

1873-1923

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH.

The first meeting for the organization of the **German United Evangelical Church of Canton** was held September 14, 1873. The above name was adopted and the following first Board of Trustees elected: William Zimmerman, President; John A. Schwartz, Secretary; John Ulrich, Treasurer; George Norris, Henry Guenther, Louis Kiefer, Henry Moll, H. L. Boeschee, Samuel Nitzel, Charles J. Spruth, M. F. Reinhard, R. Winkelmann, Rev. Dr. Andrew Schwartz, pastor. Three days later another meeting was held, in which it was resolved, to build a church. October 5, the contract was awarded to E. W. Robinson and 104 feet of ground leased. The cornerstone could already be laid two weeks later, October 19. Before the completion and dedication of the church, April 12, 1874, our present two bells were contracted for and a pipe organ.

The Sunday School was organized two years later, May 9, 1882, the present steeple was contracted for with Mr. W. Zimmermann and dedicated in September. A little later the clock was installed.

Some time in March, 1885, no date is given in the minutes, fire destroyed the school building. Happily no lives were lost. The present hall took its place and was built by day labor.

For some time past the need of a parsonage was felt, but somehow the carrying out of the project was deferred to some future time. This time came in September, 1897, when it was passed that such a home be built. The house was dedicated April, 1898, thus adding another valuable property.

During the summer 1903 the congregation made extensive improvements in the interior of the church—frescoing, new pews, etc. A year later 104 feet of leased ground were bought at a reasonable figure.

Another great improvement was made to our church eight years ago by the installation of art windows. Our indefatigable Ladies' Aid Society led in this improvement and had the beautiful windows in the church front and steeple installed. A few years before, the same Society presented the church with the fine mural painting of Christ for the chancel niche. Later the memorial windows in the interior were added by the Sunday School, League and various benevolent friends.

Six years ago the Ladies Aid Society had the beautiful electric light fixtures installed. And again on this day of jubilee the Society presented the church with the fine oak wood floor it had laid in the church, together with carpets in the aisles and on the altar and pulpit platforms; also the altar and pulpit covers as well as new chairs for the pulpit niche. These faithful workers deserve the heartfelt thanks we give them. May the Lord bless them for their love of the house of God.

A new tower clock was installed three years ago and is electrically lighted.

There were but three pastors during these 50 years: the Rev. Dr. Andrew Schwartz, the Rev. Paul A. Menzel and the present pastor, Rev. William Batz, who has served the church 27 years. The congregation possesses a valuable property.

For all His manifold blessings we give honor and praise to God.

Tenors  
Mr. Christian Sahlman      Mr. Isidor Winkler      Mr. Elmer Berl

Violinists  
Miss Irene Norden      Mr. Charles Smith

Saxaphonists  
Mr. Howard McCaddin      Mr. Frederick Smith

**EVANGELICAL LEAGUE.**

Mr. Isidor Winkler, President  
Mr. Geo. Schmeiser, Vice-President  
Mr. Harry Forster, Treasurer  
Mrs. J. Elmer Berl, Recording Secretary  
Miss Elsie Bortner, Financial Secretary

**The "EVERGREEN"**

Miss Marie Schnabel, President  
Miss Margaret Mueller, Vice-President  
Miss Adeline Richards, Secretary  
Miss Pearl Orwig, Treasurer  
Miss Irene and Bertha Norden, Leaders

**MISSION BAND**

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS

Miss Frances Schmeiser      Miss Anna Sahlman  
Miss Margaret Sommers      Miss Elsie Bortner

**BOY SCOUTS**

Mr. Phillip Volke, Scout Master  
Mr. Elmer Volke, Asst. Scout Master

**CAMP FIRE GIRLS**

Mrs. Rose Haapman, Guardian and President

**CHURCH SEXTON**

Mr. John Conrad, 935 S. Linwood Avenue



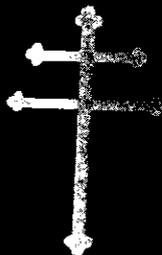
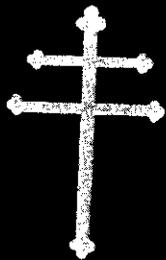
REV. D. ANDREW SCHWARTZ  
1873 - 1889



REV. PAUL A. MENTZEL  
1889 - 1896



VIEW OF CHURCH INTERIOR



REV. WILLIAM BATZ  
1896 -



The Church and School Building in 1874



**The Board of Trustees.**

George Scheufel   Harry Brandau   Olof Nelson   George W. Zirkler   August Schnabel   George Smith   William Witzke   John Scheufel  
Joseph Luetze, *Sect.*   Frederick Scheufel, *Pres.*   Rev. W. Batz, *Pastor*   August Schmitz, Sr., *Vice-Pres.*   John Bauersfeld, *Treas.*



Mrs. Emma Metzger,  
Treasurer

Officers of the Ladies' Aid Society

Rev. W. Batz,  
Secretary

Mrs. Elizabeth Himmelmann,  
President

Mrs. Margaret Trautner,  
Vice-President

## Tuesday Evening, September 18th

8 o'clock

### Invoation

### Congregational Hymn

I do not ask for earthly store  
Beyond the day's supply;  
I only covet, more and more,  
The clear and single eye,  
To see my duty face to face  
And trust the Lord for daily grace.

I care not for the empty show  
That thoughtless worldlings see;  
I crave to do the best I know,  
And leave the rest to Thee; —  
Well satisfied that sweet reward  
Is sure to those who trust the Lord

### CHORUS:

Then shall my heart keep singing  
While to the cross I cling;  
For rest is sweet at Jesus' feet  
While homeward faith keeps winging  
While homeward faith keeps winging

Whate'er the crosses mine shall be,  
I will not dare to shun;  
I only ask to live for Thee,  
And that Thy will be done;  
Thy will, O Lord, be mine each day,  
While pressing on my homeward way

### Saxophone Solo

Mr. M. M. Loats

### Choir Anthem

Selected

### Prayer

### Quartette

Rock of Ages:—The Misses Anna Sahlman and Hilda Schmeiser  
Messrs. Raymond Wagner and Albert Schmeiser

### Address

Rev. F. H. Klemme, President of the Atlantic District, Ev. Synod

### Choir Anthem

Selected

### Address

The Hon. Col. John Philip Hill, Member of Congress

### Quett

The Misses Marie Yaeger and Frances Schmeiser

### Greetings

### Announcements

### Offering

### Congregational Hymn

Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And there, sometime we'll understand

### CHORUS

Then trust in God through all thy days;  
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;  
Though dark thy way,

still sing and praise;  
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand

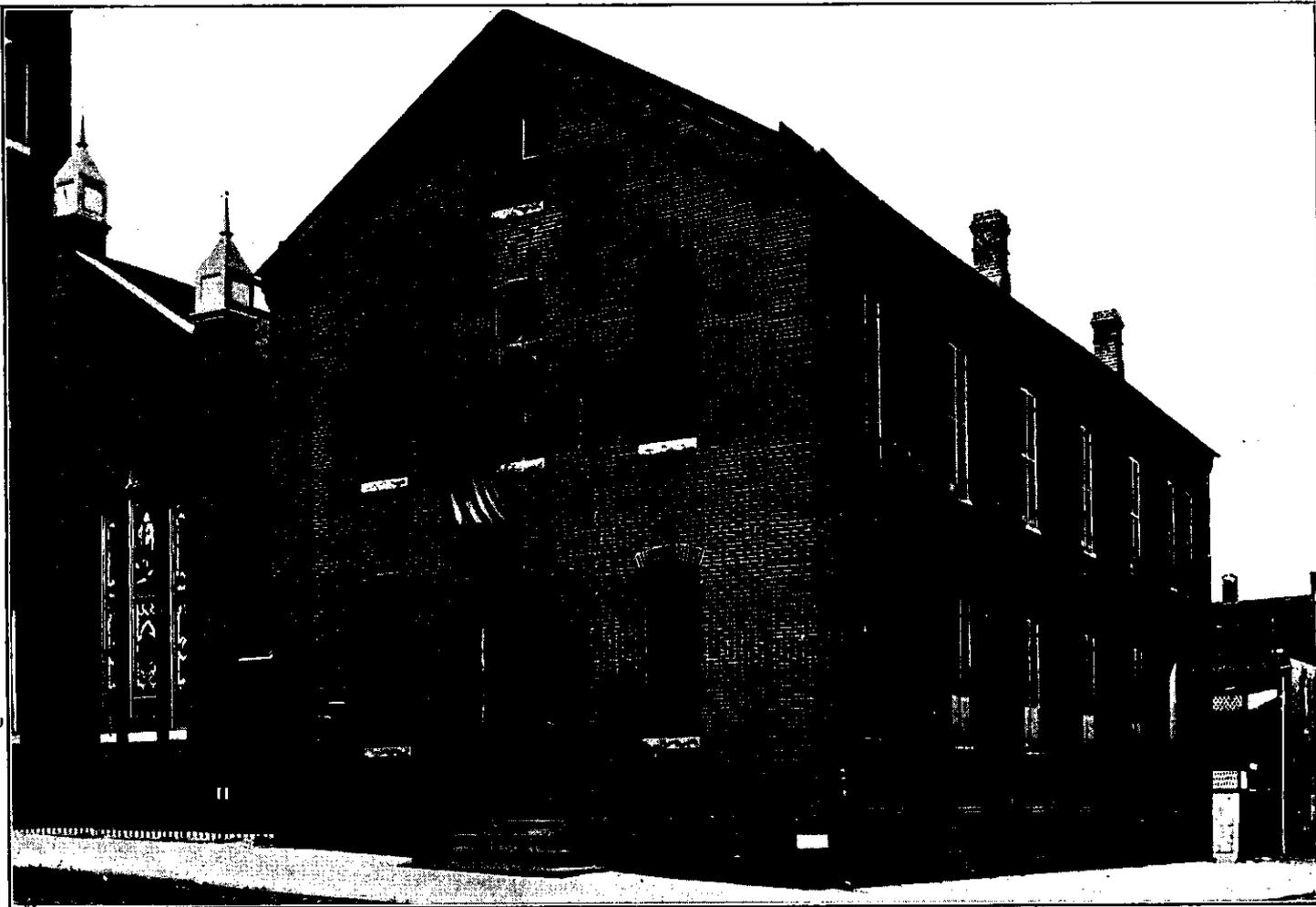
We'll catch the broken thread again,  
And finish what we here began;  
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,  
And then, ah then, we'll understand.

We'll know why clouds instead of sun,  
Were over many a cherished plan;  
Why song has ceased when e'er begun:  
'Tis there, sometime, we'll understand.

### Benediction

### Boxology

Mr. John Heller, Organist and Director.



The Hall

The following served as Presidents of the Board of Trustees from the founding of our church to the present day.

William Zimmermann .....	September 17, 1873
H. L. Boeschee.....	November 30, 1874
Theodore E. Maasch.....	December 7, 1875
Charles Keiner.....	December 5, 1876
Henry Ritterbusch .....	December 2, 1879
Henry Becker .....	November 9, 1880
Henry Ritterbusch .....	November 29, 1881
Henry Schluderburg.....	December 2, 1882
Frederick Gross.....	February 6, 1893
Ferdinand Neidermeyer.....	November 4, 1893
Frederick Gross.....	December 7, 1896
Ferdinand Neidermeyer.....	November 28, 1898
Henry Reifschneider .....	December 4, 1899
George Helm.....	December 2, 1900
August F. Weis .....	December 2, 1901
Henry Schmeiser.....	December 4, 1906
Henry Reifschneider.....	December 7, 1908
Henry Schmeiser.....	December 4, 1911
Frederick Duechler .....	December 2, 1913
Philip G. Mueller .....	December 6, 1816
Charles H. Betkey.....	December 4, 1916
George W. Zirkler .....	December, 1917
Adam Hertrich.....	December, 1919
August Schmitz Sr. ....	December, 1920
John Boehm.....	December, 1921
Frederick Scheufel.....	December, 1922

The Congregation gratefully remembers their services and that of its other Officers.



The Parsonage

### PRESENT OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

Rev. W. Batz, Pastor	Joseph Luette, Secretary
Frederick Scheufel, President	John Bauersfeld, Treasurer
Aug. Schmitz, Sr. Vice-President	Olof Nelson
William Witzke	August Schnabel
John Scheufel	George W. Zirkler
George Smith	Harry Brandau
George Scheufel	

### LADIES AID SOCIETY

Mrs. Elizabeth Himmelmann, President  
Mrs. Margaret Trautner, Vice-President  
Mrs. Emma Metzger, Treasurer  
The Pastor, Secretary

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dr. F. C. Wainwright, Department Superintendent  
Mr. Otto Smith, Department Superintendent  
Mr. Harry Brown, Department Superintendent  
Mr. Albert Schmeiser, Department Superintendent  
Miss Barbara Sahlman, Department Superintendent  
Miss Mary Yeager, Secretary      Miss Frances Schmeiser, Treasurer  
Pianists.--- The Misses Mary Yeager, Marie Miller,  
Hilda Schmeiser and Carrie Sahlman.

### CRADLE ROLL

Miss Margeret Bosz, General Sec.      Miss Gertrude Oeh, Treasurer

### CHOIR

#### Sopranos

Miss Margaret Pabst	Miss Helen Appel
Miss Mary Yeager	Miss Elizabeth Brandau
Miss Ruby Seifert	Miss Laura Brandau
Miss Hilda Batz	Miss Mildred Tribull
Miss Anna Sahlman	Miss Lillian Horner
Miss Elsie Bortner	Miss Hilda Horner
Miss Anna Dickerson	Miss Hilda Karcher
Miss Lillian Bortner	Mrs. Anna Trautner
Miss Margaret Bosz	Mrs. Mary Seifert
Miss Emma Dickerson	Mrs. Katherine Wagner
Miss Marie Winkler	Mrs. Rosina Haapman
Miss Minnie Haapman	Mrs. Marie Berl

#### Altos

Miss Frances Schmeiser      Miss Katherine Deuchler  
Miss Katherine Pabst      Miss Hilda Schmeiser  
Miss Carrie Sahlman

#### Basses

Mr. Albert Schmeiser	Mr. Henry Brendel
Mr. Wm. Witzke	Mr. Edward Kellner
Mr. Raymond Wagner	Mr. Herman Schnitzker



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