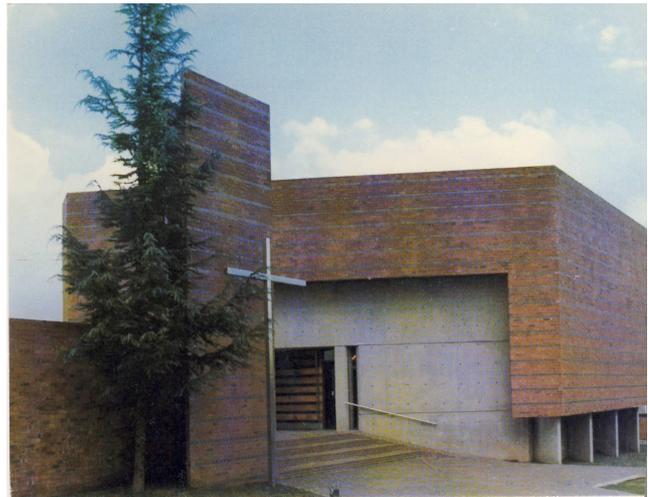


Lutheran Church on the Eastrand

The Lutheran Church on the Eastrand has three centres where activities and church services are provided. They are Germiston, Springs-Brakpan and Heidelberg.

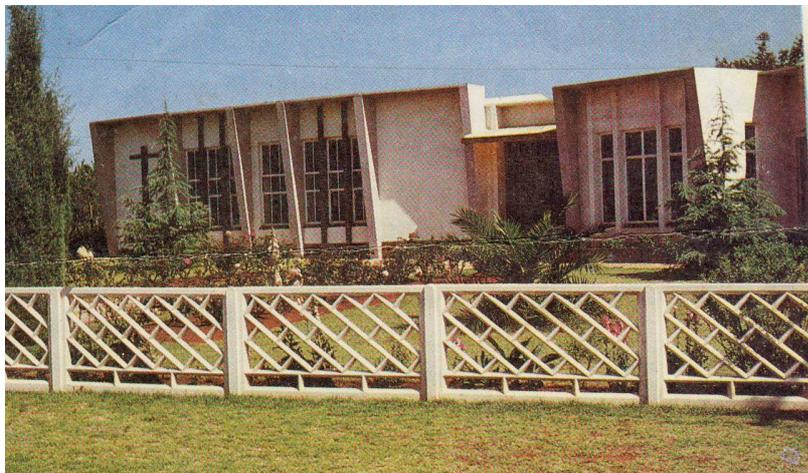
The Heidelberg church actually predates the Friedenskirche in Johannesburg (1988) as it originated as a Lutheran mission station in the late 1800's. This historical church was originally built as a school and church venue as part of the mission station. It was however only incorporated into the Transvaal Kirche in the 1950's.



Germiston Lutheran Church

These three congregations have one pastor who looks after the needs of all 3 centres and is very ably assisted by numerous lay preachers and helpers. Our current pastor, Olaf Gieseke is the 7th who has served these 3 centres in a full time capacity since their formation in the mid 1950's.

The church in Germiston was built in 1976 after a period of about 20 years where the church hall served multiple functions; as church, venue for events and also classrooms. This venue has developed as the main centre as the pastor's house and the congregation office is located here.



The congregation at **Springs-Brakpan** spent numerous years holding services in borrowed venues, and then in 1958 built the centre where it is today. This venue consists of a hall/church, small house and school/meeting rooms.

Although the congregations only provided services in German from 1959 to the early 1990's, this has changed and services are now held as separate German or

English services or combined German/English services. While the attendance at the German services is dwindling due mainly to the age of these members, we are experiencing slow but steady growth in the English services.

In addition to the regular church services offered at the various centres we also have:- Bible Study groups in German and in English, cell group meetings, church choir, brass band and flute group. We have also had sufficient growth that necessitated confirmation classes for the past few years.



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