

Timeline of German churches in St. Louis, 1766 – 1900

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1766 – 1829

- 1766 Father Bernard De Limpach arrives from the Rhineland as priest to the Catholic congregation in St. Louis
- 1791 First person with German surname baptized
- 1827 Diocese of St. Louis formed with Rosati as bishop

1830 – 1839

- 1830s Father Joseph Anthony Lutz, born in Baden, begins ministering to German Catholics
Germans begin arriving in St. Louis in numbers
- 1833 German Evangelical Church, Femme Osage, St. Charles County, the first German Protestant Church west of the Mississippi, is founded
- 1834 Holy Ghost German Evangelical (Independent), 7th & Walnut, later at 8th & Walnut, Grand & Page, 4916 Mardel Ave.; closed 2007
- 1835 Mass held for north-side Germans in the chapel of St. Louis University at 9th St. & Washington Ave.

A group of New England Congregationalists petition Basel Mission Society to send German Protestant missionaries to the western frontier of the U.S.
- 1836 First German Protestant missionaries from Basel Mission Society arrive in St. Louis
- 1837 William Nast establishes first German Methodist Mission in Cincinnati
- 1838 St. John's German Evangelical, Mehlville

German Evangelical Congregation, Des Peres; later divided into St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Paul's German Evangelical, Zions German Evangelical (now Parkway United Church of Christ)
- 1839 Saxon Old Lutherans arrive in St. Louis

Trinity Lutheran; met at Christ Episcopal Church; built a chapel at 3rd & Lombard in 1842; now located 1805 S. 8th St.

1840 – 1849

- 1840 Evangelischer Kirchenverein des Westens (predecessor of the German Evangelical Synod of North America) founded at St. John's, Mehlville

- 1841 Ludwig S. Jacoby sent as German Methodist missionary to St. Louis
 First (Salem) German Methodist Church, 10th & Wash Streets, later at Kingshighway & Cote Brilliante, now at 1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd, Ladue
- 1842 First German Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian), 12th & Webster Streets; now Church of the Open Word, 1040 Dautel Lane, Creve Coeur (Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ, 620 Woods Mill Rd, Chesterfield, is also related)
- 1843 German Evangelical Congregation of St. Louis as a single congregation in two locations:
 North Church (St. Peter's German Evangelical), 14th & Carr (later at St. Louis & Warne Avenues, now at West Florissant & Stein Roads)
 South Church (St. Marcus German Evangelical) 3rd & Jackson Streets, now at Russell Blvd. & McNair Ave.
 St. Paul's German Evangelical, Strathman (Creve Coeur), now St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, Olive & Warson
- 1844 St. Paul's German Evangelical, Oakville
 St. Vincent de Paul Catholic, 9th St. & Park Ave.
 St. Mary of Victories Catholic, Gratiot & 3rd Streets
 German Methodist Mission, Columbus St., at 8th & Soulard Streets in 1858, at Jefferson & Accomac in 1892 as Memorial German Methodist; closed or merged
 Immanuel Lutheran, Olivette
 St. Joseph's Catholic (now St. Joseph's Shrine), 11th & Biddle Streets
- 1846 Salem Methodist, Ballwin
- 1848 St. Paul's German Evangelical, 9th St. between Lafayette & Soulard Streets, now at Giles & Potomac
 Eden German Methodist (founded as East St. Louis Mission), St. Louis Ave. & Montgomery St., at 13th & Benton Streets beginning 1852; at 2601 Warren St. in 1883; later at 5987 Wabada Ave.; closed or merged
 Immanuel Lutheran, 11th St. & Franklin Ave., later at 3540 Marcus Ave.; closed 2011
 Holy Trinity Catholic, 3519 N. 14th St.
 Zion German Evangelical, Ballas Road between Clayton and Manchester Roads, now Parkway United Church of Christ, 2841 N. Ballas Road, Des Peres
- 1849 Salem Lutheran, Black Jack
 Bethlehem Lutheran, 2153 Salisbury St.
 Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic, Allen Ave. & 8th St.

1849 First German Baptist, 14th & Carr Streets; later at 2629 Rauschenbusch Ave.; changed name to St. Louis Park Baptist during WWI. The congregation is currently known as New St. Louis Park Baptist Church.

St. Paul's Lutheran, Manchester & Ballas Roads, Des Peres; reorganized after a group left the Manchester Road German Evangelical Congregation to form Zions German Evangelical Church (now Parkway United Church of Christ).

1850 – 1859

1850 Freie Gemeinde von Nord St. Louis, N. 14th St. betw. Herbert & Palm; later at 20th & Dodier; disbanded 1972

1851 St. John's Lutheran, Ellisville

1852 St. John's German Evangelical, 14th & Madison; now at Grand Blvd. & Lee Ave.
St. Mary's Catholic, Bridgeton; closed 2001

1854 Benton Street German Methodist, 13th & Benton Streets, fate unknown

1855 St. Liborius Catholic, 19th & Monroe Streets; closed 1992

1856 Independent German Evangelical Protestant, 8th & Mound Streets; later at 13th & Webster Streets, Fair & Margaretta Avenues; now at 11370 Old Halls Ferry Rd., Florissant as Christ the King UCC

1857 Friedens German Evangelical, 19th & Newhouse Streets; closed 2008

First German (Gethsemane) Cumberland Presbyterian, 14th & Chambers Streets, later at Jefferson & Wash Streets, Sullivan & 25th Streets; last listed in 1899 city directory

1858 Holy Cross Lutheran, 2650 Miami

Zion Lutheran, 1426 Warren St., now at 2500 N. 21st St.

1859 St. Trinity Lutheran, 7404 Vermont (Carondelet)

1860 – 1869

1860 St. John's German Evangelical, Manchester

Concordia (St. Peter), St. Charles Rock Road & Lucas & Hunt Road, Wellston; later at St. Louis Ave. & Lucas & Hunt Rd., Normandy

St. Boniface Catholic, 4th & Schirmer Streets, Carondelet; closed 2000

Eight Street German Methodist, 8th & Souldard Streets; later at Jefferson Ave. & Accomac St. as Memorial Methodist; closed or merged

1862 St. Paul's, Desoto Ave. & Benedict, now at 2137 E. John Ave.

- 1863 First German Presbyterian, 10th & Autumn (now Rutger) St., later at Sidney St. & Minnesota Ave. as Peters Memorial Presbyterian, closed
St. Peter's Lutheran, Spanish Lake
Holy Cross Catholic, 8115 Church Rd.; merged with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in 1993 to from Our Lady of the Holy Cross at Holy Cross site
- 1863 St. Anthony of Padua Catholic, 3140 Meramac St.
- 1865 St. John's Lutheran, 3738 Morganford Rd.
- 1866 St. Nicholas Catholic, 20th St. & Lucas Ave.
Sacred Heart Catholic, Florissant
- 1867 Bethany German Evangelical, 22nd & Franklin Streets, later at 23rd & Carr Streets, 23rd & Wash (now Cole) Streets, Red Bud & Rosalie Avenues, now at 11936 Bellefontaine Rd., Bellefontaine Neighbors as Bethany-Peace UCC,
Second German Cumberland Presbyterian, 18th & Market Streets, later at 18th & Montgomery Streets; last listed in 1899 city directory; address listed as Presbyterian Mission in 1900 city directory but does not appear in later editions.
St. Francis de Sales Catholic, Gravois and Ohio Avenues
St. Mark's English Lutheran, Wash (now Cole) & Elliott Streets, later at Bell St. & Cardinal Ave., now at 6337 Clayton Rd.
- 1868 Zion German Evangelical, 23rd & Montgomery Streets, later at 25th & Benton, at 5710 N. U.S. Highway 67, Florissant since 1971
Christ Lutheran, 3504 Caroline St., now known as Christ in the City
- 1869 Carondelet German Evangelical, Michigan & Koeln Avenues
Ebenezer Lutheran, 1011 Theobald St.
Zion Lutheran, 12075 Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights
St. James German Evangelical, 1507 College Ave.; closed 1979

1870 – 1879

- 1870 St. Luke's German Evangelical, Scott St. & Jefferson Ave., later at 2336 Tennessee Ave., reorganized as Garden Light UCC in 2008; closed 2011
- 1871 St. Agatha's Catholic, 8th & Utah Streets
- 1872 Grace Lutheran, 6406 Easton Ave. (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive), Wellston, now at 1425 Ferguson Ave., Pagedale
St. Paul's Lutheran, DeSoto Ave. & Benedict St., now at 2137 John Ave.

- Bethania Lutheran, Natural Bridge Rd. near Spring Ave.; closed
- 1873 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic, 2011 Linten Ave.; closed 1992
- 1874 Concordia Lutheran, Kirkwood
- St. Augustine's Catholic, 22nd & Herbert Streets, later at 3114 Lismore; closed 1982
- St. Bernard's Catholic, 4019 Gratiot St.; closed 1973
- 1875 St. Matthew's German Evangelical, 7th & Cave Streets; since 1876 at Jefferson Ave. and Potomac St.
- 1878 Bethlehem (Independent), Morgan & Beaumont Streets, later at Elliott Ave. and Wash (now Cole) St. in building formerly occupied by St. Mark's English Lutheran; last listed in 1903 city directory
- Second German Presbyterian, 1524 E. Grand Ave., later at 4524 N. 19th St. as East Grand Avenue Presbyterian; fate unknown
- 1879 Holy Ghost Catholic, 1901 N. Taylor Ave.; closed 1961
- Second German Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian), 2126 St. Louis Ave.; became Third German Church of the New Jerusalem in 1899 and was later known as Church of the Glorification; fate unknown

1880 – 1889

- 1880 St. Lucas German Evangelical, Sappington
- 1882 St. Pauls-Friedens Lutheran (later German Evangelical), 13th St. & Allen Ave., merged with Jesus German Evangelical, 1913
- 1885 Salem German Evangelical, Shreve & Margareta Avenues; now at New Halls Ferry & Pohlman Road, Florissant as Salem Evangelical Free Church
- Ebenezer German Methodist, 2600 N. Taylor Street, later known as Elmbank Avenue German Methodist, 4433 Elmbank Ave.; fate unknown
- First German Congregational, Garfield & Spring Avenues; later known as Garfield Congregational; lasted listed in the 1926 Congregational Year Book.
- St. Henry's Catholic, California Ave. & Hickory St.; merged in 1972 with Immaculate Conception to become Immaculate Conception-St. Henry at Lafayette Ave. & Longfellow Pl.; closed 2005
- 1886 Ebenezer German Evangelical, 2921 McNair Ave., merged with St. Andrew German Evangelical in 1964 to form Epiphany UCC at same address
- 1888 Immanuel German Evangelical, Ferguson
- Salem Reformed, 18th & Sullivan Streets, merged in 1949 with Faith Evangelical & Reformed Church to form Faith-Salem UCC; closed 2000

Gano Avenue (Zoar) German Methodist, Gano & Carter Avenues; fate unknown

1889 Grace Chapel Lutheran, St. Louis & Garrison Avenues, now at 10015 Lance Dr., Bellefontaine Neighbors

1890 – 1899

1890 Bethlehem German Evangelical (ESNA), Herford St. & Shaw Ave., later at Southwest Ave. & Reber Place, merged with Messiah German Evangelical in 1927 to form Mt. Tabor Evangelical & Reformed (UCC), 6520 Arsenal

Zion German Methodist, Pennsylvania & Upton Ave, later at Virginia and Koeln Avenues, Carondelet; now at 1603 Union Road, St. Louis County

1891 St. Engelbert's Catholic, 4330 Shreve Ave.; closed 1994

1892 St. John's German Evangelical, Chesterfield

Immanuel German Evangelical, Euclid & Maple Avenues, merged with Eden in 1919 to form Eden-Immanuel; closed 1971

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic, 5608 N. Magnolia; closed 2005

Concordia Lutheran, Maplewood; met at Masonic Hall at Forest & Bruno; first building 2201 Forest in 1905; at 7291 Sarah, Maplewood, since 1953

South Jefferson Avenue German Baptist Church, 2141 Jefferson Ave.; fate unknown

German Society of Divine Science; met at 18th & Pestalozzi; at 3617 Wyoming since 1915; now known as First Church of Divine Science

1893 Trinity German Evangelical, Mt. Pleasant St. & Michigan Ave., later at Grand Blvd. & Itaska St.

St. Barbara's Catholic, 1371 Hamilton Blvd.; closed 1992

1894 Eden German Evangelical, Hamilton (merged with Eden in 1919 to form Eden-Immanuel; closed 1971

Jesus German Evangelical, 12th & Victor; closed 2000

St. Peter's Lutheran, Vista & Newstead, now at 1126 S. Kingshighway

Emmaus Lutheran, 2241 S. Jefferson Ave.

Our Redeemer Lutheran (English), met at Anchor Hall at Park and Jefferson Avenues ; at California Ave. & Juniata St. in 1897; at Utah St. & Oregon Ave. in 1901; closed

1895 St. Michael's Catholic, 7622 Sutherland Ave., Shrewsbury

1896 St. Stephen's German Evangelical, Halls Ferry Rd. & Gamblin St., later at Halls Ferry Rd. and McLaren Ave.; closed 2011

Emmaus German Evangelical, Tower Grove & Chouteau Avenues; closed 1976

St. Luke's Lutheran, 3415 Taft Ave.

1897 Freie Gemeinde von Süd St. Louis, 1001 Carroll by 1917, 2726 Arsenal by 1922; closed, date unknown.

1898 Holy Family Catholic, 4125 Humphrey; closed 2005

1899 St. Andrew's German Evangelical, California Ave. and Juniata St., merged with Ebenezer German Evangelical in 1964 to form Epiphany UCC at 2921 McNair Ave.

Maple Avenue Reformed Church, Maple & Clarendon Avenues; last listed in 1915 city directory

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