Saint John's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Missouri Collection (R0525)

Collection Number: R0525

Collection Title: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Missouri Collection

Dates: 1922-1971

Creator: Saint John's Lutheran Church (Cole Camp, Mo.)

Abstract: The Saint John's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Missouri Collection contains photocopies of programs for a new church building and two anniversary celebrations.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
                (1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Sandra K. Creek on March 26, 1991 (Accession No. RA0525).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Saint John's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Missouri Collection can be found in the following collections:

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Records (R0122)
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Missouri Records (R0524)
United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Missouri Collection (R0526)

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Historical Note:

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church was founded in 1882 as Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, Benton County, Missouri, as a local congregation of what the church considers its "mother church," Bauersville Immanuel. Bauersville Immanuel, affiliated with the Iowa Lutheran Synod, had been founded in 1849 in an effort to maintain members' Lutheran heritage, which parishioners felt was being lost in the Methodist congregation that served the community at the time.

Originally an English-German bilingual church with a heavy emphasis on its German roots, the congregation voted in 1925 to divide the church by language preference, a factor which was rooted in the 1918 World War I armistice and public animosity toward the German language that followed. This vote and the tensions leading up to the meeting led to the resignation of the pastor at the time, who was most likely Immanuel J. Haag (1885-1979), over the language dispute, and the church remained mostly united except for a portion of the congregation that formed United Evangelical Church as an English-speaking congregation in 1926, but St. Paul's continued holding both German and English services for another thirty-four years. The church held its last German worship service in 1959. The church remains an active congregation, with over five hundred members reported on its website in 2023.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photocopies of three records for Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp, Missouri. The first is a welcome program for the dedication of Cheese Creek Lutheran Church building, dated May 14, 1922. The second two booklets are celebrations of the ninetieth and centennial anniversaries of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in 1961 and 1971.

Container List:

  Box 001   f. 1   Church dedication program and anniversary booklets, 1922-1971

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