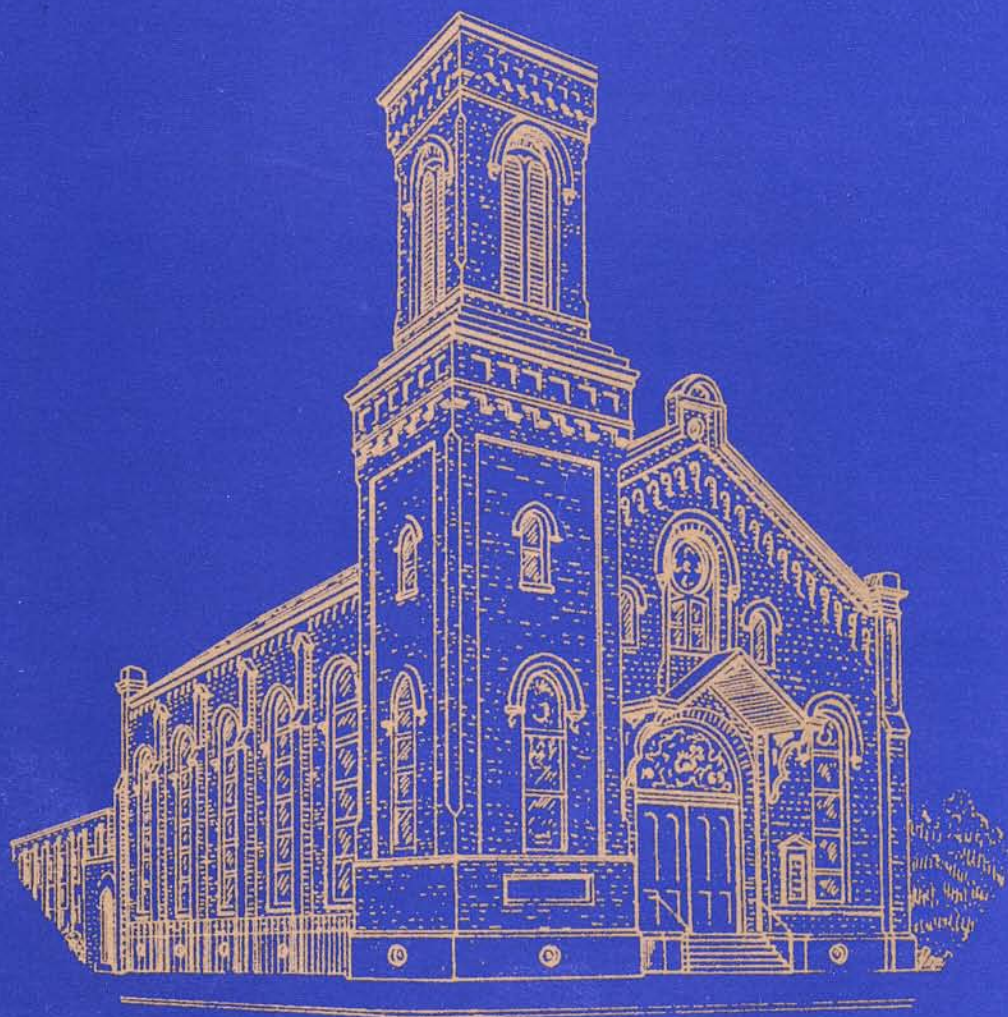


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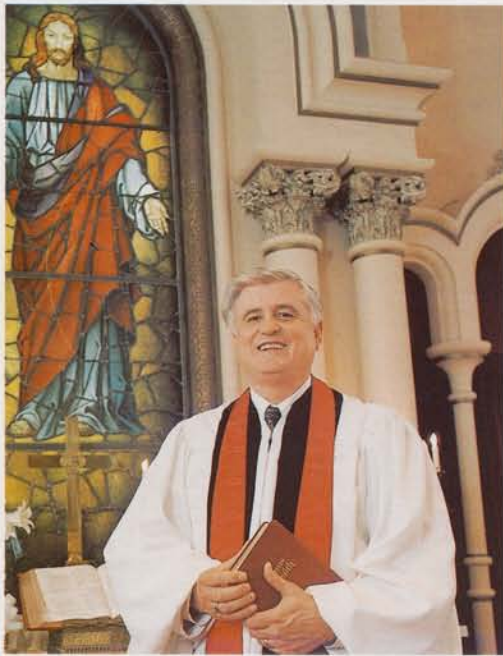
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150th Anniversary



Rev. Royce W. Ballard
Pastor



Rev. Edward H. Clarkson
Associate Pastor



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Dedication

To the glory of God, with grateful thanks to the Lord, who has guided the members and leaders of Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation for One Hundred Fifty years in Christian service to our community. We give thanks and praise in dedicating this history.

Foreword

In compiling this brief history, the writer has taken liberally from past histories, starting with our 90th Anniversary book and continuing through our 130th Anniversary book.

150th Anniversary Committee

Miss Audrey Reich, Chairperson
The Late Miss Marie Nungesser, Former Chairperson

Miss Doris Eckelmann
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Mr. Keith Heigle
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Mr. Albert Lips

The Beginnings

Our church was founded in 1845 by gentlemen of German descent who responded to an advertisement in the local papers. On September 21, 1845, a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Casper Auch for the purpose of organizing a German Protestant Church.

This meeting was very fruitful as Messers Nicholas Grener, Adam Gaiser, Casper Auch, Hy. Kieseckamp, Jac. Benzing, Franz Mongay, Adam Wendall, Jac. Gross, Hy. Gross, John Meyer, George F. Groener, John R. Bergstedt, and Adam Kraemer, representing the newly formed congregation, purchased from Mr. Franz Schubert the piece of land on which our present recreational hall now stands. The price paid for this land was \$600.00. The act of sale was on February 20, 1846. Two days later a meeting was held in the home of Mr. Adam Gaiser, at which time it was agreed to build a German Protestant Church on the property. Work on the project began immediately, with the members themselves doing the work, each one as best he could.

The building was completed and dedicated on August 16, 1846. The property with the new building was transferred by the original owners, mentioned above, to the German Lutheran Church in the City of Lafayette for the original price of \$600.00 on August 23, 1846. On the same day the adjoining lot facing Philip Street was purchased from Mr. Casper Auch and Hy. Kieseckamp for \$400.00.

Rev. Carl August Schram was called to be our first pastor in 1846. His first official acts were the baptism of Katherine Mueller on August 30, 1846, the marriage of Casper Streby and Katherine Meyer on September 3, 1846, and the interment of George Henry Volz, a child of four years of age. Rev. Schram remained with the congregation until 1849, when in December he was asked to resign.

Our first organ was placed in the young church on June 10, 1849. A portion of the cost of this magnificent instrument was covered by the proceeds of a concert given by Mr. Robert Meyer.

Dr. Lippert was called to fill the pulpit and took charge in December, 1849. He served until June, 1850, when Rev. Roehl was called as pastor, serving from December, 1850 until June, 1851. From this time until January, 1852, there was no regular supply for the pulpit. Henry Hiestand and others alternated in leading the congregation.

We can pause and reflect on the first five or so years of our church and see that from our very beginnings we were, and still are today, a very close family of willing workers, all doing and giving of our time and talents for the Glory of God here at Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation.

Our Glorious Past

Rev. Ludwig Kehrwald of Germany was called in 1852, and took charge on February 28th. He died of consumption in 1854. During the time of his pastorate, Rev. Kehrwald ordained to the Gospel Ministry the theological candidate, L. P. Heintz of Zweibruecken, Germany. Rev. "Papa" Heintz later became one of our most beloved pastors.

The next few years saw several pastors filling our pulpit. The most significant event was the building of our parochial school house on the property adjoining our church building. The cornerstone for this "commodious" two story building was laid on September 7 and the dedication of this building was held on November 30, 1856. For many years a school was conducted. The School was discontinued in 1892.

Beginning in 1857, and lasting some eighteen years, there were frequent changes of pastors and many bitter internal dissensions and strifes which precipitated the withdrawal of many members in 1864. This greatly impeded the growth of our young church.

Rev. L. P. Heintz was called to succeed Rev. Adams in 1864. On October 2nd he began his glorious ministry of thirty-seven years, serving the church in which he was ordained over a decade earlier. Rev. Heintz immediately brought peace and harmony to our congregation and a lengthy period of prosperity and growth followed. In 1866 Yellow Fever ravaged our community, leaving many German families homeless and children orphaned. Rev. Heintz issued a call to the German families to come forth in support of the homeless and orphaned. He is credited with starting the German Protestant Orphanage and Asylum. This home continued to receive the orphans until after World War II.

In 1870 our congregation continued to grow and steps were taken to acquire a larger sanctuary. Mr. Jacob Nusloch, Sr., representing the church, purchased for \$5,500.00 the site upon which our church building now stands. The building of the new sanctuary began immediately with the laying of the foundation, at a cost of \$8,000.00, which exhausted the monies on hand. This was a great undertaking for the young church. Nevertheless, the congregation was equal to the task. The cornerstone was laid on March 31, 1874. The new sanctuary was dedicated on April 2, 1876, with great ceremony. The new building had a seating capacity of one thousand. With all the furnishings, excluding the stained glass windows, the cost was \$39,000.00.

At the time of the dedication of the new sanctuary, there remained a considerable debt. Then, as now, our congregation was equal to the task and every obligation was met. The last note of indebtedness was for \$1,800.00. It was held by Mr. N. Miller. In 1885 that debt was eliminated by tender of \$900.00 cash and a gift of \$900.00 by Mr. Miller. Thus, the new church was free of

all indebtedness. It should be noted that there were others who also gave large amounts. The following events took place during this time: a Bell Society was formed to purchase a trio of bells for the church, which were dedicated on November 5, 1875; a new organ was installed in the church in 1895, which was done under the leadership provided by the Organ Society. The cost of the new organ was \$2,500.00.

Many improvements took place during the thirty-seven year pastorate of Rev. Heintz. He was called to his reward on December 28, 1901. A window was placed in our church in his memory. This was done through the efforts of the Circle of Willing Helpers and friends.

Rev. J. P. Quinius was called to fill our pulpit, and in May 1902, he began his pastorate. This was the beginning of a thirty-five year pastorate at Jackson.

In 1902 the number of members supporting the church dwindled to 175. Until 1902 all services were in German and many of the members drifted to English speaking churches. Through the efforts of Rev. Quinius, many of our "lost sheep" returned. In 1935 our congregation numbered 1,200. Many improvements and organizations came into being during this period. Among these were: the installation of an electric motor to run the organ, the purchase of a piano, the installation of eleven memorial windows, a baptismal font, altar chairs, a reading desk, brass candelabra, missal stand and vases, the purchase of two properties on Chippewa Street, the installation of electric lights and gas fixtures, and the installation of water and sewerage, all amounting to \$13,000.00.

Several new organizations came into being during the pastorate of Rev. Quinius. Among these were: the Ladies Guild, The Brotherhood of St. John, and the Altar Society. These organizations were and still are great forces for good in the work of the church. The Women's Guild and Brotherhood, as they are known today, not only attend to many of the needs of the church facilities, but also respond to the needs of our church families in times of illness and sorrow.

A new Charter for our Church was adopted on September 21, 1903. In 1904 the properties at 2221, 2223, and 2225 Chippewa Street were purchased at a cost of \$5,100.00. The property at 2221 Chippewa was remodeled for a parsonage at a cost of \$1,500.00.

The Sunday School was reorganized and the English language was introduced in 1902. The enrollment was thirty scholars and three teachers.

In a general meeting of the congregation in December 1909, a resolution to build a modern Sunday School building and Parish Hall on the property occupied by the original church building was

adopted unanimously. Work began at once and the new building was dedicated in 1910. This building served the Sunday School and provided a spacious auditorium until March 7, 1921, when the building was destroyed by fire. It was a great tragedy to our congregation and to the families of four firemen who were killed by a falling wall, depriving four homes of a Father. Plans began immediately to build or purchase a new home for the Sunday School. The congregation purchased the building at 709 Jackson Avenue, which was formerly the Gates of Prayer Jewish Temple. The building was remodeled and was dedicated on March 19, 1922.

The church remained an independent German Lutheran Church until 1902. At this time, through our pastor, we affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of North America. Rev. Quinius was an Evangelical minister. Formal admission into the Synod did not take place until June 29, 1924.

Sunday, October 29, 1933 was a memorable day in the history of our church as it marked the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Quinius into the ministry of the Evangelical Church. There was a great Jubilee service at which many telegrams, messages, and greetings from far and near were received.

Due to a heavy work load and failing health in August 1934, Rev. Quinius asked the council to seek an associate pastor to help in the duties of the church. The congregation was called into special session on September 27th, and a resolution was passed to call Rev. Herman S. Ritter to be the associate pastor. Rev. Ritter arrived in November and was installed in a great ceremony attended by 600 on December 9, 1934.

There was much growth during our ninetieth year. Sunday School had an increase of 129 members, membership in the church increased by 28%. Two new organizations came to life. These were the Ladies Bible Class, with an enrollment of 59, and the Junior Choir, with members totalling 40.

The church was in need of a new organ. The old organ had served well for 40 years but showed signs of needing many repairs. The Choral Club raised a large sum by various programs. When the depression came, the money was tied up and the plans were thwarted. Not to be dismayed by these events, the Choral Club located a slightly used organ. In a short period of time a contract was signed to purchase this organ with the monies available. Mrs. W. Deilmann, a generous and benevolent member of our church, carried the difference. On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1935, the organ was dedicated to the service of God. Chimes were later installed in memory of Mrs. George Heebe, Jr., and were dedicated on Sunday, March 9, 1936.

Although in ill health for a number of years, Rev. Quinius continued to serve the congregation until his death on March 18, 1937. The Board of Trustees appointed Rev. Ritter, Messers

Richard A. Mackenroth, Sr., and J. Chris Nungesser to draft a set of resolutions on his death to be made a permanent part of the records of the church. On Sunday, June 20, 1937 a memorial tablet was placed in the vestibule in memory of Rev. Quinius, along with a similar tablet in memory of Rev. Heintz. Thus ended seventy-two years of growth, prosperity, and many accomplishments.

Rev. Ritter assumed the duties of pastor of our congregation upon the death of Rev. Quinius. During his pastorate he re-organized the Ladies' Guild, and the Altar and Mission Societies into one organization known as the Women's Guild. He also merged the Men's Bible Class and the Brotherhood of St. John. He gained many new members and was instrumental in starting the Sunday Sunday School Building Fund.

On Sunday, January 12, 1941, at Divine Services, Rev. Ritter tendered his resignation as Pastor of Jackson Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Congregation. He remained to confirm and give first communion to the Confirmation Class on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1941. The writer, a member of the Class of 1941, remembers well the sadness of the occasion. A farewell gathering took place in the Sunday School Hall. Rev. and Mrs. Ritter were presented a purse of silver.

On January 27, 1941, at a special meeting of the congregation, the Board of Trustees were authorized to issue a call to Rev. Raymond F. Buck of Evansville, Indiana. The call was issued to Rev. Buck on March 1, 1941, to become Pastor of our church as of June 1, 1941. Rev. Buck had many achievements. Average church attendance for 1941 was 192, and in 1944 it was 301, an increase of 56.7%. In June 1941 there were 387 supporting members; in July 1945 there were 764, an increase of 97.4%. The Sunday School increased six fold. He organized a Boy Scout Troop in our church, as well as the Junior Youth Group, and Intermediate Choir. He worked very diligently on our 100th Anniversary program, setting many goals for the year. He was very interested in the work of Deilmann Center, Waveland, Mississippi and was instrumental in the renovation and rebuilding of the dormitories and a caretaker's residence on the property. A more diligent servant of God and worker for our church was not to be found. Our congregation made wonderful progress during his pastorate. Rev. Buck resigned in 1948. It was with much regret that the church accepted his resignation.

Rev. L. F. Modschiedler was called to fill our pulpit and began his ministry in 1948. Surplus government materials were obtained and a much needed recreational and educational building was erected on the corner of Philip and Chippewa Streets. On Sunday, May 6, 1951, ground breaking ceremonies were held for our new Sunday School Building. Rev. Buck was invited to return to be the guest speaker, inasmuch as he had played a significant role in the fund raising efforts for this wonderful edifice. The building, which is still in use today, was dedicated in 1952.

The greater part of the building was furnished with memorials. During the next eight years, property on Philip Street was acquired which became the parsonage and was known as the Wirth Memorial. A Girl Scout Troop was organized, and the Women's Guild raised the funds to carpet the sanctuary. This same Women's Guild raised the funds for new carpet in the sanctuary for our 150th Anniversary Celebration.

It was during this same period that the Evangelical and Reformed Church elected to merge with the Congregational Christian Church, and the new group became known as the United Church of Christ. It was during this period that the picture of Christ on the altar was replaced with a stained glass picture of Christ in memory of Richard A. Mackenroth. It was also during this same general time period that three of the sons of our church family responded to the call to ministry and were subsequently ordained to the Gospel Ministry, namely Rev. Edwin M. Schaefer, Rev. Lloyd L. Reimherr, and Rev. Paul J. Pic.

Rev. Modschiedler tendered his resignation at the annual congregational meeting on November 1959. Rev. Eugene Jensen became pastor in 1960. The parsonage on Philip Street was sold and a new one was purchased, which became known as the Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wirth Memorial. Many improvements were made to the interior of our sanctuary. The pews and pulpit were stripped down to the original natural wood finish. Cushions were added to the pews and air conditioning was installed for the comfort of our members. Hurricane Betsy did extensive damage to our roof. It was necessary to remove the pinnacles from the tower. In 1965 the property next to the church on Jackson Avenue was purchased.

At a special meeting of the congregation called by J. Chris Nungesser, the congregation, after being presented the facts, overwhelmingly voted to withdraw membership in the United Church of Christ organization and become, as we were in the beginning, an independent church with a name change to Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation. Following this decision Rev. Jensen resigned. Subsequently Rev. Billy E. Murphy was called to be our pastor. Rev. Murphy assumed his duties in 1967. Affiliation with the United Church of Christ was severed in May 1968.

Between 1968 and 1972, properties on Jackson, Philip and Annunciation Streets were purchased. The cottage next to the recreational hall was repaired and made available for use by the Youth Groups and the Keenagers, which were organized under the leadership of Rev. Murphy in 1972. The remaining property on Philip Street was made into a much needed, well lighted parking lot for our members. Major repairs to the sanctuary, both interior and exterior, were completed. A new heating system was installed. Tile was installed in the recreational hall. The stage in the recreational hall was repaired, curtained, and air conditioning was installed. The public address system was installed in our church. A growing library was established. A

class for young married couples and a Bible study group were added. Much was done to encourage the youth and the elderly of our congregation. The parsonage was sold and the monies were placed in a trust at the Whitney National Bank, with the stipulation that the church cannot use the principal amount, but only the interest it yields for the provision of living quarters for a pastor. Since the Whitney Bank was charging more to administer the Trust, after consultation with our attorney, Odom Heebe, it was unanimously approved by the Church Council that the Trust be terminated and the monies be invested in Treasury Bills and Notes that bring a higher yield with the same stipulation as to the use of the interest, but not disturbing the principal.

In 1975, we were again faced with major repairs to our wonderful pipe organ. Again the congregation came through and repairs were made to this magnificent instrument.

Our congregation saw many changes in our Church personnel. Mrs. Christeen Peters, our church secretary for 23 years retired. Mrs. Joycelyn Koenig replaced Mrs. Peters and served faithfully until her resignation in 1977. Mrs. Donna Trauth, our pianist resigned to accept a new position. Our choir director and organist, Mr. Bill Davis, resigned and Mr. Jay Daigle became our choir director and organist. Rev. Dr. Billy E. Murphy, our pastor resigned to become pastor of the Lakeside Baptist Church. Rev. Donald K. Norris was called to be our new pastor at the General Meeting on November 20, 1975. Rev. Norris resigned in 1979, to accept a position in South Carolina, closer to his home.

Many events of note took place during the Seventies. The church had purchased the property at 708-710 and 720-720-1/2 Jackson Avenue. After a legal battle with various groups, the Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in our favor and the property was demolished to provide a larger parking area with an entrance from Jackson Avenue. The Sanctuary was carpeted. Properties on Philip Street and on Annunciation Street were purchased. The house on Philip Street is being used today for Sunday School classrooms.

During this same period the Church received bequests from Margaret Wirth Keller in the amount of \$25,000 and from Mr. George Hainkel, his home at 1208 Second Street. This house was sold with the church holding the mortgage. This produces much needed income to our church today. The property on Annunciation Street was sold to the Trinity Christian Community for the sum of \$45,000. This sale permitted our congregation to pay off loans at the bank and become debt free, a condition which continues to the present time, thanks to the generosity of members in responding to the needs of the church.

The Present and the Future

As we began the Eighties, we were very fortunate to have Dr. Wilbur Schwartz as our interim pastor until September, 1980, when Dr. Henry L. Anderson was called as pastor. Rev. Tim Bailey served as youth director and associate pastor for approximately eighteen months during Dr. Anderson's tenure. Dr. Anderson served faithfully until 1989, when personal illness and the illness of his wife forced him to retire. He was elected Pastor Emeritus. Dr. Anderson retired December 31, 1989, at the conclusion of forty years in the Gospel Ministry. During the illness of Dr. Anderson, Rev. Royce Ballard supplied our pulpit and cared for the needs of our congregation. An agreement was finalized with Rev. Ballard in January 1990, at which time he was called as our pastor. Rev. Ballard, a chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital, has done a remarkable job of handling his duties as chaplain at the hospital, as well as attending to the needs of our congregation.

In October 1990, we were fortunate to secure the services of Rev. Edward Clarkson as our associate pastor. Rev. Clarkson, also a chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital, has assisted with the visitation of our members in hospitals, and those confined to their homes and nursing homes. He assists in our worship services and fills the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Ballard, and on other special occasions. Our pastor and associate pastor work together to provide a wide range of pastoral ministries to all of our members.

As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, our congregation today bears resemblance to our congregation at the turn of the 20th Century. Today we have a membership of 305. Of this number, 178 are communicant supporting members. We are averaging between 110 and 115 for worship services. We, like our forefathers, have lost many of our young adults and their families to churches in the suburbs. Our neighborhood is confronted with many of the problems of inner city communities.

We Are Survivors!

We have survived the War between the States, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, The Korean Conflict, and Vietnam. We have survived the Yellow Fever epidemic, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, and numerous Recessions. We have seen our neighborhood change from a sought after residential area of Uptown New Orleans to an inner city community. Accompanying this change, we have witnessed significant movement of families to the suburbs. Yet, our congregation survives today, thanks to our Lord and Savior and the 178 supporting members. There has never been a need of the church that you, our faithful members, have failed to support.

During the Nineties, we have shored the front of the church building, laid a new floor in our recreation hall, put a new roof

on the Sunday School building, recarpeted the sanctuary, and repainted the altar of the church, using 23 karat gold leaf. These projects were completed at a cost of approximately \$100,000.00. It became necessary for us to draw upon the financial reserves of our church treasury to cover the cost of some of these capital improvements. However, as a result of the generous financial support of our members, the untiring efforts of the members of the Women's Guild and Brotherhood, the Keenagers, the Tweenagers, the Stewardship Committee and the Building Committee, and two generous bequest, these expenditures have been covered. Miss Gaffney left the church an unrestricted gift in excess of \$12,000.00. Miss Mae Lescalle Rowe designated stock certificates, totaling \$75,358.50, as an unrestricted gift to the church. She also designated a restricted cash gift in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be divided equally among the Women's Guild and Brotherhood, the Keenagers, the Youth Group, and the Morning Circle. She also left generous bequests to the Fairhaven Children's Home and the King's Daughters and Sons, organizations which our church has supported through the years. These two ladies, like other of our former members, have provided us an example of faithful Christian stewardship.

Not only have we attended to the needs of our physical facilities here at Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation, we have been careful to emphasize the proclamation of the Gospel, the provision of Christian nurture to our members, and the cause of Christian missions. Through our Missions Committee, we are able to distribute a sizeable sum every year, with 60% going to home mission causes and 40% going to foreign mission causes. All of this would not have been possible if we were not SURVIVORS!

Among other achievements during this decade have been the following: new hymnals were placed in the sanctuary, an annual youth camp was reestablished, and a Stewardship Committee was elected to provide leadership in church-wide stewardship.

As we begin our next 150 years and approach the 21st Century, let us all pray together to give thanks to our Lord for His bountiful blessings, that our neighborhood will find a rebirth with the coming of the Tchoupitoulas Corridor, that our youth and their families will once again return to the Church of their Fathers and Mothers, and that our pews and our Sunday School classrooms will be filled once again to capacity. May this truly be the future of Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation. And most importantly, let us continue in prayer constantly that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ shall be with us and continue to guide us into the 21st Century as He did our forefathers. God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

Former Pastors of our Church

Among the early pastors of our church were the following:

Rev. Carl A. Schram, 1846-1849
 Rev. Dr. Lippert, 1849-1850
 Rev. Roehl, 1850-1851
 Rev. Ludwig Kehrwald, 1852-1854

Rev. Ernst Berger, 1854-1855
 Rev. Herman Pressler, 1855-1860
 Rev. Carl Adams, 1860-1864



Rev. L. P. Heintz
1864-1901



Rev. J. P. Quinius
1902-1937



Rev. Herman S. Ritter
1937-1941



Rev. Raymond F. Buck
1941-1948



Rev. L.F. Modschiedler
1948-1959



Rev. Eugene Jensen
1960-67



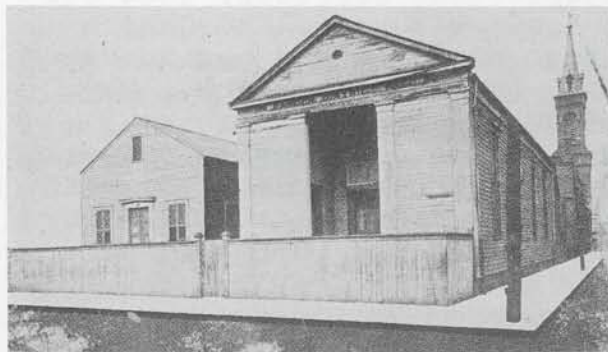
Rev. Dr. Billy E. Murphy
1967-1975



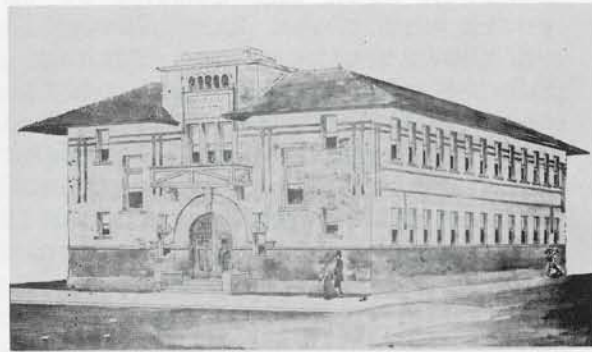
Rev. Donald K. Norris
1975-1979



Rev. Dr. Henry L. Anderson
1980-1989



Old Church and Hall
Erected in 1846



Parish House: Erected in 1910
Destroyed by Fire March 7, 1921

Women's Guild
and Brotherhood



Morning Circle



Keenagers



Tweenagers



Youth Group



Choir



The Windows of Our Church

The windows of Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation are an exciting combination of American designed art glass* and European made painted stained glass.** Some of the windows show the collaboration of the Franz Mayer Co. of Munich, Germany, Emile Frie Co. of Munich Germany and St. Louis, MO, and the Louisiana Glass and Mirror Co. of New Orleans, LA, owned by the Lips family of New Orleans, LA. This unique combination has contributed to the beauty and uniqueness of these windows with their painted scenes and art glass embellished borders. The windows in the main sanctuary of the church appear to have been installed between 1902 through 1930. The five windows in the narthex of the church span a longer time period of 1940 through 1989.

Starting with the altar, the special windows of Jackson Avenue Evangelical Congregation are as follow: JESUS: THE ALPHA AND OMEGA on the altar is a memorial to one of our past presidents, Richard A. Mackenroth, Sr., and was installed in 1957 around Christmas. The design was a collaboration between Henry J. Lips and Emile Frie. SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN (L 1) is dedicated to the memory of our Beloved Pastor L. P. Heintz by the Circle of Willing Helpers. This window is mentioned in church records as being the first Stain Glass window installed in 1902. EASTER SUNDAY MORNING: THE EMPTY TOMB (L 2) is not the usual Resurrection scene, but rather a scene of the three women at the tomb and the angel, perhaps the feeling is that we should look or search for Jesus. As one looks in the left hand corner, one sees the three crosses which is not usual for this design. This window was painted by Franz Mayer in 1904, and was dedicated In Memory of Ph. W. Deilmann and Family. THE NATIVITY (L 3) was painted by Franz Mayer of Munich, Germany. Due to a loss of records, we estimate this window to have been installed between 1910 to 1920. At the top of this window there is a cross and a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Dove) and the words: "Unto Us A Savior Is Born." This window is dedicated In Loving Memory of Mrs. Margarrtha Frank. YOUNG JESUS TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE (L 4) was painted by Franz Mayer of Munich, Germany. Due to a loss of records, we estimate this window to have been installed between 1910 to 1920. At the top of the window there is an angel holding a banner with the words, "Do you not know that I would be about my Father's work?" This window is dedicated In Memory of our Beloved Daughter Alma Louisa Frank. JESUS KNOCKING AT THE DOOR (L 5) is a representation of one of the main Lutheran principles of letting Jesus into our life by our request. Due to a fire, all that is known of this window is that it was painted in Germany and was the last window installed in the sanctuary. This window is dedicated In Loving Memory of Mrs. Christina Hambacker. ROCK OF AGES (R 1) is a special window because it has no direct Biblical story, but is taken from an old German Lutheran hymn. Due to a fire, no date is known when it was painted. This window is dedicated In Memory of the Beloved Departed of the J. Jung

Family. THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R 2). The date of this window is unknown. It reveals the beauty of a combination of German Stain Glass Figures and American Art Glass in the background as well as in the border. This window is dedicated In Memory of our Beloved Parents Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Goesling. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN (R 3) depicts the beauty of a combination of German Stain Glass Figures and American Art Glass in the background as well as in the border. This window is dedicated In Memory of our Beloved Parents Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Miller. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS INTO HEAVEN (R 4) was designed by the Louisiana Glass and Mirror Works and was painted by Franz Mayer Co. of Munich, Germany. It was assembled in New Orleans. At the top of the window are two cherubs above Jesus. Jesus has a halo which is not common in Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Due to a fire, we can only estimate it's installation date circa 1925. This window is dedicated In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Franz. JACOB'S LADDER (R 5) derives its theme from the Old Testament, which is the only window in the church that is not based on the New Testament. The design depicts Jacob sleeping at the foot of a ladder extending from earth to heaven as God promises to give the land His blessing, and His protection to Jacob's descendants. This window was installed approximately 1915. The painter of this window is unknown. The window is dedicated In Memory of our Father Max. Hambacker from Louise and Barbara. The inscription in the window reads: "Though like a wander, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone, yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer my God to Thee."

The eight windows installed in the Narthex of the church were installed during a later time period, between 1940 and 1989. Starting at the side entrance door, the windows of the Narthex are as follows: THE EVANGELICAL CROSS AND CROWN (R 6) is the most recent window which was made in 1989. The design of the window is Art Glass and the type of glass used is German Antique. The window was designed and manufactured by Albert H. Lips, Jr., and is located over the transom of the side door which enters the Narthex from the Annunciation Street side. This window is dedicated In Memory of David B. Oliver. JESUS AND PETER WALKING ON THE SEA OF GALILEE (R 7) is located on the stairwell wall on the way to balcony. This window is Stain Glass painted in Germany. The original location of this window was behind the altar on the left side and was removed and relocated to its present location when the Sunday School building was built. The original dedication plaque was lost. This window depicts Jesus pulling Peter out of the water after Peter lost faith and sank into the sea. THE EVANGELICAL CROSS AND CROWN (R 8 & L 7): The design of these windows are Art Glass and the type of glass used is opalescent, with hand blown and polished jewels in the crown. Both of these windows were manufactured by the Henry J. Lips Glass Co. in 1940. The window (R 8) on the front wall of the Narthex near the side door is dedicated In Loving Memory of Pauline Kaul Seidel. The window (L 7) on the front wall of the Narthex near the Chippewa Street side is dedicated In Loving Memory of Louis Kaul. The window (L 8) on the side wall near

Chippewa Street is dedicated In Loving Memory of my Beloved Husband Leonard J. Peters Jr. 1901-1959. PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION (L 6) was painted by Emile Frie of St. Louis, MO, and the design and assembly of the windows was by Henry J. Lips Glass Co. of New Orleans, LA. The scene depicts the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey. This window is dedicated In Memory of my Beloved Husband Leonard J. Peters 1901 to 1959. The three transom windows over the doors entering the sanctuary are Art Glass in design and were manufactured by the Haro Glass Co. of New Orleans, LA. The transom on the left (L 8) was dedicated In Memory of my Loving Husband Adam Fuchs by Josephine H. Fuchs. The middle transom (L 9) was dedicated In Memory of Julius J. Fisher, Sr by wife and children. The transom on the right (R 9) was dedicated In Loving Memory of our Mother Elizabeth Wirth Bacher.

* ART GLASS: is the arranging of colored glass into geometric patterns and shapes to form a picture or pattern.

**STAIN GLASS: The painting of pictures and designs on pieces of glass that are fired in a kiln to fuse the paint to the glass and the picture painted makes the design, not the shape or color of the glass.

(Windows designated by R and a number are on the right side of the church as one enters the church from Jackson Avenue and faces the altar. Windows designate L and a number are on the left side of the church from the same perspective.)

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