
ST. JOHN CHURCH HEBRON



In 1885, the German Evangelical Congregation built its first church in the community of Hebron. Even though an addition to this church was completed in 1895, more space was needed for the growing congregation. The early congregation donated stained glass windows, bells, and provided remaining funds in the amount of \$24,000 to complete their new sanctuary. In November of 1908, the beautiful new church was dedicated. The church name was changed in June of 2000 to St. John Church,

Anniversaries are being planned to commemorate 100 years of the current sanctuary and 125 years since the founding of the congregation.

St. John Church steeple stands above all other buildings in Hebron. A very successful fund drive allowed repair to be completed to the 128 foot steeple in 1998. Through the generosity of our members and friends, many projects have been completed. New doors were donated in 1996, a handicap accessible lift installed in 2002, and padding for church pews. In 1983, the congregation set aside and built a permanent place for the memorabilia of its history, it is called the Debus Museum, honoring its first called permanent Pastor, The Rev. August Debus. Through the hard work of the historical

committee, in 2001, the church building was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

An event eagerly anticipated by the community is the annual evening Christmas Cantata and Sunday School Program. Practice for the Cantata begins in the fall including voices from throughout the community. A live outdoor nativity scene complete with cattle, sheep, and a donkey welcomes guests to the Cantata. To finish the evening, a dazzling candlelight music selection invites the congregation to sing carols. Following the program, lunch is served.

St. John Church participates in the local Youth Ministry Committee. The committee meets to plan program presentations at the local schools which are also open to the public.

The Women's Guild of St. John Church provides assistance in many ways including the financing of a recent remodeling project to the church parsonage.

