

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (Sadorus)
Records, 1875-1958

Collection 239

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (Sadorus, Ill.)

Inclusive Dates: 1875-1958

Physical Description: 1 box, (1.23 linear ft.)

Language: German and English

Provenance:

The Saint Paul's Lutheran Church records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

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Historical Note:

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Sadorus, Illinois, was founded by German immigrants from Pomerania who sought to establish a place of worship in their new community. After early services were held in settlers' homes, the congregation formally organized on May 11, 1875, with 17 members and called its first pastor later that year. A church and parsonage were built in 1876. A larger frame church on the same site was dedicated in 1905 but was destroyed by fire in 1945. Construction of a new brick building at the southeast corner of Church and Vine Streets began in 1948 and was completed and dedicated on April 16, 1950. An addition to the structure was completed in 1994. Today, St. Paul's Lutheran Church continues to serve the Sadorus community as a welcoming congregation offering worship services, educational programs, and ministries for individuals of all ages.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection documents the religious life and administrative history of the congregation from 1875 to 1958, including baptism, confirmation, marriage, death, and communication registers; a church chronicle; and a church book (Kirchenbuch). The early entries are handwritten in German and transitions to English in the 1910s. Researchers can find congregant names, dates, family relationships, and pastoral notes.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.



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Subject Terms:

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (Sadorus, Ill.)
Church records and registers -- Illinois -- Champaign County
Champaign County (Ill.) -- Genealogy.
Sadorus (Ill.) -- Church history.

Name Terms:

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Sadorus, Ill.)
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (Sadorus, Ill.)

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Baptism (Tauf) Register, 1875-1941
Folders 2-3: Church Book (Kirchenbuch), 1879-1958 (2 folders)
Folder 4: Church Chronicle (Chronik), 1875-1941
Folder 5: Communicants (Communicanten) Register, 1881-1941
Folder 6: Confirmation (Confirmanden) Register, 1876-1939
Folder 7: Death (Todten) Register, 1875-1941
Folder 8: Marriage (Trau) Register, 1875-1941