

The Petering Memorial Organ has been given to First Evangelical Lutheran Church to the Glory of God in memory of Don and Erna Petering by their children: Billy Ruth Olson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nancy Crayton, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Donald T. Petering of Kirkwood, Missouri. Other family members and friends contributed to this memorial. Don Petering died in 1985 and Erna Petering died in 1988.

The 21 rank Felgemaker tracker action pipe organ was built in 1899 by A. B. Felgemaker in Erie, Pennsylvania. It was used in the First Congregational Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa. After World War II it was moved to First Baptist Church in Jefferson, Iowa. It was then relocated in the First Lutheran Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, through the Organ Clearing House, Harrisville, New Hampshire. The Organ Clearing House was founded in 1959 to facilitate the relocation of old mechanical action pipe organs, and to provide interested churches and schools information about such instruments. It has found homes for more than a thousand organs throughout the United States and Canada. Michael Quimby, President of Quimby Pipe Organs, Inc., Warrensburg, Missouri, renovated this organ. He was assisted by Larry Lasater, Richard Miller, Marvin Murphree and Randy Watkins.

The organ builder Michael Quimby, received a B.M.E. degree in 1973 and his M.A. in music history and literature with applied emphasis in organ in 1975 from Central Missouri State. Mr. Quimby is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, National Honor Society in Music; the American Guild of Organists; the American Institute of Organ Builders; The Organ Historical Society; and The American Choral Directors Association. His organ company includes a turning and maintenance service as well as building new organs, restoring and rebuilding older organs.