

## 18 PROMISED LAND CHURCH

243 E. Spaulding Street  
This Independent Assembly of God church was founded fairly recently and now meets in the former Calvary Baptist Church building. ( see #5)

## 19 ADVENT CHURCH

215 S. Eighth Street  
Founded in 1872, this is one of the smaller church bodies and the building they meet in was erected in 1873. In 1924 the structure was raised and moved back onto a new foundation which provided a basement for meeting space. The small entry was also added at that time.



## 20 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

204 N. Tenth Street  
Founded in 1875 as an off-shoot of St Mark's Lutheran Church, this is the second church building for the congregation and was built in 1953-54. It was updated in the early 2000's. The present building replaces a small gothic style building on the same site.

## 21 CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

112 Hall Street  
This church is the result of the merger of the Zoar Reformed Church, the Wesley Methodist Church and the Methodist-Episcopal Church. Each of these church bodies had their own particular houses of worship but after the merger the newly founded congregation erected the present building in 1972.

## 22 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

1611 East Main Street  
Founded in 1971 as an off shoot from St. John's Lutheran Church, the present church building was erected in 1972 and has been remodeled and added to since then.



## 23 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

160 Oakridge Court  
Founded in 1882 in a building on Division Street (today a private home) the church met in a building on S. Fifth Street commencing in 1927 until the mid 1980s when the present church was built.

## 24 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

120 Kuckkan Lane  
Originally founded in 1845, the church met first in a frame building, then in a red brick church building (today home to the First Brigade Band and Dodge-Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society) and in 1994 erected this substantial new building, reusing stained glass windows from their



## A TOUR OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN'S CHURCHES

Compiled by W. F. Jannke III

Watertown, WI has always been a city that has held Christian values to be an important part of the lives of its citizens. Since the first traveling Methodist circuit rider came through the fledgling hamlet in 1837 to the present, Watertown has always been a church-centered community. On weekends, church bells can be heard from the various churches, calling the faithful to worship.

This tour, which can be a walking tour or a driving tour, is designed to showcase the various houses of worship located in the city.

The architecture of Watertown's churches range from modern styles to classical Gothic church styles. The oldest church building still standing belongs to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. That building was erected in 1860. Other historic church edifices include St. Mark's Lutheran Church, erected in 1888, St. Henry's Catholic Church, erected in 1862 but added onto since then, the Advent Church, erected in 1875, and St. Bernard's Catholic Church, begun in 1873 and finished in 1876.

Other churches mentioned within include the Moravian Church, built in 1904, St. John's Lutheran Church, built in 1908, and more modern examples.

To date there are over 25 different religious bodies operating in the city. This tour, however, will concern itself with only those church groups that have a permanent meeting house.

Rev 08/08

## A DRIVING TOUR CHURCHES



A Guide to the Historic Neighborhoods of Watertown produced by the:

**Watertown Tourism Council**

Visit our website: [www.watertowntourism.com](http://www.watertowntourism.com)

former building.

### **1** RIVER VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH

*N610 Welsh Road*

This is one of the newer churches, having been built in 1992. The church was organized in 1988 and it is a Baptist church.

### **2** FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

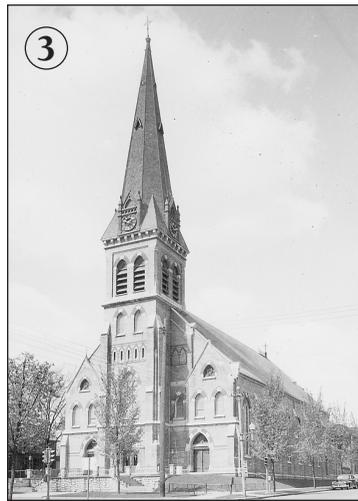
*605 Welsh Road*

This church body was organized in 1987 and their house of worship was erected in 1992.

### **3** ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

*114 S. Church Street*

This is the pioneer Catholic church in the city,



having been founded in 1843. The present church, which was finished in 1876, replaced a smaller wooden structure. It is one of the most imposing churches in the city and is known for its beautiful stained glass windows.

### **4** ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

*21 Pawnee Street*

Originally founded as the Gospel Tabernacle in 1927, this church was housed in several locations before moving to its present location in 1968.

### **5** CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*792 Milford Street*

This church broke away from the First Baptist Church and was founded in 1960. For many years it met in a house of worship on E. Spaulding Street but in 2005 it moved to the present location and erected this fine church.



### **6** FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*626 Milford Street*

Founded in 1986, the church houses a school as well. The church building was erected in 1988.

### **7** JEHOVAH'S WITNESS KINGDOM HALL

*605 West Street*

This religious sect first came to Watertown in 1955 and met in a building on Division Street. In 1975 they erected their present house of worship.

### **8** WATERTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

*106 E. Madison Street*

Founded in 1997, the congregation moved into the former Masonic Temple building in 2001. The structure dates to the late 1960's.

### **9** ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*413 South Second Street*

This is the oldest church building still standing, having been erected in 1860. The bell tower and chapel were added in the 1890s and the fellowship hall in 1931. The congregation was founded in 1845. Nearby is the supposed geographical center of the city of Watertown.

### **10** ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*301 Clark Street*

Begun as a "freie gemeinde" or free thinking church in 1849, it became affiliated with the Wisconsin Synod of the Lutheran Church in 1909. Originally the church met in a building located on N. Fourth Street but in 1960 it moved to its present quarters.

### **11** ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

*412 N. Fourth Street*

Founded in 1853 by German Catholics, this church building was erected in 1860 and was enlarged in 1891 to include the present chancel and bell tower. Major renovations were done in 1959-60 and again in the early 2000's. The last project included restoration of murals from 1891. St. Henry's has the first steeple clock in the city and for many years the city helped to pay for the upkeep of the clock.



### **12** TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*605 S. Fourth Street*

Founded in 1912, the congregation broke away from St. Mark's Lutheran Church when its members wished to worship in the English language instead of the traditional German. The present building was erected in 1952, with a recent addition completed in the early 2000's.

### **13** APOSTOLIC GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE

*311 S. Fifth Street*

The congregation was founded in the late 1980s and moved into the former First Baptist Church building in the early 1990s. The structure was built in 1927.

### **14** SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

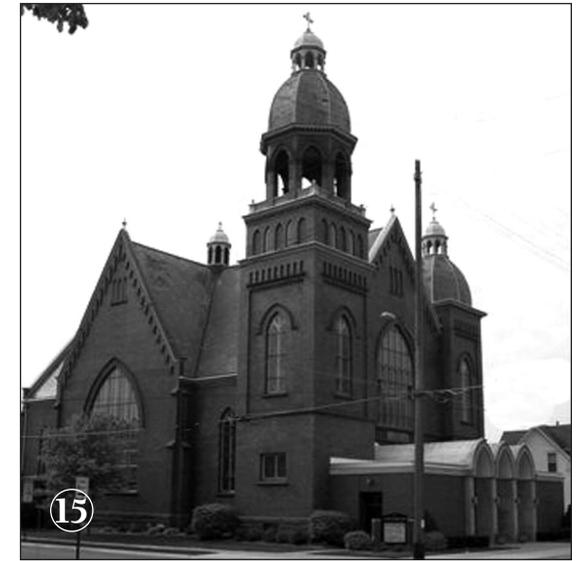
*500 S. Fifth Street*

Founded in the late 1800s, the church met in several different locations before moving to its present location, the former Christian Science Church, in 1967. The building was erected about 1922.

### **15** ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*304 N. Sixth Street*

Founded in 1852, this is the oldest Lutheran congregation in Watertown. The present structure is the third church building of the congregation and was built in 1908. It was renovated in 1968 and again in 1988. The side windows were re-used from the 1864 church building on the same site. The large side windows and the front window over the doors were new in 1908.



### **16** ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*214 N. Sixth Street*

Founded in 1854, this church body erected the first brick church building in Jefferson County. In 1888 the present house of worship was erected. In 1997 the interior of the church was restored to its 1908 artwork (including 85% of the original stencil patterns) and the altar window was uncovered and restored as well.

### **17** MORAVIAN CHURCH

*510 Cole Street*

Founded in 1855 as an off-shoot of the Ebenezer Moravian Church located in the Town of Watertown, this church building was erected in 1904, replacing an earlier church building on the same site.