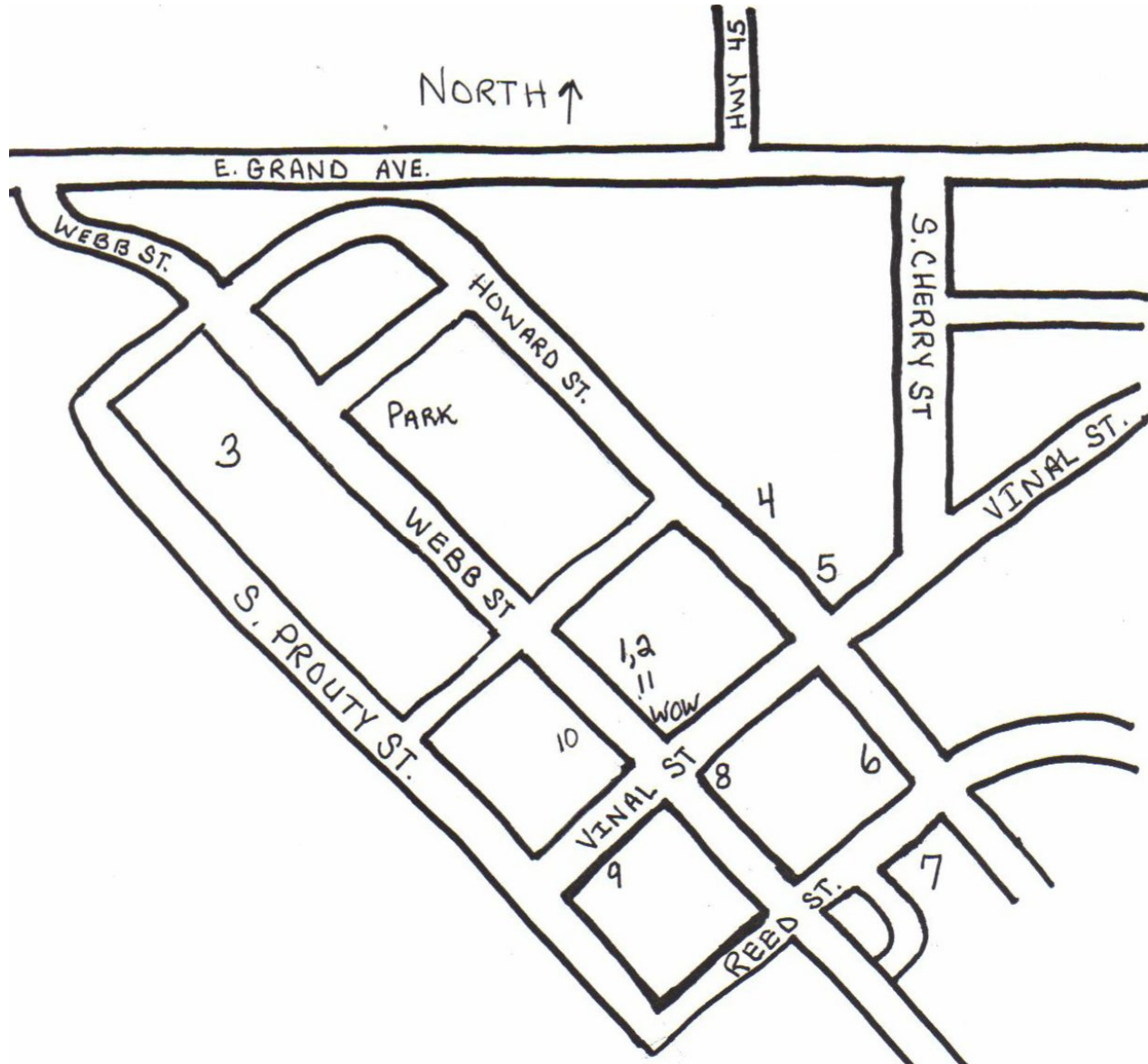




Self-guided tour of Murals and Art

Where is E.J. (Rev. Homme)?

*E.J. (Rev. Homme) is clearly portrayed in a few of the murals:
"The Spirit of Wittenberg Still Sings" and "Foundations of Faith."
Look to see if you can find him hidden among the other murals as well.*



1 - "In Our Dreams"

Artist Tony Vanderheyden of Appleton, Wisconsin has created a whimsical beach scene of the dreams and fantasies we have during frigid winter nights. Look for E.J. in this panorama of turquoise sky and golden sand. The mural is on the west wall of the Resch's Lanes Bowling Alley (formerly L.A. Lanes Bowling Alley), facing Webb Street, and is adjacent to the home of the Art Park.

2 - "Soaring Spirit"

Artist Sara Balbin of Drummond Wisconsin has created a magnificent metal eagle sculpture, commissioned by Karen and Glen Jacobson, in loving memory of their son Nels who was tragically killed in 2005. This powerful eagle, looking to the skies, had been given on long-term loan by the Jacobsons and is the first sculpture in the Art Park, which is small but growing.

3 - "Spirit of Wittenberg Still Sings"

Elementary and middle school students spent months studying local and Wisconsin history as well as its flowers and wildlife. With the direction of Connie and Tim Friesen, artists from Lakewood, Wisconsin, a mural was created, painted, and mounted on the south wall of the middle school on Webb Street. Notice the portrait of Reverend Homme and the symbols of bear and eagle clans of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

4 - "ALL ABOARD! ALL ABOARD!"

The tracks and depot are long gone; however, Andy Goretski, artist from Tomahawk, Wisc., has brought the Chicago Northwestern passenger and freight trains back to Wittenberg. Conductor Herman Stelter stands on the platform urging people to board. Visit our newest mural on Low's storage shed, facing Howard Street.

5 - "A Tribute to Gus and Ann"

A beloved Wittenberg landmark—Gus & Ann's Restaurant, now Diane's—is immortalized on the walls of their daughter and son-in-law's business—Lisa's Sweet Shoppe Bakery and Catering on the corner of Vinal and Howard. Rom Rojas of Door County Wisconsin has captured restaurant patrons and staff. Ann and Lisa can be seen making pies as well as Gus proudly displaying his maple syrup. Can you identify other customers and staff?

6 - "The Big Picture"

The walls of Hanke's Super Valu on Reed Street now explode with color, celebrating the rich agricultural history of our area. The Painted Ladies—Shannon Becker and Alicia Rheel of Madison, Wisconsin—created this mural. Agriculture and art students at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School brainstormed with the artists to plan the mural. A summer school art class joined the Painted Ladies in executing the mural. The Hanke family, past and present, greet you as well as Floyd Doering, a local, state, and national leader in the FFA.

7 - "Foundations of Faith"

Early and current churches of the community, sheltered by a guardian angel, grace the north wall of the Homme Home on Reed Street. Ram Rojas immersed himself in the history of the local churches, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, to accurately depict these foundations of faith.

8 - "Wittenberg Welcomes You"

Reynaldo Hernandez of Milwaukee, Wisconsin has imaginatively designed a turn-of-the-century saloon scene for the Village Inn at the corner of Webb and Vinal. In addition to churches, saloons played an important role in the social fabric of the community; a place to relax, see friends, shoot a game of pool, play cards, listen to music and have a mug of beer.

9 - "Rack 'em Up"

Today the pool balls click not only inside Klinker's Bar and Grill but also on the west and north walls outside! Come and admire the talented work of Tony Vanderheyden, Appleton, Wisc., on Vinal Street, opposite the Community Center.

10 & 11 - MURALS IN PROGRESS

While you are touring the murals, you may have the opportunity to watch one of our artists at work. In late June, Alan Clough, Wittenberg, Wisc., will begin a mural on the north wall of the WOW space. On August 20, Alicia Rheel, Madison, Wisc., will begin a mural honoring fire fighters and emergency medical technicians on the north wall of Esker's Hardware. Each mural will take about four weeks to complete. The artists welcome your comments and questions. These sites are both at the intersection of Vinal and Webb St.