

# Guide to Church and Cemetery Records: Buffalo County, WI, 1860-1983

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## Summary Information

**Title:** Church and Cemetery Records (Genealogical Society of Utah Project): Buffalo County, Wisconsin

**Inclusive Dates:** 1860-1983

**Call Number:** Eau Claire Micro 28

**Quantity:** 7 reels of microfilm (35mm)

**Repository:** Housed at the Area Research Center, William D. McIntyre Library, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society, Library-Archives Division

**Archival Locations:** UW-Eau Claire McIntyre Library / Eau Claire Area Research Ctr.

**Abstract:** Copies of records of numerous churches and cemeteries in Buffalo County, Wis., microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in cooperation with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Representing various denominations, the records usually consist of membership and sacramental record books.

**Note:** This collection is available only on microfilm. This microfilm was produced in 1981 and 1984 by the Genealogical Society of Utah which holds the master negative.

**Language:** English, German, Norwegian

## Search Terms/Subject Terms

- Evangelical and Reformed Church—Wisconsin
- Lutheran Church—Wisconsin
- Church Records and Registers—Wisconsin—Buffalo County
- Buffalo County (Wis.)—Church history—Sources
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Genealogical Dept.

## Scope and Content Note

The Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) and the Wisconsin Historical Society cooperated in a project

to borrow and film Wisconsin church and cemetery records of interest to genealogists. The project produced 311 reels of microfilm containing records from 32 Wisconsin counties, dating from the 1830s to the 1980s. Positive copies of the microfilm are available at the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Area Research Centers; each location houses different portions of the collection.

The microfilm has been grouped according to county where the church or cemeteries are located and each county group has been assigned a unique call number. Due to the filming process, there is occasionally a record of a church or cemetery from a different county located on a reel of film predominantly of another county, but generally a reel of microfilm almost always contains only records of churches and cemeteries from one county. Each call number therefore represents records primarily of one county (call number "Milwaukee Micro 70" for Milwaukee county records for example). An exception is "Stout Micro 25" which contains records from both Dunn and Barron counties.

Accuracy of this finding aid is limited by readability of the film, completeness of the record, and staff knowledge of foreign languages and scripts. In-depth research into church history was not done by Archives staff. Some records do not name the church which created them; in those cases the information recorded by the filmer is used and often is the present custodian of the record. Missing information, particularly the "record type" in the reel lists, is due to the occasional necessity of working from camera operators' reports or other finding aids rather than from the film itself. Annotations and corrections can be forwarded to the Wisconsin Historical Society for inclusion in future versions of this finding aid.

A separate reel list finding aid is provided for each call number. The reel lists contain detailed information on types of records included and years covered. The reel lists also indicate the languages in which the records were written and the GSU film number, in the event that a duplicate needs to be ordered. The reel lists include brief descriptions of the record types (birth, baptism, marriage, etc.); this information was compiled from the film itself. Occasionally sections, especially languages and record types, were left blank when incomplete information was available.

## Place Names

A few locations are not now governmental units but apparently were in use at the time the records were created. In cases where churches moved or merged, the record is still listed under only one location. Sometimes a single record contains information crossing county lines, especially in the case of missions or circuits. If exact location is not clear, rather than mislead the user with a possibly incorrect place name, the more general location of just the county is used. Thus it is important for the user to be imaginative in searching for place names.

## Church and Cemetery Names

Church names, if in a foreign language, are usually entered in the English form if doing so will bring all records for one church -- both before and after the church adopted English as its language. "Saint" is sometimes spelled out and sometimes abbreviated to "St." making it necessary for the user to search both ways.

Denomination is listed as it appeared in the records with no additional research done on

denominational changed that have occurred in the 150-year scope of this collection. Thus lines are not always exact between, for example, Methodist and Methodist Episcopal or Evangelical Lutheran and Lutheran. In some cases the present denomination is indicated for a church that has changed through the years. For example, United Church of Christ may indicate churches which were formerly Congregational or Evangelical and Reformed. Some knowledge of church history is useful to the user. A denomination could not be determined for some records.

## Administrative/Restriction Information

**Use Restrictions:** Copies may be purchased by libraries or other research organizations, with the written consent of the custodial congregation, from the Genealogical Society of Utah.

**Acquisition Information:** The original records were loaned for copying by their custodians and were returned when copying was completed. Accession Number: M81-003, M84-044

**Processing Information:** Processed by Ann Hokanson and Natalie Tinkham.

## Content List

Reel/Item 1/1	Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, 1909-1962 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Modena Record types: baptism, confirmation, marriage, burial Languages: German GSU Number: 1392622
Reel/Item 1/2	Saint Luke's Church, 1891-1937 Note: Denomination: Evangelical Place name: Alma. Record types: pastors, membership, baptism, burial, history, expenditures Languages: German GSU Number: 1392622
Reel/Item 1/3	St. Paul's Church, 1891-1938 Note: Denomination: Evangelical Place name: Alma Record types: Pastoral Register, Membership, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, History Constitution Languages: German GSU Number: 1392622

Reel/Item 1/4	<p>Immanuel Reformed Church, 1862-1945</p> <p>Note: Denomination:</p> <p>Place name: Eagle Valley</p> <p>Record types: pastor, communicants, baptism, marriage, confirmations, burial, history</p> <p>Languages: German</p> <p>GSU Number: 1392622</p>
Reel/Item 1/5	<p>Saint John's Reformed Church, 1888-1956</p> <p>Note: Denomination:</p> <p>Place name: Fountain City</p> <p>Record types: pastor, communicants, baptism, marriage, confirmations, burial, history</p> <p>Languages: German</p> <p>GSU Number: 1392622</p>
Reel/Item 2/1	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church, 1873-1884</p> <p>Note: Denomination: Lutheran</p> <p>Place name: Mondovi</p> <p>Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, membership</p> <p>Languages: Norwegian</p> <p>GSU Number: 1392623</p>
Reel/Item 2/2	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church, 1886-1889</p> <p>Note: Denomination: Lutheran</p> <p>Place name: Mondovi</p> <p>Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, membership</p> <p>Languages: Norwegian</p> <p>GSU Number: 1392623</p>
Reel/Item 2/3	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church, 1889-1915</p> <p>Note: Denomination: Lutheran</p> <p>Place name: Mondovi</p> <p>Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, membership</p> <p>Languages: Norwegian</p> <p>GSU Number: 1392623</p>
	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church, 1878-1887</p> <p>Note: Denomination: Lutheran</p> <p>Place name: Mondovi</p>

Reel/Item 2/4	Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, membership Languages: Norwegian GSU Number: 1392623
Reel/Item 2/5	East Bennet Valley Church, 1901-1918 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: East Bennet Record types: baptism, confirmations, burial, memberships Languages: Norwegian GSU Number: 1392623
Reel/Item 2/6	West Bennet Valley Church, 1913-1916 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: West Bennet Valley Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, membership Languages: Norwegian GSU Number: 1392623
Reel/Item 2/7	West Bennet Valley Church, 1913-1953 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: West Bennet Valley Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, communion, membership, pastors Languages: Norwegian GSU Number: 1392623
Reel/Item 3/1	Modena Lutheran Church, 1911-1962 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Modena Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, memberships, burial, annual summaries Languages: Norwegian, English GSU Number: 1392624
Reel/Item 3/2	Thompson Valley Lutheran Church, 1866-1952 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Thompson Valley Record types: confirmations, baptism, marriage, membership, burial Languages: Norwegian

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Reel/Item 4/1	Central Lutheran Church, 1907-1918 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Mondovi Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial, memberships Languages: Norwegian, English GSU Number: 1392625
Reel/Item 4/2	Little Thompson Valley Church, 1888-1914 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Mondovi Record types: baptism, marriage, burial, memberships, communicants Languages: Norwegian GSU Number: 1392625
Reel/Item 5/1	Saint Michael's Lutheran Church, 1860-1876 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Fountain City Record types: memberships, baptism, marriage, burial Languages: German GSU Number: 1392626
Reel/Item 5/2	Saint Michael's Lutheran Church, 1874-1917 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Fountain City Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial Languages: German GSU Number: 1392626
Reel/Item 5/3	Saint Michael's Lutheran Church, 1918-1983 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Fountain City Record types: baptism, marriage, burial Languages: German, English GSU Number: 1392626
Reel/Item 6/1	Zion's Lutheran Church, 1883-1941 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Alma Record types: baptism, marriage, confirmations, annual meetings

	Languages: German, English GSU Number: 1392627
Reel/Item 6/2	Oak Valley Lutheran Church, 1876-1894 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Oak Valley Record types: baptism, confirmations, marriage, burial Languages: German GSU Number: 1392627
Reel/Item 7/1	Dr. Martin Lutheran Church, 1860-1895 Note: Denomination: Lutheran Place name: Buffalo City Record types: Taufen, Constitution, Konfirmanden, Sterbe, Trauungen, Communion Languages: German GSU Number: 1295654