

Archives of the Evangelical Synod of North America Inventory of Records

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS Ebenezer

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History

The Mission Board of the Missouri District called the Rev. C. Fritsch to organize a new congregation in what was then southwestern St. Louis in 1886. First services were held in a former Methodist chapel at 2921 McNair on Pentecost with eight persons in attendance. By Sept. 20, when the congregation was formally organized, 36 families had joined the congregation. In spring 1887, the congregation was able to buy the chapel building. A parochial school was erected on the site and dedicated in Nov. 1888. A new church building was built on an adjoining lot and dedicated on Oct. 14, 1891.

In June 1964, St. Andrew's Church, located at Juniata and California, merged with Ebenezer to form Epiphany United Church of Christ at Ebenezer's location.

Microfilm holdings

MF-0014, Church Records, 1886-1964

Original records

Provenance

The following records were received from Gail Ahumada of Epiphany United Church of Christ, St. Louis on March 16, 2005.

5 boxes

Box 1, location: 03.5.2.1

1. Protokollbuch (congregational minutes), 1889-1898
2. Protokollbuch (congregational minutes), 1900-1918; includes membership lists 1914-1918
3. Protokollbuch (minutes), probably for Frauenverein, 1892-1900
4. Protokollbuch (Minutes), Women's Union (Frauenverein), 1910-1922
5. Protokollbuch (Minutes), Young Women's Union (Jungfrauenverein), 1896-1913
6. Protokollbuch (Minutes), Sunday School Teachers Association (Sonntag-Schul Lehrer Verein), 1894-1905
7. Minutes, Ebenezer Choir, 1914-1922
8. Kirchenbuch (Church Records), 1886-1894: History of Congregation in German, pastors (1886-1921), list of church council members (1887), baptisms (July 1886-April 1893), confirmations, marriages, communion statistics, baptisms, burials. Baptisms, marriages and burials are recorded in several places in the book.

Box 2, location: 03.05.2.2

1. Church Council Minutes, Jan. 1919-1936. Includes undated list of members. Note, the book is labeled as a Death Register (Sterberegister), 1894- on the first page of the book.
2. Church Council Minutes, 1963
3. Constitution and Minutes, Ladies Circle, 1917-1921
4. Kirchenbuch (Church Records), 1895-1920: Baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, communion statistics, collection statistics, church history in German
5. Kirchenbuch (Church Records), 1921-1964:
6. Baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, communion statistics (to 1955), parish chronicle (1921-1935)

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Box 3, location: 03.5.3.1

1. Church Council Minutes, 1928-1939, loose in a folder
2. Church Council Minutes, 1937-1942, loose in box
3. Constitution and Minutes, Ebenezer Bible School, 1930s
4. Folder, Ebenezer Dramatic Guild, 1920s-1930s:
5. Includes constitution, flyers, programs and other documents
6. Ebenezer Bible School constitution and minutes, 1930s, loose in a folder
7. *Ebenezer Echo* (newsletter), individual issues in binders, 1920-1923, 1924-1925, 1926-1927, 1928-1929, 1930-1931, 1932-1934
8. 3 file folders relating to membership issues--Letters of Transfer, 1970s; Letters of Transfer, 1950s-1960s; roll maintenance, 1967
9. Envelope with materials relating to confirmation class reunions
10. Approximately 100 3" x 5" cards with obituary information and place of burial of deceased church members

Box 4, location: 03.5.3.2

Ebenezer Echo (newsletter), individual issues banded together in boxes, weekly bulletins inserted into each issue, 1944-1954, 1955-1960, 1961-1964

Box 5, location: 04.5.OH.2

Scrap book with letters, flyers and announcements, early 1920s