

Lutheran Emanuel Church
Pleasant Grove Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor Luther Herman
Phone: (660) 882-6253
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 Sunday School

Township:	T-48-N	Organized:	1855
Range:	R-15-W	Disbanded:	No
Section:	34	Active:	Yes
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	July 19, 2005

Cemetery: There is a cemetery associated with this church.

Area: Northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the section on a gravel road turning north off of Route EE between Prairie Home and Wooldridge five or six miles from Prairie Home.

Records: The location of the church records is unknown at present.

History:

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From "History of Howard and Cooper Counties Missouri", 1883

Lutheran Emanuel Church - Is located on section 34, township 48, range 15, Prairie Home township, and was organized about the year 1855 by Rev. August Lange, Henry Meyer, Frederick Stock, Jacob Edes, G. Knorp, Henry Meyer, John Kempfer, Dietrich Molan, John Snauch, Christine Hecherman and Ludwig Mentz. House erected in 1855. The church owes four acres of land and a parsonage. Present pastor, Adolph Clos; present membership, twenty-two; value of church property, \$1,000.

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From "History of Cooper County Missouri" by W. F. Johnson, 1919

Lutheran Emanuel Church, is located in Prairie Home township. It was organized in 1855 by Rev. August Lange. The church building was erected the same year. Original membership, Rev. August Lange, Henry Meyer, Frederick Stock, Jacob Edes, G. Knorp, Henry Meyer, John Kempfer, Dietrich Molan, John Snauch, Christine Hecherman and Ludwig Mentz.

Pleasant Grove Lutheran Church Dates Back to 1844

From "Memorabilia of Cooper County", 1990

The Pleasant Grove Immanuel Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod - has occupied an attractive five acre piece of land on the Wooldridge - Prairie Home road since 1858. Its actual beginning dates back to 1844. The original founders were for several years in membership with a so-called united church consisting of Evangelical and Lutheran people. Their chapel was on the present site of the St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed church.

Because of differences in doctrine and practice the Lutherans in that former church withdrew, relocated, and organized their own congregation. Some charter members of those days were Frederick and John Stock, John Henry, Gerard Henry Meyer, John G. Kaempfer, George Knorp, and Jacob Eder.

On Feb. 25, 1861, Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Meyer deeded four acres of land for a church, parsonage, and cemetery. June 17, 1875, the members purchased another acre from Adolph Lenger. The congregation incorporated September 1873, with Gottfried Kaempfer, John S. Stock, Adolph Lenger, and Fred N. Stock as trustees.

The first chapel was a 28 by 40 foot structure, serving for years as both place of worship and the school room. For more than a century Missouri Synod Lutherans have been strong advocates of Christian day schools for education of the child both spiritually and mentally. Such a school continued at Immanuel until 1944 with the minister undertaking the additional task of teaching.

First Parsonage A Log House

The Rev. H. Juengel was the first resident minister at the new location. The first parsonage was a log house which was destroyed by fire and replaced by a frame house. In 1908 the present dwelling was erected. Its original four rooms have been expanded to six rooms. With the advent of REA power, some improvements have been made in the parsonage. Bathroom and kitchen facilities with a modern water system have been installed.

With continued growth in membership, the church deemed it necessary to have a more modern and convenient church building. In April 1896, the Rev. A.H.T. Meyer, pastor, the cornerstone was laid. This is the same building which is used today with its stately tower and intonation which invites the community to worship.

by Mrs. Lon Vaughn
