The congregation officially celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the church on April 24, 2016, even though the congregation is actually a few years older than that. The original German settlers came to the Boonville area in the 1850's to escape more than 300 years of warfare in Europe, which included the Germanic states.

Missouri had just recently become a state (1821), and Gottfried Duden had written glowing reports about Missouri, which brought large numbers of Germans to settle in Missouri. The problem was, that Duden had purchased a farm in Warren County, but had never travelled further west. St. Charles County and Warren County had farms that were fairly well developed and cleared for farming. Cooper County and Howard County had very little development for farming at the time.

The original six families landed at Boonville and found that farm land, which was only minimally developed for farming, was available for sale, at prices several of the families could afford. They couldn't go back to Germany, so they decided to work hard and develop the land so the farms would provide a living. Shortly after they arrived, the Civil War broke out, which involved Missouri. The earlier settlers had moved from places like North Carolina, bringing slaves with them to work the land in Howard County. The German settlers didn't approve of slavery, so that meant they were the subjects of multiple levels of prejudice. They were against slavery and they brought a different language and many different customs with them as they settled what eventually became the village of Billingsville.

Before the Civil War, the group met for worship in one of the family homes every Sunday, using the worship format of the Evangelical Church in Germany. When the war began, they decided to keep a low profile for their own safety. Several of the men either joined the Union Army or else they became part of the Home Guard, to try to protect the steam boats which came up the Missouri River.

When the war was over, they formally established themselves as an Evangelical Church, which was accomplished in 1866. Their first worship area was an old school house, which they purchased for $50. After they were established, additional German immigrants arrived to help settle the area. Together, they established the little village of Billingsville. The congregation grew to the point that they needed a larger building for worship and other activities. As a result, they built their own facility at a cost of $1,100, being constructed mostly by volunteer labor. More German settlers arrived which meant that they had also outgrown this building. So this building was torn down and the present building was constructed in 1916, at a cost of materials at $7,000. This facility has been remodeled several times during the following years, with the final work being done in 2015 and 2016.
The present congregation lists something less than 200 members, but the official count of persons attending the service on April 24, 2016 was 208! Those who attended the service were invited to stay for the noon meal, a planned meal including beef brisket and ham, accompanied by a variety of vegetable dishes, salads and desserts. Almost everyone stayed for the meal. It was a very beautiful day for the celebration, which allowed some of the people to eat their meal outside, while others chose to eat their meal in the basement.

People came from several states and numerous communities in Missouri for the celebration.