



St. Louis Genealogical Society

# German Special Interest Group 2026



The German Special Interest Group (G-SIG) provides a forum for those interested in their German ancestry to network, study, learn about genealogical methods, and preserve their history.

All meetings for 2026 will be hybrid. You can attend in-person at the StLGS office (address below) or via Zoom. (Online registration required) Meetings run from 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Central time)

## G-SIG 2026 Meeting Schedule

**Saturday, 17 January 2026**

***CompGen (genealogy.net) and Beyond: Discover the Online Records of German Genealogy Societies***

In addition to the large CompGen databases, many German genealogical societies offer individual databases specifically related to their field of research. Discover what is available in your research region.

**Featured Speaker:** Timo Kracke, German genealogist

**Saturday, 28 March 2026**

***Free Websites for German Genealogy***

Take a guided exploration of how to access and use numerous free websites for your German family history research.

**Featured Speaker:** Josiah Schmidt, research librarian, St. Louis County Library

**Saturday, 20 June 2026**

***Emigration from the Prussian Province of Westphalia to the Midwest of the U.S. in the Nineteenth Century***

Learn more about emigration from Westphalia's Catholic region in the 1800s. What sources in Germany may contain information about emigrants? How did they obtain documents in Prussia? What is a farm name, and what exactly is Low German?

**Featured Speaker:** Holger Strugholdt, German genealogist

**Saturday, 19 September 2026**

***AI & the Old German Handwriting: Will it Work?***

Can AI (artificial intelligence) translate old German handwriting? We'll dive deep into some AI tools to determine what works best for your genealogy documents and what tools you may want to avoid.

**Featured Speaker:** Katherine Schober, German handwriting expert

Visit <https://stlgs.org/about-us-2/sigs-and-special-programs/german-special-interest-group-2> for more information and schedule updates.

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