

# Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church

*Seventy-Five Years  
of Service*



REV. C. B. BRYANT, D. D. PASTOR

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PRESENTING A

*75 Year Review*

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Trinity Evangelical and Reformed  
Church

in St. Joseph, Missouri



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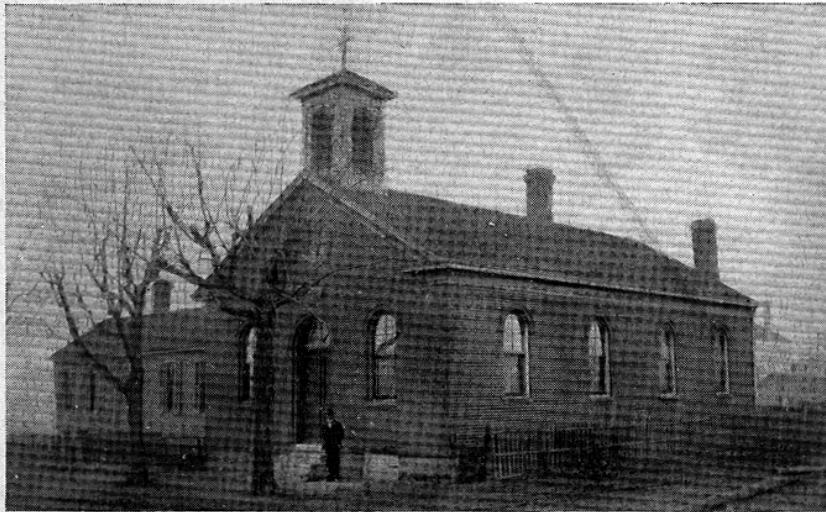
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ORIGINAL CHURCH—DEDICATED MAY 17—1874  
Thirteenth and Monterey Streets

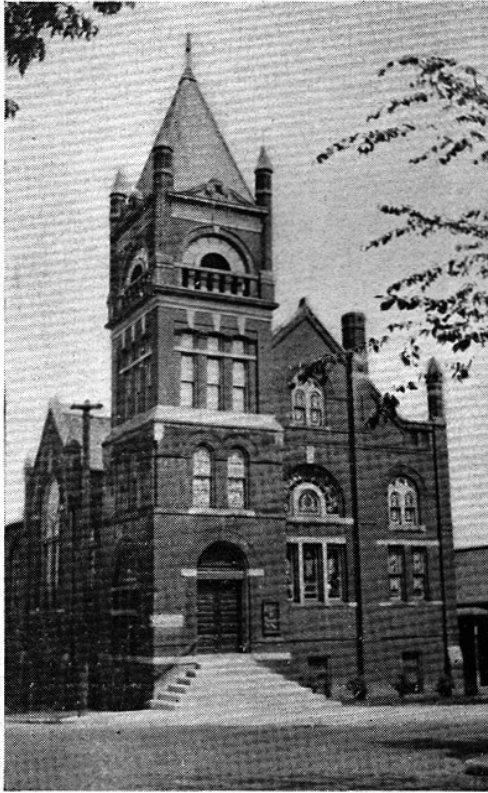
This church formerly called the Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Church was founded by Julius Kramer of St. Louis—Assistant to the late Rev. Mr. Kirchhof, pastor of Zion Evangelical Church then located at Fourth and Francis Streets.

The object was to give the German speaking people of Pateetown, a church and a parish school of its own. On March 2nd at noon, the following men, Rev. Julius Kramer, Wm. Rumpf, Wm. Ehlers, Felix Rose and E. Langtim met and a few days later a lot was purchased and plans made to erect a building. The church was built of brick and measured 30 by 50 ft. and was dedicated May 17th 1874. The Constitution was signed by the following charter members: Henry Jaeger, John Junker, Wm. Rumpf, Christ Kohl, Henry Becker, John Steffens, John Christ, Wm. Ehler, Felix Rose, Wm. Draeger and Ernst Langtim. All have passed away. The original church still stands having been remodelled into a double tenement.

Rev. Kramer resigned in Feb. 1876 and Rev. Mr. Grabau became pastor and during his pastorate a kitchen was added and a bell purchased by the Sunday School. Hard times prevailed and the Church Council kept services going until 1880 when Rev. Mr. Weltge became pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. Theo. Fleiner who served until 1885.

In June 1885 Rev. Mr. Gromisch became pastor the parsonage was enlarged and a new Organ purchased. After three years he resigned and Rev. Schabinger assumed the pastorate—he married Miss Marie Zerbst. The Treasury for the first time showed a balance. His service ended in 1892.

"Noiseless falls the foot of time—till all our days are done."



PRESENT CHURCH DEDICATED IN 1903  
15th and Lafayette

A teacher, Mr. G. Koch of Hermann, Mo. taught the Parish School of thirty pupils. They were instructed in English during the forenoon and in German in the afternoon. His salary was \$30 per month.

The Rev. Rumpf served as pastor from Dec. 1892 to March 1893 after which Prof. Carl Krueger of Atchison, Kansas supplied.

In May 1893 the Rev. Mr. Rueckert was called and resigned the following May. He was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Neumaerker under whose leadership the debt was liquidated with the help of the Young Peoples Society. In the spring of 1899 the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary was celebrated and in July the pastor resigned and moved to Columbus, Nebraska where he was pastor until his retirement.

Rev. Wm. Bauer was then called and congregation increased until a larger build-

ing was imperative. Additional ground was purchased but a different location was desired and the property was sold for \$2600 in 1902.

A lot was purchased at Fifteenth and Lafayette for \$1500 and a contract for the church and parsonage was awarded to Fowler and Co. for \$13,500. It is impossible to name all the donors to the building but we wish to honor their memory. Much credit in securing financial aid was due to Messrs. Gustav Schuske, Ed. David, Louis Zerbst, Ferdinand Zerbst and George Kirschner. The interior of the church was furnished by the Ladies Aid Society at a cost of \$800. It was a happy day when in November 1903 the building was dedicated for worship and praise and the Glory of God!

In August 1911 Rev. Wm. Bauer resigned and accepted a call to Syracuse, N. Y: where he is now living in retirement.



Pastor 1899 to 1911  
REV. WM. BAUER



Rev. Mr. Grommisch became pastor for the second time and during this pastorate the Pipe Organ was installed. In April 1915 Rev. Chas. Meyer came and resigned in December 1918. From 1919 to 1921 Rev. G. Krueger served and under his leadership the remainder of the church debt was paid. In September 1921 Rev. Carl Maier of South St. Joseph came and faithfully served until July 1926. During the next eight months Rev. John Sauer of Kansas City supplied.

Rev. F. W. Budy became pastor in March 1927. While he visited Europe the church interior was redecorated and new furniture and lights installed. He resigned in October 1929.

In December 1929 Dr. A. Steuler became pastor and resigned in 1931.

Rev Wm. F. Esser came October 28th 1931. During his pastorate the congregation was privileged to witness the ordination of its only son, Rev. Oscar Rumpf, to the Christian ministry June 10, 1933. Rev. F. W. Budy of Hartley, Iowa and Rev. F. C. Klick of St. Joseph assisted in the ordination. During this era of the congregation the Sunday School rooms were redecorated and outside of the church remodelled. A new bell was given by Al Bodtke in memory of Gutav Bodtke. Choir Robes were presented by Margaret Bodtke. An Illuminated Cross was given by Ernest Gusewell and wife on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Be/ger was celebrated at the same time. Communion Table Covers were given in memory of Gertrude Luchinger by her mother. A Clock mechanism was placed in the tower by the Bodtke family. A "Christ In Gethsemene" Panel was given by the Gusewells. New Furnaces were installed. Twenty young men of the congregation entered the Service of their Country. Wm. Esser a son of Rev Wm. Esser lost his life in the service of his country, being the only one killed in service. Rev. Wm. Esser passed away October 18th, 1945 having the longest pastorate of any of Trinity's ministers.

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### CHURCH COUNCIL

First Row:—Left to Right: Bud Seippel, Deacon; Fred Schmidt, Elder; the Pastor; Henry Fuge, Elder; Henry Beger, Financial-Secretary.

Top Row:— Henry Schuske, Vice-President; Clarence Hedrick, Secretary; Chas. Walsh, Deacon; Frank Daly President.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendent, Herbert Rumpf; Secretary and Treasurer, Vivian Holub.

Pianist, Mrs. Dorothy Peck; Teacher of Bible Class, Gertrude Steffens; Adult Class, the Pastor; Intermediate, Frank Daly

Juniors, Mrs. Clarence Hedrick; Primary, Mrs. Eunice Seippel and Marjorie Schuske.





## CHOIR

First Row:—Left to Right—Mrs. Wm. Reutter; Mrs. F. Daly, Organist; Mrs. Clarence Hedrick.

Back Row:—Left to Right—Marjorie Schuske, Mrs. Olin Cookman, Mrs. Elaine Zeamer, Mrs. James Sollars. Not in the picture, Ann Bryant and Mrs. Dorothy Zeamer.



## WOMEN'S GUILD

Officers of the Women's Guild; Mrs. Frank Daly, President  
Mrs. Henry Beger, Secretary; Mrs. Henry Schuske, Treasurer;  
Mrs. Clarence Hedrick, Vice-President.

After a long vacancy during which time Rev. W. Baumgartner Vice-President of Kansas City Synod and other nearby pastors supplied the pulpit and kept the morale of the church going, Dr. C. B. Bryant assumed the pastorate February 1st, 1947. In spite of many removals before and during the interim and with a debt of \$1000 made in repairing and renovating the parsonage, progress has been made financially and spiritually. The congregation has rallied to the support of the church and placed a new roof on the building—paid the \$1000 debt—redecorated the auditorium and lobby of the church and purchased new carpets.

Encouragement has been given by the following Gifts—

New Communion Set and Cup Holders.  
Baptismal Font by the Alma Kansas Church.  
Tile Floor placed in the Sanctuary.  
Additional Hymn Books and Bookcase.  
An Altar.

Primary Department redecorated—Gas stove instilled—a new Bookcase and Coatrack—Birthday Bank and a children's Altar.

The Pipe Organ has been renovated and tuned. New Altar and Pulpit Paraments—a Missal Stand and Altar Book—Brass Candlesticks and the Pews refinished.

Parish Records reveal the following interesting facts during the past 75 years.

319 Confirmations.	11000 Communion.
300 Marriages.	414 Funerals



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1949

Jerald Brunk, Frank Rumpf, Herman Schubert, Jeanette Zeamer,  
Dr. Bryant, Dolores Brunk.



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ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES

Dr. C. B. Bryant, Chairman

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The Church Council  
Dr. C. B. Bryant

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Dr. C. B. Bryant

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Mrs. Frank Daly  
Mrs. C. B. Bryant  
Herbert Rumpf

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Mrs. O. Cookman, Mrs. Clarence Hedrick

BANQUET

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Mrs. Clifford Tolander, Mrs. Adolph Stockroski  
Mrs. Henry Beger, Mrs. George Caldwell

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Sunday, May 15th at 10:45 and 2:30.

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Tuesday, May 17th

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