



LA CROSSE CHURCHES 1852-1900

This is a list of La Crosse churches intended to help genealogists identify which church their ancestor may have been associated with before 1900 in an effort to research church sacramental and other records. This list is organized by denomination first, then by ethnicity, and finally by South or North Side location.

Another list is arranged by ethnicity first, then divided into South Side and North Side locations, then finally by denomination. This list also includes any church records that are available at the Archives & Local History area at the La Crosse Public Library.

The compiler has tried to be as comprehensive as possible, and city directories, clipping files, and church histories were major sources of information used in this endeavor.

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BAPTIST CHURCHES

ENGLISH SPEAKING BAPTIST CHURCHES	South Side	First Baptist Church // 1852-present 1863-1961 128 S. 6th [bet. Main & King Sts.; sold to La Crosse Diocese for expansion of St. Joseph's]; 1961-present Main & West Ave.	Records 1852-1919 on microfilm Mss 44, Micro 17
NORWEGIAN SPEAKING BAPTIST CHURCHES	South Side	Scandinavian Baptist / First Scandinavian Baptist / merged with North Side and became Calvary Baptist // 1869-ca. 1895 cor. 7th & Winnebago Sts. (sold to German Baptists)	
	North Side	Scandinavian Baptist / merged with South Side and became Calvary Baptist / merged with First Baptist in 1960 // 1869-1960 (started as a mission of sorts by Scandinavian Baptists Southside) cor. Charles & Logan	
	North Side	Norwegian & Danish Baptist / Second Baptist Church / Tabernacle Baptist // ca. 1885-1925 1232 Avon St. (building sold to the Knights of Pythius)	
GERMAN SPEAKING BAPTIST CHURCHES	South Side	First German Baptist / Seventh Street Baptist Church / Bible Baptist // 1893-present 1893-1949 cor. 7th & Winnebago Sts. (old Scandinavian Baptist Church); 1949-present 525 S. 7th (old Salzer Methodist Church)	

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES

IRISH, FRENCH	South Side	St. Mary's // 1855-1962 1855-1874; 1874-1962 cor. 7 th & Cameron Sts.; congregation combined with St. Joseph's	
	North Side	St. James // 1886-present 1886-1900; 1900-present NE cor. Windsor & Caledonia Sts.	
GERMAN	South Side	St. Joseph's Cathedral // 1870-present 1870-1959; 1962-present cor. 6 th & Main Sts.	
		St. Nicholas / Holy Trinity // 1887-present 1887-present 14 th & Tyler Sts.	
	North Side	St. John's // 1887-1968 1887-1892; 1892-1968 cor. Avon & St. James Sts.; congregation combined with St. James'	
POLISH	South Side	Holy Cross // 1885-1960 1885-1960 NE cor. Ferry & 13 th Sts.; building razed	
BOHEMIAN	South Side	St. Wenceslaus // 1873-1974 1873-1914; 1915-1974 936 Winnebago St.; congregation combined with St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity	

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JEWISH CONGREGATIONS

South Side	Hebrew Benevolent Society / Ansche Chesed Congregation // 1866-1901 / Sons of Abraham // 1905-present 1866-1867 Masonic Hall on Pearl St.; 1867-1880 5 th St. between Main & King; 1880-1901 521 So. 4 th St.; congregation reorganized 1905-1948 414 No. 11 th St.; 1948-present 1820 Main St.	Records 1857-1927 on microfilm Mss 71, Micro 26
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LUTHERAN CHURCHES

ENGLISH SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCH	South Side	English Lutheran Church // 1898-present 1898-1901 Lienlokken Hall; YMCA Bldg.; 1901-1925 Ferry St. & West. Ave.; 1925-1991 1601 Cass St.; 1992 -present 1509 King St.	Records 1898-1937 on microfilm Mss 39, Micro 12
NORWEGIAN SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCHES	South Side	Norwegian Lutheran Church / West Ave. Lutheran Church / St. Paul's [Norwegian] Lutheran Church // 1870-present 1871-1882 N. 9th St; 1882-1896 King bet. 5 & 6th; 1896-1961 cor. 12 & Division; 1961- present 420 West Ave. So.	Records 1881-1921 Mss 42, Micro 15
	South Side	Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church / Our Savior's Lutheran Church // 1861-present 1861-1869 met in Baptist Church and German Lutheran Church; 1869-1882 Old Congregational Church at Market Square; 1882-1957 6th & Division; 1957-present 612 Division St.	Records 1870-1898 Mss 19, Micro 6
	North Side	Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran; Synod Congregation merged with Trinity Lutheran // 1875-1918 1881-1890 Clinton & Caledonia Sts; 1890-1918 Charles & Sill Sts.	
	North Side	Bethel Evangelical Lutheran // 1886-present 1886-1888 Union church at Windsor & Avon; 1888-1958 George & Sill; 1958-present 1931 Loomis St.	Records 1886-1921 on microfilm Mss 38, Micro 11
	North Side	[Our Savior's] Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church; reorganized 1885- 1918 / Trinity Evangelical Lutheran or "United" Congregation / Trinity Lutheran Church // 1875-present 1875-? Avon St.; ?-1952 1340 Avon St.; 1953-present 1010 Sill St.	Records 1876-1939 on microfilm Mss 43, Micro 16

LUTHERAN CHURCHES, continued

GERMAN SPEAKING LUTHERAN CHURCHES	South Side	German Evangelical Lutheran Church and German Lutheran Church / First Evangelical Lutheran Church // 1859-present 1860-1862 old Methodist Episcopal Church at 5th & Jay; 1862-1904 5th & Cass; 1904-present West Ave. & Cameron (400 West Ave. So.)	Records 1859-1947 on microfilm Mss 40, Micro 13
	North Side	German Lutheran Church / Immanuel Lutheran Church // 1888-present 1888-1891 1352 Berlin St. [Liberty]; 1891-1908 se cor. Avon & St. Paul; 1908-present nw cor. Avon & St. Paul (1201 Avon)	

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METHODIST CHURCHES

ENGLISH SPEAKING METHODIST CHURCHES	South Side	First Methodist Episcopal Church / Wesley United Methodist Church // 1852-present 1853-1886 427 So. 4th; 1886-present 8th & King Sts.	
	South Side	Colman Methodist Episcopal Church / West Avenue Methodist Church // 1887-1945 ; merged & became Asbury United Methodist Church 1887-1894 Jackson St. bet. 12 & 13th Sts; 1894-1945 917 West Ave. [West Ave. bet. Mississippi & Jackson Sts.]; church building bought by Nazarenes	Records 1888-1941 on microfilm Mss 47, Micro 20
	North Side	Second Methodist Episcopal Church / Caledonia St. [Methodist Episcopal] Church / St. Luke's Methodist Church // 1856-present 1856-1866 various including 927 Rose St. and 1000 block of Caledonia; 1866-1959 1024 Caledonia St.; 1959-present 1022 Caledonia St.	
	South Side	Asbury United Methodist Church // 1945-present formed from merger of Salzer, First and West Avenue congregations 1945-present 19th & Redfield Sts.	
GERMAN SPEAKING METHODIST CHURCHES	South Side	First German Methodist Episcopal Church / Salzer Memorial Church // 1856-1945 ; merged & became Asbury United Methodist Church 1856- 1869?; 1869-1945 525 So. 7th St. [7th & Ferry Sts.]; church building bought by Bible Baptist Church	
	North Side	Second German Methodist Episcopal Church // ca. 1883?-ca. 1929 1884-ca. 1887 Caledonia bet. Wall & Windsor; 1888-ca. 1929 1300 Liberty [cor. Berlin [Liberty] & Clinton Sts.]	

METHODIST CHURCHES, continued

NORWEGIAN SPEAKING METHODIST CHURCHES	South Side	Norwegian Methodist Episcopal Church / First Norwegian Methodist Church // ca. 1880-ca. 1906 1880-1881 Baptist Church on 6th St; 1881-1893 7th & Division; church moved 1893 to cor. 15th & Winnebago Sts.	
	North Side	Norwegian Methodist Episcopal Church / Second Norwegian Methodist Episcopal Church / First Scandinavian Methodist Episcopal Church // ca. 1883-ca. 1918 1884-ca. 1918 cor. Sill & Berlin [Liberty] Sts.	

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OTHER PROTESTANT CHURCHES

ENGLISH SPEAKING CHURCHES	South Side	<u>Christian Science</u> First Church of Christ, Scientist // 1886-present 1886-1894 ?; 1894-1900 Lienlokken Hall; 1900-1922 530 King St.; 1922-2005 145 West Ave. So. (West Ave & King Sts.); 2005-present 219 S. Seventh St.	
		<u>Congregational</u> First Congregational Church / United Church of Christ // 1852-present 1852-1855 various; 1855-1870 4 th St.; 1870-1950 SE cor. 7 th & Main Sts.; 1953-present 2503 Main St.	Records 1859-1937 on microfilm Mss 45, Micro 18
		<u>Episcopal</u> Christ Episcopal Church / Christ Church // 1857-present 1857-1863 various; 1863-1898 wooden structure on present site; 1898-present 831 Main (NW cor. 9 th and Main Sts.)	Records 1857-1917 on microfilm Mss 46, Micro 19
		<u>Presbyterian</u> First Presbyterian Church // 1866-present 1866-1880 6 th and King Sts.; 1880-1951 6 th & King Sts.; 1951-present 233 West Ave. So.	
		<u>Universalist</u> First Universalist [Christian] Society / First Universalist Church / St. Paul's Universalist Church // 1860-1930 1860-1863? First Ward School; 1865-1930 724 Cass St. (Building sold to Church of Christ)	
	North Side	<u>Presbyterian</u> Presbyterian Church of North La Crosse / North Side Presbyterian Church / North United Presbyterian Church // 1870-present 1868-1894 schoolhouse then moved to 911 Rose St.; 1894-1964 Avon & Logan Sts.; 1964-present 1327 North Salem Rd.	Records 1908-1959 on microfilm Mss 48, Micro 21

OTHER PROTESTANT CHURCHES, continued

GERMAN SPEAKING CHURCH	South Side	<u>Reformed</u> German Reformed Church / St. John's Reformed / St. Johannes / United Church of Christ // 1864-present 1864-? Schoolhouse; Methodist & Presbyterian churches; 1865?-1925 414 Market (cor. 4 th & Market); 1925-present 630 West Ave. So.	
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ETHNICITY

Bohemian Speaking

SOUTH SIDE

Catholic

POSSIBILITIES

1873-1974 St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

English/English Speaking

SOUTH SIDE

Baptist

1852-present First Baptist Church

Catholic

1855-1962 St. Mary's Catholic Church // (became part of St. Joseph's)

Christian Science

1886-present First Church of Christ, Scientist

Congregational

(now United Church of Christ)

1852-present First Congregational Church

Episcopal

1857-present Christ Episcopal Church

Lutheran

1898-present English Lutheran Church

Methodist

1852-present Wesley United Methodist Church

1887-1945 West Ave. Methodist Church //

(became part of Asbury United Methodist Church)

1945-present Asbury United Methodist Church

Presbyterian

1866-present First Presbyterian Church

Universalist

1860-1930 St. Paul's Universalist Church

NORTH SIDE

Catholic

1886-present St. James Catholic Church

Methodist

1856-present St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Presbyterian

1870-present North Presbyterian Church

German Speaking

SOUTH SIDE

Baptist
Catholic

1893-present First German Baptist (now Bible Baptist)

Lutheran
Methodist

1870-present St. Joseph's Cathedral
1887-present Holy Trinity Catholic Church
1859-present First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Reformed
(now United Church of Christ)

1856-1945 Salzer Memorial Church //
(became part of Asbury United Methodist Church)
1864-present St. John's Reformed Church

NORTH SIDE

Catholic
Lutheran
Methodist

1887-1968 St. John's // (combined with St. James)
1888-present Immanuel Lutheran Church
ca. 1883-ca. 1929 Second German Methodist Church

Norwegian Speaking

SOUTH SIDE

Baptist
Lutheran

1869-ca. 1895 Scandinavian Baptist Church (merged; became Calvary Baptist)

1861-present Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1870-present St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Methodist

ca. 1880-ca. 1906 First Norwegian Methodist Church

NORTH SIDE

Baptist

ca. 1885-1925 Tabernacle Baptist

1869-1960 Scandinavian Baptist (became Calvary Baptist)

Lutheran

1875-present Trinity Lutheran Church

1875-1918 Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran //

(merged with Trinity Lutheran)

1886-present Bethel Evangelical Lutheran

Methodist

ca. 1883-ca. 1918 First Scandinavian Methodist Church

Yiddish Speaking

SOUTH SIDE

Jewish

1866-1901 Ansche Chesed Congregation

1905-present Sons of Abraham Congregation