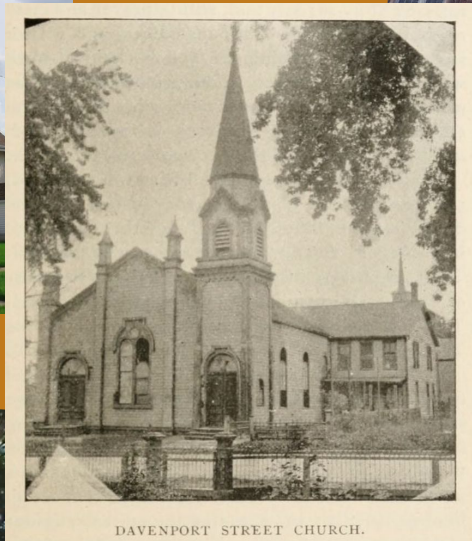
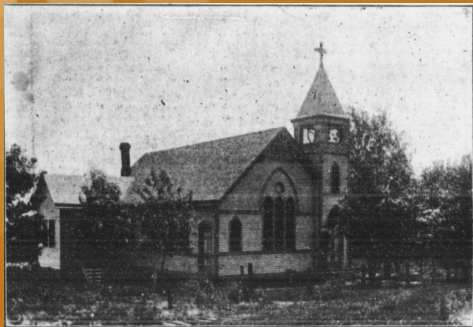


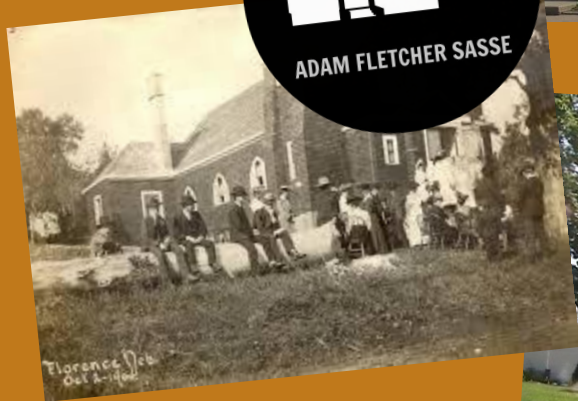
# *A History of Churches in North Omaha*

Adam Fletcher Sasse, [NorthOmahaHistory.com](http://NorthOmahaHistory.com)

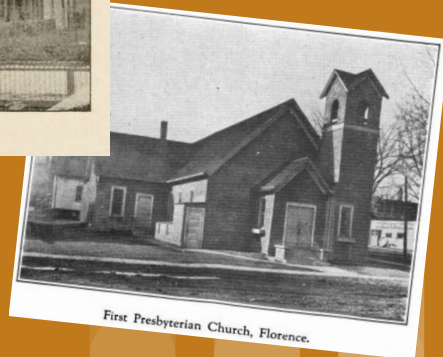




DAVENPORT STREET CHURCH.



Florence, Neb.  
Oct 4-1906



First Presbyterian Church, Florence.

# Basics of North Omaha

- **North Omaha:** North of Dodge, East of 72nd Street
- **Neighborhoods:** 50+ historic neighborhoods that are 100+ years old





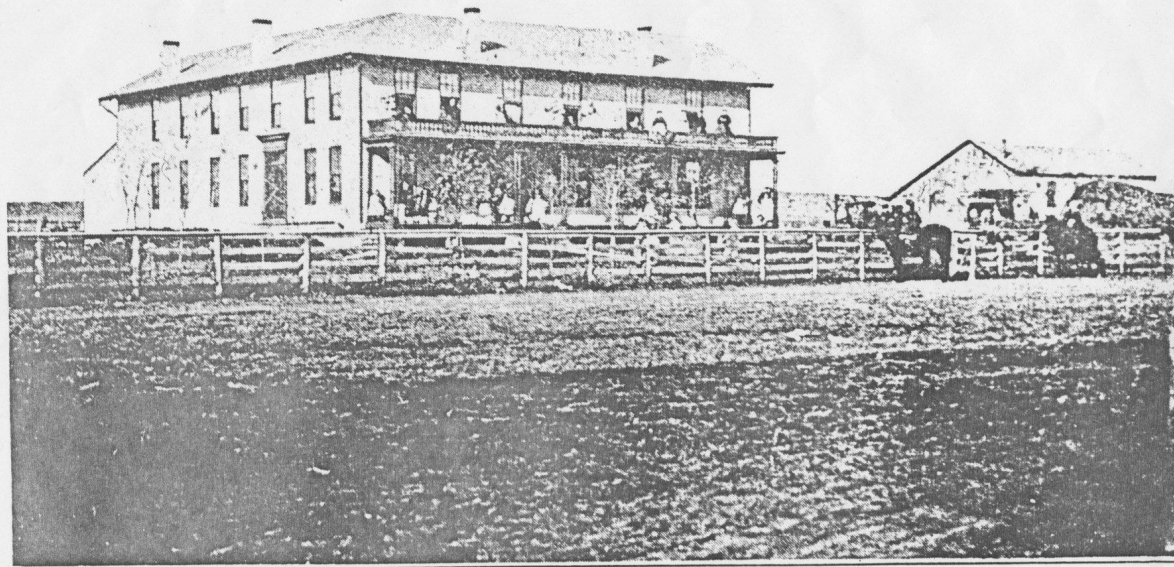
## *St. John's AME Church*

*2402 N. 22nd St.*

*Established 1865*

*Built 1923*





BROWNELL HALL, 1863-1868, TWENTY-FOURTH AND GRAND AVENUE.

*Brownell Hall  
N. 24th and Grand Ave.*

*Built in 1857  
Became school from  
1863-1868  
Demolished in c1898*



# *Basics of North Omaha*

- **Populations:** Eastern Migrants, African Americans, Italians, Hungarians, Swedes, Czechs, Irish, English, Germans, Danes, Norwegians...
- **Socio-Economics:** Low income, High income, Middle class





*Freestone Baptist Church*  
*4023 Ames Ave*

- *Freestone: 1975-present*
- *Ames Ave Methodist: 1926-1975*

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*Holy Family Community Center  
N. 17th and Izard*

*Holy Family Catholic Church  
Established in 1879  
Built in 1886  
Closed in 2020*





# *Facts About North Omaha Churches*

- **Churches:** 123 identified church structures
- **Preservation:** 75+ still historic church buildings today
- **Denominations:** Non-denominational, Methodist, Lutheran, AME, Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, COGIC, Others





## *Bethel A.M.E. Church*

*2428 Franklin Street*

*Built in 1899 as First United  
Evangelical Church*

*Became Bethel in 1922*

*Continues today*



## *Swedish Mission Church*

*2428 Franklin Street*

- *Built in 1886*
- *Demolished 1926*

## *First Evangelical Covenant Church*

*2220 Davenport Street*

- *Built 1928*
- *Closed 1957*



# *National Register of Historic Places*

- Hope Lutheran Church—Built 1910
- Holy Family Church—Built 1886
- North Presbyterian Church—Built in 1910
- Sacred Heart Catholic—Built in 1898
- St. John's AME Church—Built 1921-1951



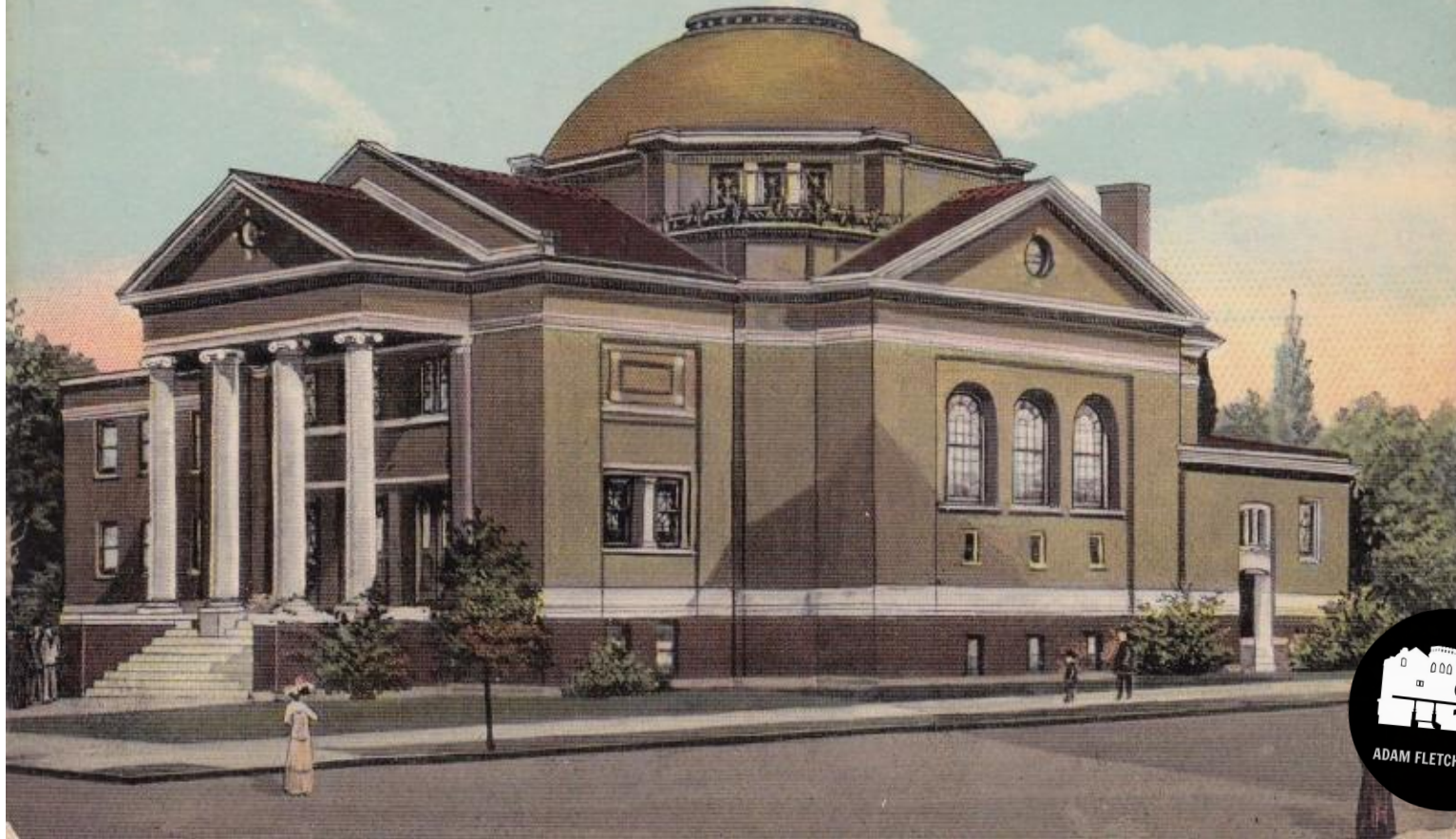


# *Omaha's Civil Rights Churches*

- Zion Baptist
- St. John's AME
- Bethel AME
- Hope Lutheran
- St. Philip's Episcopal
- St. Benedict's Catholic
- Mt. Calvary Community
- Clair United Methodist
- St. Paul Presbyterian



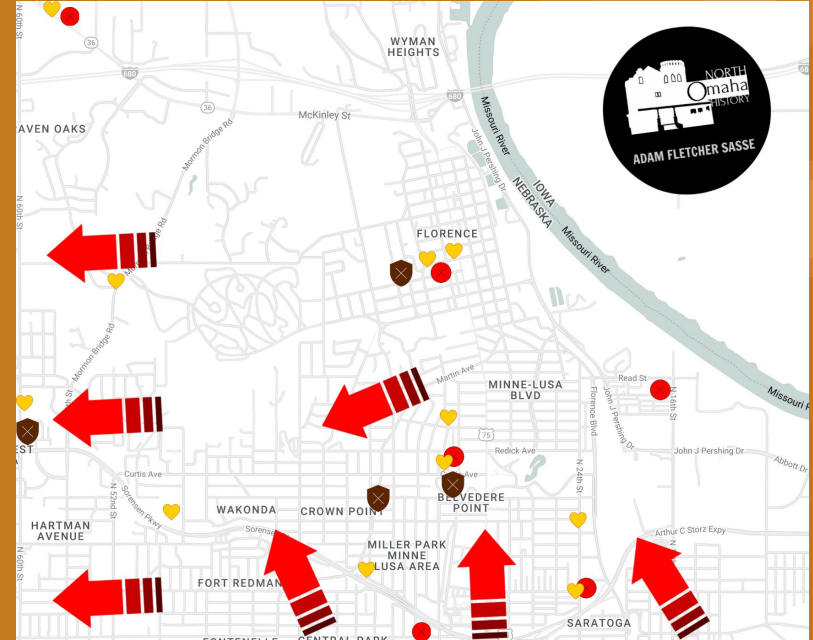
North Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska.



*Former Calvin Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3105 North 24th Street, Built in 1910*

# White Flight Strikes...

- Redlining began to end
- White residents moved
- White congregations moved
- African American congregations moved in
- Change keeps happening







## *Grace Apostolic Church*

*2216 Military Ave*

*Built in 1916; Closed in 1976*

*Became Grace in 1992*



## *Mount Vernon Baptist Church*

*aka Grand Theater*

*2920 North 16th Street*

*Built in 1916; Became Mount Vernon in 1998*





*Former St. Paul Lutheran aka Clare Memorial UMC, N. 25th and Evans St.*

# *How Do We Preserve History?*

- Renovation
- Restoration
- Reconstruction
- Redevelopment





**Trinity Methodist  
CHURCH**  
Brick, seating capacity 450, new colored  
windows, organ with new chimes, also  
office, spacious new kitchen and dining  
room; second floor, 2 large rooms, oil  
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# Rising Star Baptist Church

1823 Lothrop Street



**First Universalist Church  
(1894-1906)**

**Hartford Memorial United  
Brethren Church  
(1906-circa 1954)**

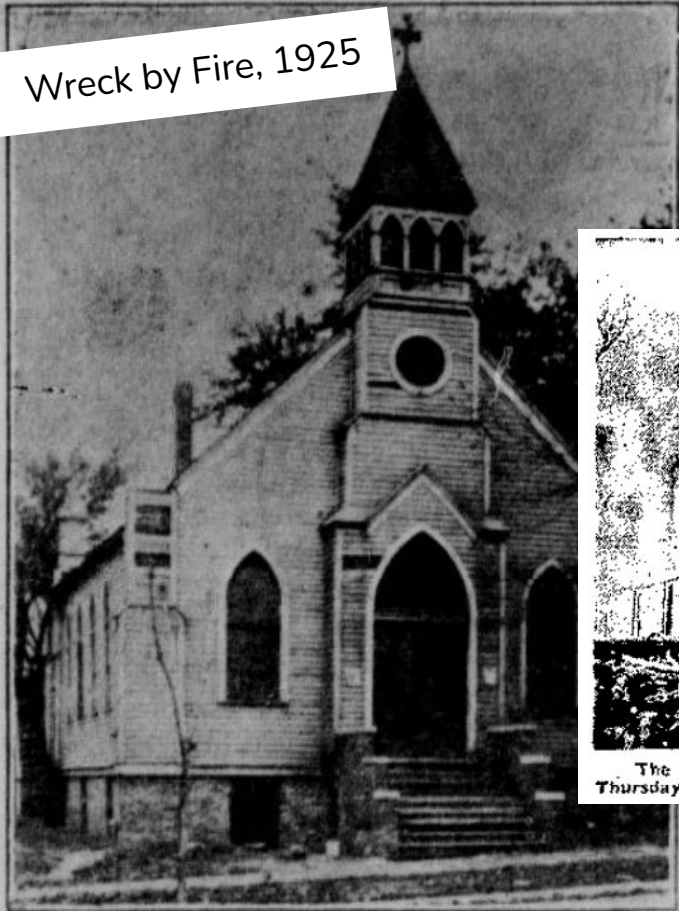
**Rising Star Baptist Church  
(circa 1954-present)**

# North Omaha Historic Church Directory

- Mount View Presbyterian Church—5308 Hartman Ave.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church (built 1913, closed), later Clair Memorial United Methodist Church—2443 Evans St.
- Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal Church (closed)—
- Zion Lutheran Church (closed)—N. 36th and Lafayette Ave. (demolished)
- Covenant Presbyterian Church—N. 27th and Pratt St. (demolished)
- Grove Methodist Church, founded in 1913. (Became Clair United Methodist Church, and is still open today at 55th and Ames.)—N. 22nd and Seward St. (demolished)
- Salem Baptist Church, founded in 1905—N. 30th and Lake St.
- Pleasant Green Baptist Church (established in 1917)—5555 Larimore Ave, originally at 1406 N. 22nd St.
- St. Paul Baptist Church (closed)—N. 11th and Grace St; 2625 Lake St; 1809 N 23rd St. (demolished)
- St. John's Lutheran Church—11120 Calhoun Rd.
- Northside Community Lutheran Church—1511 N. 20th St.
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Church—4205 Boyd St.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church—2725 N. 60th Ave.
- Garden-Gethsemane Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church—4543 Camden Ave.
- Asbury United Methodist Church (closed; now the Pentecostal Church Gateway of Heaven)—5226 N. 15th St.
- Olive Crest United Methodist Church (built 1958)—7180 N. 60th St.
- Clair Memorial United Methodist Church—5544 Ames Ave.
- Benson United Presbyterian Church—5612 Corby St.
- Miller Park Presbyterian Church (closed)—3020 Huntington Ave.
- Florence Christian Church—7300 Northridge Dr.



Wreck by Fire, 1925



St. Paul Presbyterian Church.



Wreck by Fire, 1948



Wreck by Fire, 1947



The Hillside Church after fire . . . pastor was due to arrive Thursday.—World-Herald Photo.

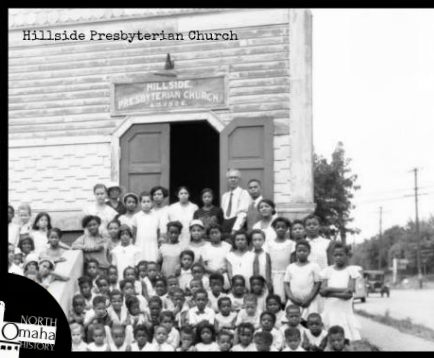
# North Omaha Historic Church Directory

- St. Paul Presbyterian Church (originally opened as Seward Street Presbyterian)—N. 26th and Seward St. (demolished)
- Bethesda Temple Seventh Day Adventist (originally Olivet Baptist)—3725 Ames Ave.
- Second Presbyterian Church (later became B'nai Jacob Anshe Sholem until 1942)—1109 North 24th St. (demolished)
- St. Mark's German Lutheran Church (established in 1886, closed permanently in 1947)—2019 Burdette St. (demolished)
- Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church—N. 34th and Lake St.
- St. Vincent of Lerins Western Rite Orthodox Church (built 1908 as a house)—2502 N. 51st St.
- Mount Calvary Community Church (established in 1933)—2426 Grant St. (demolished); now at 5112 Ames Ave.
- Freestone Baptist Church—4023 Ames Ave.
- Greater New Hope Baptist Church—1411 North 30th St.
- First Colored Presbyterian Church (established in 1905, closed in 1914)—2625 Lake St. (demolished)
- Christian Discipleship Christian Church—1823 Lake St.
- Pilgrim Baptist Church—N. 25th and Hamilton St.
- Church Of Christ Church—5118 Hartman Ave.
- Church of Christ Church—4628 Grand Ave.
- Antioch Church of Christ—3654 Miami St.
- Friends Of Christ Evangelical Church of Christ—3208 Corby St.
- Church Of The Living God Church of God in Christ (built 1916)—2029 Binney St.
- Church of God in Christ—2025 N. 24th St.
- Power House Church of God in Christ—2553 Browne St.
- New Bethel Church of God in Christ (built 1910)—1710 N. 25th St.
- Northside Family Christian—4102 Florence Blvd
- Fort Street Christian Church—5116 Terrace Dr.





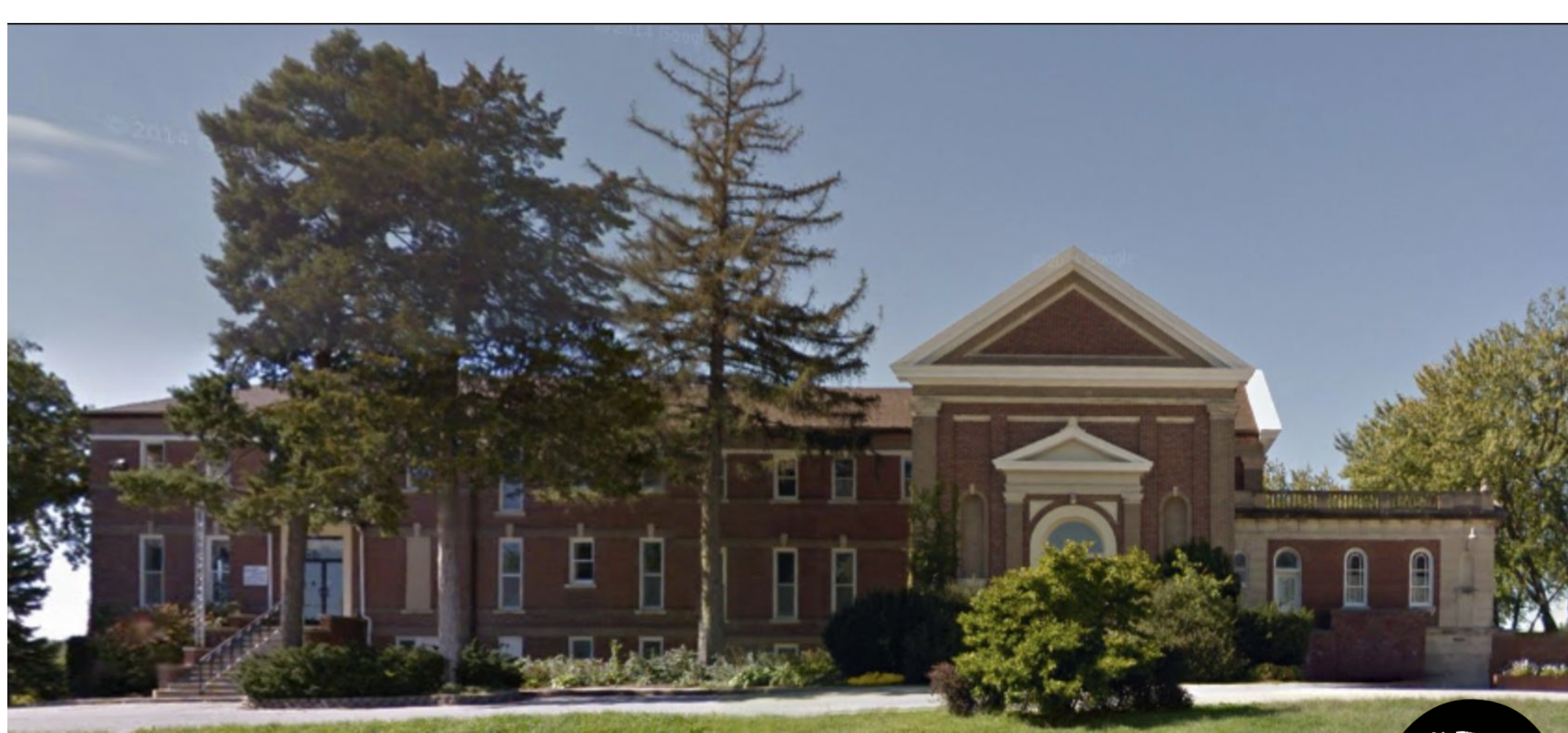
# Omaha's Historic Black Churches



# North Omaha Historic Church Directory

- Gethsemane Church of God in Christ—5720 N. 24th St.
- Faith Temple Church of God in Christ—3049 Curtis Ave.
- Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints—8283 N. 34th St.
- American Lutheran Church—4140 N. 42nd St.
- Bethany Lutheran Church—5151 Northwest Radial Hwy.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church—5020 Grand Ave. (demolished)
- Cleaves Temple CME Church (built 1907 as Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church)—2431 Decatur St.
- Christ Love Unity Church (founded in 1970, closed)—2903 Ellison Ave.
- Hillside Presbyterian Church (built 1910, closed)—2710 N. 28th Ave. (demolished)
- Bethel AME Church (built 1901 as First United Evangelical Church)—2428 Franklin St.
- Robinson Memorial Church of God (built 1915)—2304 N. 26th St.
- Paradise Baptist Church (built 1927)—2124 Lothrop St.
- Community Baptist Church (built 1891 as St. Mark's Episcopal Church)—8019 N. 31st St.
- Rising Star Baptist Church (built 1900 as First Universalist Church; then Harford Memorial United Evangelical Brethren)—1823 Lothrop St.
- Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church (built 1958 as Immanuel Baptist Church)—5501 N. 50th St.
- Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church (built 1906, closed)—1023 N. 40th St.
- Immanuel Community Church (built 1949)—2761 Lake St.
- Holy Name Catholic Church—3014 N. 45th St.
- St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church (closed)—5314 N. 14th Ave
- St. Richard Catholic Church (closed)—4320 Fort St.





*Former St. Clare Monastery, N. 29th and Hamilton St.*

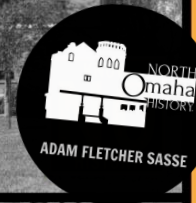


# North Omaha Historic Church Directory

- St. Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament Parish Church—8201 N. 30th St.
- St. Cecilia Catholic Cathedral (built 1905, finished 1959)—701 N. 40th St.
- St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church—2423 Grant St.
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church (built 1895)—2218 Binney St.
- Christ Temple Christian Church—2124 N. 26th St.
- Sunrise Christian Church—4623 N. 54th Cir.
- Pilgrim Christian Church—2818 N. 70th St.
- Freedom Christian Church—4606 N. 56th St.
- Florence Alliance Christian Church—8702 N. 30th St.
- City Church Christian Church—6051 Maple St.
- Church Of Christ Church—5922 Fort St.
- Immanuel Lutheran Chapel—N. 24th and Pratt (demolished)
- Tabernacle Church of Christ—1521 N. 25th St.
- New Life Church of Christ—1712 N. 24th St.
- Jesus Christ Church of Christ—1517 N. 30th St.
- International Church of God in Christ—4628 Grand Ave.
- Morning Star Baptist Church (established in 1921, moved in 1947, rebuilt in 1980)—2019 Burdette St. (demolished)
- New Covenant Church of God in Christ—N. 42nd and Fontenelle Blvd.
- Cathedral of Love Church of God in Christ—2816 Ames Ave.
- New Life Church of God in Christ—1712 N. 24th St.
- Freedom Church Assembly Church of God in Christ—4430 Florence Blvd.
- Faith Temple Church of God in Christ Starting in 1961 (built as First United Presbyterian, open from 1890 to 1928)—2108 Emmet St.
- Church Of The Living God Church of God in Christ—2029 Binney St.
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Florence Ward—5217 N. 54th St.



# Omaha Presbyterian Theological Seminary



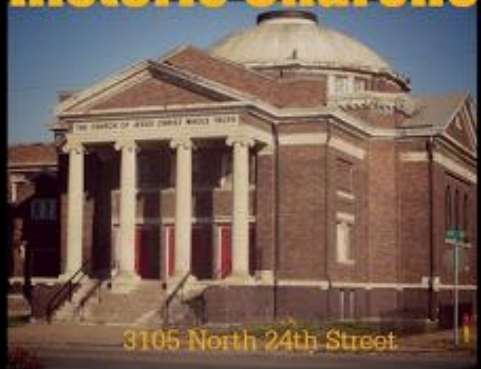
3033 North 21st Street

# North Omaha Historic Church Directory

- Augustana Lutheran Church—3647 Lafayette Ave.
- Trinity Lutheran Church—Originally opened at N. 25th and Ames Ave (demolished); now at 6340 N. 30th St.
- Shepherd Of The Hills Lutheran Church—6201 N. 60th St.
- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer—4757 N. 24th St.
- Mount Olive Lutheran Church (built 1948)—7301 N. 28th Ave.
- Hope Lutheran Church (built 1910)—2723 N. 30th St.
- Deaf Bethlehem Lutheran Church—5074 Lake St.
- Pearl Memorial United Methodist Church (closed)—2319 Ogden St.
- Florence Methodist Church (closed)—N. 31st and Bluff St. (demolished)
- Trinity United Methodist Church—6001 Fontenelle Blvd.
- Calvin Memorial United Presbyterian Church (closed)—3105 N. 24th St.
- Bethlehem Baptist Church (built 1926)—2118 Browne St.
- St. John Missionary Baptist Church (built 1917)—3912 N. 16th St.
- First Presbyterian Church of Florence (founded 1857, built 1950)—8314 N. 31st St.
- Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church (build date unknown)—4932 Ohio St.
- Poor Clare's Convent (closed)—St. Benedict Catholic School, 2326 Grant St. (closed)
- Episcopal Church of the Resurrection (built 1927) / St. Phillip the Deacon Episcopal Church (demolished) (merged)—3004 Belvedere Blvd.
- Faith Mission Church (built 1906)—2532 Binney St.
- St. John's AME Church (construction began in 1921, finished in 1951)—2402 N. 22nd St. (demolished)
- Grace Apostolic Church (built 1928 as Military Theater)—2216 Military Ave.



# Historic Churches of Kountze Place



3105 North 24th Street



2443 Evans Street



2218 Binney Street



1823 Lothrop Street



3914 North 24th Street  
Demolished



2124 Lothrop Street



1802 Emmet Street



2108 Binney Street  
Demolished



2029 Binney Street



3912 North 16th Street



2108 Emmet Street



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# North Omaha Historic Church Directory

- Zion Baptist Church (built 1906)—2215 Grant St.
- St. Matthew Baptist Church (built 1915)—1001 N. 30th St.
- Pilgrim Baptist Church (built 1900 as Calvary Baptist Church)—2501 Hamilton St.
- Second Baptist Church (built 1915 as Plymouth Congregational Church)—1832 Lothrop St.
- Cross Road Baptist Church (built 1948 as Evangelical Mission Covenant Church)—6068 Ames Ave.
- Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (built 1912 as Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)—2602 N. 24th St.
- New Life Presbyterian Church (built 1906) / Hillside Presbyterian Church in North Omaha (demolished)(merged)—4060 Pratt St.
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (merged)—3020 Curtis St.
- Holy Family Catholic Church (closed)—1715 Izard St.
- St. John's Parish Catholic Church—2500 California Plaza
- St. Bernard Catholic Church—3601 N. 65th St.
- Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church—5215 Seward St.
- Benson Christian Church—2704 N. 58th St.
- Shiloh Christian Church—1501 N. 33rd St.





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