

1208 W 14th Street
Architectural Style: Modern
Christ Lutheran Church

This church, designed by Lawrence Moneerg, was built in 1969; primarily of brick & concrete, later reroofed in steel. The stained glass in the apse was designed by Richard Caemmerer, & illustrates the “Doxology” with Biblical references. The bell tower is at the entry to the church, with a cross placed outside beyond the sanctuary, in line with the altar. That “path” & the church’s shape demonstrate both taking the faith out into the world & looking toward heaven, with the arched roof expanding upward & angling out at the top, yet anchored to the ground on both sides. The apse wall is inverted from tradition, being concave on the outside. The full sanctuary’s brick undulating wall flows like a curtain. The church’s side walls house rooms for various purposes.



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Entry

Bell tower

Cross

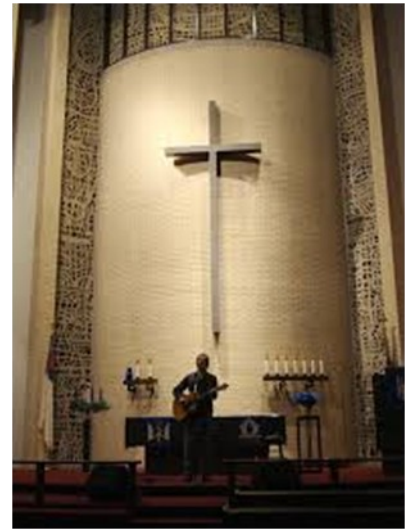
Sanctuary

Cross, church, bell tower



Anchor





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In 1927, a group of 40 Christian families left Immanuel Lutheran Church because of a doctrinal dispute. These 40 families were organized as Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 20, 1928. The beginning congregation called Pastor Arnold Dornfeld as their first pastor, he began serving July of 1928.

The congregation chose to build on the corner of Third and Walnut, the structure was completed on February 10, 1929.

In August of 1944, Pastor Dornfeld resigned the congregation because of ill health and October 15, 1944, Pastor Traugott P. Bradtke, then a teacher at Lutheran High was called to serve Christ Lutheran as its second pastor.

From 1928 until 1964 the congregation was a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Synod. In 1964 the congregation became a member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

In 1964 a committee was appointed to consider the building of a new structure. In 1965 10 acres of land

became available on West 14th. This was none too soon, for the congregation had now grown to the size of 629 baptized members. On July 29, 1968 the congregation approved the plans. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on August 18, 1968. The cornerstone-laying service for the new church was held in August of 1969. On October 19, 1969 the first services were held at its present location on West 14th and Lincoln Avenue.

Because of the congregation's continued growth by 1985 there were 1090 baptized members, the church council appointed a building committee. Plans for building and additions were approved on October 20, ground breaking was held on May 18, 1986. Dedication of the new multi-purpose room and many new classrooms was held on December 14, 1986.

Knowing her need to be served by a pastor following Pastor Bradtke's retirement on September 13, 1987, after 43 years of service to Christ Congregation, the congregation extended a divine call to the Reverend Mark A. Krueger. On September 20, 1987 he was installed as their third resident pastor. By 1990, the congregation had grown to 1440 baptized members, because of its continued growth, congregation called yet another pastor, The Reverend Stewart D. Crown, was called and installed on July 1, 1990 as an assistant pastor. Pastor Crown resigned his position in 1992 to go back to Concordia Seminary to continue studies on furthering his education. And on January, 1993 Pastor Steven Chellew was called as Christ Lutheran's second assistant pastor. Pastor Krueger and Pastor Chellew continue to serve the Lord faithfully in administering Word and Sacrament to this present day.

Kathleen Dzekute joined Christ Lutheran as an interim in September, 1994 and she completed her interim ship in January, 1995 and then we extended a contract to her in 1995 and she has been our part-time Lay Minister and Director of Small Group Ministry here at Christ Lutheran since that time and then also the Lord has served his body faithfully by Word and Sacrament for sixty-eight years.

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