

## CHARTER MEMBERS

August Schoepper	Ferdinand Klempen	Edward Jolitz	Martin Kerwin
Julius Orthmann, Sr.	Fred Wegner, Jr.	Julius Orthmann, Jr.	Herman Schwan, Sr.
Fred Wegner, Sr.			

## PASTORS

Samuel Gonser 1907-1909	Johann Kusch 1921-1922	Samuel Gonser 1928-1939
G. Zimmer 1909-1912	Frank Klinshewsky 1923-1926	Paul J. Kaiser 1940-1969
A. Blankenagel 1912-1921	H.W. Rath 1927-	Herb Feierabend 1970-1980
Richard K. Stenzel 1981-2008		

## SERVING DURING VACANCIES

R. Assman 1922	H. Greuter 1926	B. Howe 1928	R. Grunewald
Jeannie Douglas 2008			

Denominational ties: Evangelical Synod of North America, Evangelical & Reformed, United Church of Christ

## St. Luke's UCC, South Milwaukee HISTORY

- 1907 Rev. Gonser began preliminary work to establish church in South Milwaukee. Charter members drew up papers and chose name – May 4<sup>th</sup>. Evangelical St. Lucas Church. Under the leadership of Julius Orthmann, Sunday School was started in German. 909 Michigan Church dedicated – October 13<sup>th</sup>. Erected for \$2400.00. Ladies Aid organized Guild.
- 1921 Formed joint church with Christ Evangelical Church of Cudahy.
- 1923 Purchased church on 9<sup>th</sup> and Madison – May 21<sup>st</sup> for \$6000.00. Farewell service held and service of dedication of redecorated church held July 18<sup>th</sup>. Service held for laying corner stone September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 1927 Rev. Rath introduced English services. Also, introduced to Sunday School and Young Peoples League.
- 1931 Albert Gonser ordination held June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 1940 Organized Brotherhood. Dropped all German services. Used individual Communion cups for the first time.
- 1941 Neon Cross dedicated December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 1942 Merged. Changed Constitution January 11<sup>th</sup> changing to Evangelical and Reformed Church instead of Evangelical Synod of North America. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service held September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 1943 Burnt mortgage for 9<sup>th</sup> and Madison Church in January.
- 1946 Women's Guild presented Hammond Electric Organ, dedicated November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 1947 Christ Church of Cudahy merged with St. Luke's. January 12<sup>th</sup> union service held. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service held September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 1948 Dedicated Chancel furniture on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 1953 Purchased approximately 4 acres at 18<sup>th</sup> and Madison for \$3000.00 on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 1955 April 4<sup>th</sup> architects chosen, Steffen & Kemp, to design new church.
- 1957 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 1959 Broke ground for new church on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sold old church to Church of Nazarene. Received lot on Oak, \$5000.00 and property at 1829 Oak. Laid corner stone on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 1960 Last service held in old church on January 17<sup>th</sup>. First service held in Fellowship Hall of new church on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Church completed on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Dedicated church on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 1961 Voted to change name to include United Church of Christ.
- 1962 Sunday School altar built by D. Sonnenbend, bulletin board added and cross donated by Mr. Riniker.
- 1963 Terrance McCreedy ordained here on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Black top, circle drive and lights added to parking lot.
- 1972 Ground breaking for additional on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Addition – Sunday School, lounge and offices completed. Built by Marino Construction, designed by Boswell Associates. 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service held in October. Kiva Hayen presented Anniversary and Communion banners at 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- 1973 Sunday School addition dedicated on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 1977 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary service held on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 1981 New organ dedicated on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 1982 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. St. Luke banner presented to church
- 1983 Parsonage started in July and completed in November.
- 1990 Carillon dedicated in April. New sound system added.
- 1991 Eternal light installed in February – donated by family of Rev. Kaiser.
- 2007 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 2009 Website live.