Religious Newsletter Collection
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Collection Title: Religious Newsletter Collection

Dates: 1874-1903

Creator: State Historical Society of Missouri, collector

Abstract: Religious newsletters and bulletins from various denominations, including Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches, largely from the Sedalia, Missouri, area.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were transferred to the State Historical Society of Missouri from the reference collection on December 3, 2014 (Accession No. CA6469).

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Historical Note:

The Truth was edited by James H. Brookes (Pastor of Walnut Street Presbyterian Church) and published in St. Louis, Missouri. There are two editions of this Presbyterian newsletter within the collection. The first was published in December of 1874 and the second in June of 1875. These
newsletters include sections such as editorial, expository, selections, and “for the little ones” which are all centered around religious teachings and morality.

The Sedalia Church Bulletin was a weekly newsletter and bulletin handed out to members of both the First Methodist Episcopal Church and Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church in Sedalia, Missouri. The materials are from November 1895 to February 1896. The information within these papers includes information on the public worship services and general happenings around Sedalia and individual events and news for each parish.

The Sedalia Lutheran was edited by Reverend J. F. Seibert and published December of 1885. The one copy in the collection depicts the new Trinity Lutheran Church being built in Sedalia with an illustration of the building. The newsletter also tells of the newly formed Luther-League being organized along with events, Sunday school, and congregational brevities.

The Broadway Presbyterian is a monthly newsletter created in Sedalia, Missouri, and the collection includes issues from January 1897 to July 1900. There are four main sections of each newsletter. The first is called “The Pulpit” written by Pastor Louis P. Cain. This is followed by “Sunday School,” written by JNO. Montgomery, Jr., which describes class schedules and includes notes for parents. Next is a section titled “Christian Endeavor” written by W.L. Bass and tells of life events of congregation members. The last heading is “The Watch Tower” and includes announcements of the Church.

The Lutheran was created by the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sedalia, Missouri. The papers rang from October 1897 to March 1899. The Pastor during this time was John F. Seibert. These issues include sections such as: business in church matters, the Church Furnishing Society, Luther-League, and personal mentions.

First Christian Church worked as both a weekly bulletin and newsletter for the First Christian Church in Sedalia, Missouri. The collection includes newsletters from May 1900 to July 1900. Included in the newsletter is the weekly service program, list of active members, bible school class information, and important notices.

The Valley Methodist was published monthly for the Methodist Episcopal Churches in the Mississippi Valley. The editor was Reverend E.W. Pfaffenberger of Boonville and managed by J. C. Galtz. The collection contains one issue of the newsletter from October 1903. Included in the newsletter is a note to the readers, directory of 23 churches, news amongst individual churches, and general interest such as poems and stories.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Religious Newsletters

Scope and Content Note:

Religious Newsletters

This collection contains seven different sets of religious newsletters including:
The Truth, created by James H. Brookes (1830-1897). The newsletter was “the official organ of the premillennial movement.” The Sedalia Church Bulletin was created for the First Methodist Episcopal Church and Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church in Sedalia, Missouri. These Churches have since changed their names to the First United Methodist Church and Epworth United Methodist Church. The Sedalia Lutheran newsletter within the collection was published one year before the Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, Missouri, was completed. The 1885 edition portrays a sketch of what the building would look like when completed a year later. Once the church was operating, they published their own newsletter called The Lutheran. The copies within this collection range from 1897-1899. The Broadway Presbyterian was created for the Broadway Presbyterian Church in Sedalia, Missouri. The church was founded in 1887. The First Christian Church in Sedalia, Missouri, was founded in 1861. The Valley Methodist was edited by Reverend E. W. Pfaffenberger. He was a pastor of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Boonville, Missouri, which was established in 1853.

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