

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Frentzel, E. M.**  
**707**      *History of St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Congregation, 1923.*  
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church was organized in the fall of 1873 and was incorporated as the "German Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession at Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri" on 23 November 1875. A revised constitution, in English, was adopted on 15 December 1918. This 24-page booklet presents a brief history of the congregation, including portraits of pastors and church leaders, and photographs of church buildings.

In 1875 the young congregation erected a wooden frame church building which served until the construction of a brick edifice, with a 350-seat auditorium and 1400-pound bell, in 1908. In 1879 the church affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States ("Missouri Synod"). For the first twenty-five years all of the congregation's affairs were conducted exclusively in German, but the church-sponsored grade school converted to English in 1911 and after April 1918 all "morning services" were held in English. Twice monthly Sunday afternoon services in German were still being offered in 1923. At the time of the congregation's "Golden Jubilee" it had 400 members, of whom 300 were "communicants."

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