chief Justice



Marshall among her ancestors. Miss Texas, Gloria Ann Byrns of Port Arthur, claimed another Supreme Court Justice, Joseph Byrnes, in addition to State Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama.

Two of the girls claimed to be among the descendants of Thomas Jefferson: Miss Delaware, Verona Smith of Bridgeville, and Miss

Iowa, Lorene Snoddy of Des Moines. Miss Oklahoma, Mifauwy Shunatona of Tulsa, a full-blooded Indian, seemed to top them all. As she described, her ancestry went back "thousands of years, before there was any Mayflower." When she passed the main viewing stand, she let out a "blood-curdling war whoop that made some directors nervous."

# **New Cars Sold in St. Louis County**

# St. Louis County Watchman-Advocate, July 3, 1923

Carrie L. Gross, Normandy, Franklin Sedan; Mrs. D. L. Remley, Clayton, Franklin Sedan; Estella Donahue, University City, Rickenbacker Touring; B. J. Queen, Vinita Park, Chevrolet Touring; John Ortkras, Overland, Chevrolet Touring; Mrs. H. Gillhouser, Webster Groves, Ford Sedan; Virginia T. Hern, Florissant, Ford Sedan; Thomas Martin, West Walnut Manor, Ford Touring.

A listing of St. Louis historical newspapers on microfilm in the Special Collections Department can be downloaded from the <a href="library website">library website</a> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/">http://tinyurl.com/</a> oxeu9pa>. The Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1874–1922 database can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library branch or remotely with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some restrictions apply).

**Left** | A column published in the St. Louis Republic on July 5, 1874 noting some of the events commemorating the opening of the Eads Bridge the day before.



The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations. Due to processing and binding requirements, some donated items may not be available in the library or listed in "PastPorts" until several months after they are received.

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<u>Baden Through the Years</u>, R 977.866 B134 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kfkvmjy">http://tinyurl.com/kfkvmjy>

<u>Carondelet: The Ethnic Heritage of an Urban</u>
<u>Neighborhood.</u> R 977.866 C293 and circulating copy
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Church of the Magdalen, St. Louis, Missouri.

R 977.866 C561 <a href="http://preview.tinyurl.com/lrs23fx">http://preview.tinyurl.com/lrs23fx</a>

<u>City of Ellisville.</u> R 977.865 C581 and circulating copy <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mhlezkg">http://tinyurl.com/mhlezkg</a>

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Buildings, Historic Persons. R 977.865 S326H

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Normandy, Missouri: History of Normandy.

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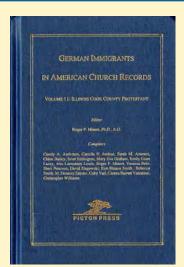
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