

THE  
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OF THE  
Tykens Valley Charge



OF

THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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CONGREGATIONS:

*St. John's, Mifflin Twp., Dauphin Co., Pa.*

*Simeon's, Gratz,*

*Zion's, Rife,*

*Salem's, Elizabethville,*

*St. Jacob's, Jackson Twp.,*

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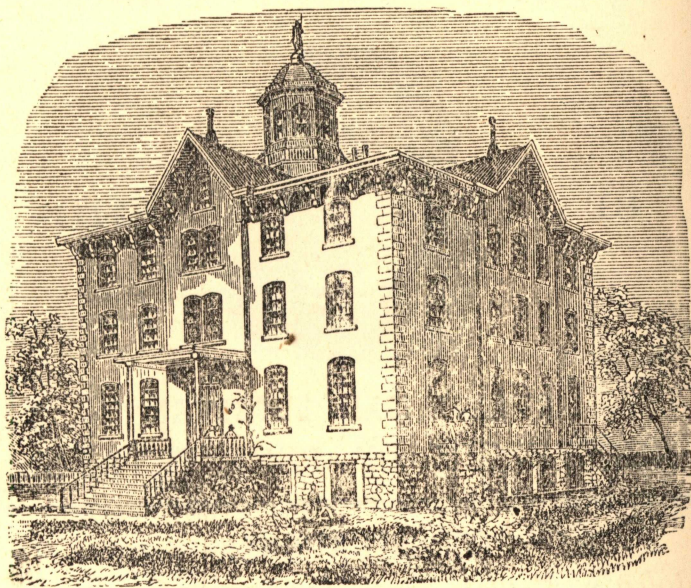
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The figures on the colored “tab” on your Church Messenger indicate the month and year to which your subscription is paid. Your Pastor always gladly receives renewals and transmits the same to the publishers.

Another Mission Festival may be looked for this Fall, in accordance with the recommendation of the Church Councils in Charge Meeting, Jan. 9, 1893. Let every loyal Lutheran contribute what he can to make the occasion a credit to the church and the place.

The following are the dates of the Harvest Home services:

Simeon's,	Aug. 20, 10 a. m.
St. Jacob's,	Aug. 27, 10 a. m.
Salem's,	Aug. 27, 2 p. m.
St. John's,	Sept. 3, 10 a. m.
Zion's,	Sept. 10, 10 a. m.

Catechetical Classes will be organized at St. John's, July 8, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and at Simeon's, July 9, Sunday afternoon after service. Indications already point to large classes, and we hope that the young people will appreciate this privilege and improve the opportunity of attending these instructions.

A typographical error crept into last year's PARISH RECORD which is of sufficient importance to bear correction.

On page 4 of the last RECORD, in the tenth line from the bottom of the second column, notice \$119 which ought to be \$189; then the amounts will sum up correctly the total as given. Those who preserve their RECORDS would do well to mark this correction in their copies.

August 13, 1892 is a day that should long be remembered by the members of our Sunday Schools and congregations. This was the occasion of the Mission Festival held in Mr. Elder's grove. We should remember the day because of the physical and spiritual refreshment which we received, because of the pleasant intercourse with our friends it afforded, in short, because by general consent it was the most successful affair of its kind held in our valley for many years; proving conclusively that Lutheranism is neither dead nor sleeping. While in other localities such gatherings are annually held on grand scales, and are made the event of the season, so we hope that we may also concentrate our efforts in endeavoring to make this a time of great rejoicing. Let us have the preliminary meeting early and make our arrangements on a liberal scale.

Two students from our midst have been in attendance at Muhlenberg College the past scholastic year, viz: Mr. Wm. P. Barr of Elizabethville who has just ended his Freshman year, and Mr. Daniel S. Artz of Gratz who has attended the Academic Department. Last year we had one student there, the year just ended we had two. May we not reasonably hope the progression to be a geometrical one, and that next year's RECORD shall chronicle four names from Lykens Valley at our College? Ye young men engaged in teaching, or all aspiring to a more liberal education, look to the institution which your spiritual mother has provided for you in Muhlenberg College at Allentown. The Fall term begins Sept., '93. See advertisement of the College on the outside of the cover.



We are much gratified to notice that the circulation of the Church Papers has materially increased in our Charge during the past year. A good sprinkling of copies of the Workman find their way to our homes, and there is only one charge in our Synod in which more Church Messengers are circulated than in our own. This is as it should be, and is a very encouraging prospect. The pastor has often reminded the members of their duty in this respect and hopes that some one in each family in which no Church paper is taken yet, will subscribe for one before the end of this year. The pastor with pleasure announces his intention of presenting next new year each subscriber of Church Messenger who has paid up his subscription, with a copy of our Church Almanac for 1894, *free of charge*. This he is enabled to do because of increased circulation and more advantageous rates. Renew your subscription.

The friends of the PARISH RECORD will be glad to learn that it has at last been crowned with financial success also, and that the hope entertained when No. 1 was issued has been realized after 3 years of experimenting. The insertion of advertisements as a last resort, seems to have been the solution of the difficulty. The amounts realized from the congregations together with the fees for advertisements have last year not only paid all expenses, but left a balance which was spent on the parsonage. In future also all profits from this source will be devoted to this purpose and will thus be a means of permanently improving the property, and at the same time an indirect remuneration to the Pastor for the extra labor imposed. This year again we increase the size and in other ways add to the attractiveness of the RECORD, we trust to the satisfaction of its readers.

### This Year's Benevolence.

On page 16 of this number of the RECORD you will find a tabulated statement of the receipts and disbursement of moneys contributed for benevolence during the past year. A comparison of the sum total of this year with that of last, reveals the unwelcome fact that we have fallen

back \$13.19. This shows progress of the wrong kind and we need to start out in the new year with new zeal and increased liberality. The balance due the Theological Seminary has not been diminished this year, but the amount due Muhlenberg College is reduced to the small sum of \$44.19.

It is an encouraging fact that at least some of our people, particularly those who read the Church Papers, are beginning to recognize the immensity of the work before the Lutheran Church of America, and arousing to a new sense of their duty to go forward to possess the land while the opportunity offers. We have done fairly well in the last few years yet in comparison with many, very ordinarily. More system in making offerings would bring better results. On every side of us, congregations have experienced that some system with envelopes has proved a great help and a great convenience, even for the purpose of raising the pastor's salary. Our Church Councils would do well to profit by others' experiences and adopt more systematic ways for the raising of church funds.

### Give Baptismal Names.

The accurate keeping of the records of our congregations is a matter of neither trivial importance nor little care. Many have learned to appreciate their value, particularly since the Rebellion, for the information derived from them, many calls having been made upon us also for copies of our old records. Interesting as they are to us now, their chief value undoubtedly will be to coming generations. They should therefore be kept with the greatest possible accuracy. The difficulty of this task is greatly increased, particularly where there are frequent pastoral changes and the pastor is therefore less acquainted, by the members thoughtlessly not giving their names in the same form on all occasions, and that the way they were baptized. While persons often familiarly are called by names corrupted from their baptismal names, to the church they should invariably give the names given them in Holy Baptism. Our own knowledge may enable us to reconcile two or more names of the same individual, but

others cannot. In other words, the name for the baptism of a person, for his confirmation and his communions, for his marriage and the baptism of his children, and for his death, ought to agree. Then will church records be valuable to the future biographer and others seeking information for an endless variety of purposes. *To the church always give your baptismal name.*

### The Orphans' Home.

After presenting illustrations of our Theological Seminary and Muhlenberg College in former numbers, we are glad to be able to present this year, a picture of another of our Church Institutions, altogether too little known,—our Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged, located at Germantown, not far from our Theological Seminary.

Widows and orphans are particularly commended to the Christian consideration of the church, and in this institution our church is taking care of many who are needy, both of the young and the aged, of her household of faith. Rev. Geo. Ph. Mueller, the German Secretary of Synod, has for a number of years been the efficient Superintendent of this Home. Including the Superintendent's family and the teachers, this large family consists of about 100 mouths to be fed, so many pair of feet to be shod and so many bodies to be clad. This was done last year at an expense of \$8854.16. The whole support of the Home comes from our congregations and their charitably inclined members. Some bring large gifts, others small; some send money, others provisions. Anything can be used which is useful in smaller private families.

St. John's congregation last Christmas, on very short notice, made up a donation in money and goods amounting in value to \$24. If our members in the several congregations are willing to respond, the opportunity will gladly be offered again. If the Lord shall spare us and our children to enjoy another Christmas Festival, shall we then remember the fatherless?

### Charge Meeting.

According to the custom of a number of years, and according to previous an-

nouncement, the councils of the congregations of this charge assembled in annual joint meeting in Salem's church at Elizabethville, Jan. 9, '93 at 10 a. m. The representations of the various councils were as follows: St. John's, 5; Simeon's, 3; Salem's, 3; St. Jacob's, 3; Zion's, 2. This gave us a presence of 16 out of a membership of 27.

Among the regular work of this meeting was the Pastor's report on the work and the condition of the congregations, also the settlement of all claims against the charge, notably the approval of the building done at the parsonage according to action taken at special meeting, Feb. 27, 1892 (Parish Record No. 3, p. 5), and settlement for the same. The following delegates and officers were elected:

Synod, Aaron S. Ritzman; Conference, Simon H. Kneiley and Daniel S. Matter; Secretary, Isaac Swab; Treasurer, John Snyder. The matter of holding mission festivals was discussed and the following action taken:

Resolved:—*First*, That this meeting heartily approves of the Mission Festival held under the auspices of the congregations and Sunday Schools of this charge, Aug. 13, 1892, in Mr. Elder's grove.

*Second*, That we recommend the holding of a like Festival on similar principles also this year, urging a hearty participation of all the members.

*Third*, That the Pastor, Church Councils and Superintendents of Sunday Schools be charged with the duty of taking preliminary action, fixing the time and place of holding the meeting, naming committees for particular work, etc.

### Conference Meetings.

#### Fall Session.

The Fifth Conference convened Sept. 27-28, 1892, in Salem's Ev. Luth. church at Elizabethville, in our charge. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Early. The roll shows the attendance of 18 clerical and 3 lay members, among them your pastor and delegate Mr. Geo. A. Boyer. The former officers were re-elected to their respective positions. Appropriate resolutions in regard to the death of the Rev. Prof. Dr. W. J. Mann were adopted, the needs of the various



mission fields considered, and various doctrinal and practical questions' discussed.

#### Spring Session.

The Spring meeting of Conference was held in St. Peter's Ev. Luth. church at Groviana, near Danville, Pa., Rev. D. L. Fogleman, pastor, Apr. 25-26, 1893. The opening sermon was preached by President S. E. Ochsenford. Seventeen clerical members and 8 lay delegates were in attendance; your delegate was Mr. Daniel S. Matter. Rev. Thomas Steck having died Nov. 21, 1892, resolutions of appreciation and respect were adopted. Two resignations took place since last meeting, also 2 installations, 1 church dedication, and 1 re-opening after repairs; one former charge of 2 large congregations has been peaceably divided and each supplied with a pastor. One new congregation was received into Synod at this meeting. Various discussions were engaged in of matters referred to Conference by Synod. Next Fall Conference is to meet, in response to invitation, in Zion's Ev. Luth. church at Turbotville, Pa., in the pastorate of Rev. E. H. Eberts.

#### SYNOD.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania has developed and grown from year to year until its clerical members now number fully 300. Its size indeed is such as to be the cause of inconvenience and the object of concern. While heretofore the congregations of our centres of Lutheranism have entertained Synod by turns, the strain because of the size of the body in late years has become greater than they are willing and able to bear. Hence the resolution of Synod at its special meeting in January, 1893:

"As no invitation was received by the officers for the entertainment of Synod, all the congregations are kindly requested to provide for the expenses of their pastors and delegates who attend the regular convention in Philadelphia."

As a business enterprise of extensive proportions more urgently needs a thorough organization and more machinery to carry on its business with success than a smaller establishment would, so our Synod has for years felt the need of a more thorough organization, and of such machinery as would save valuable time on the floor of Synod and assure more effi-

cient execution of the practical work of the same.

For the consideration of these matters a special meeting was held in January, 1893, in St. John's church on Race street, Phila., *the oldest English Lutheran Church in the world*, when preliminary action was taken which culminated in the more definite legislation at the late 146th Convention held in the same church, May 25-31, 1893. While it was the almost unanimous feeling that the identity of the venerable mother synod should not be sacrificed by a division, it was however resolved to divide its territory into a greater number of conference districts, which was accomplished by forming 9 conferences instead of 5 as formerly. The conferences are to be known by name, not by number, each bearing the name of the principal or most central city or town within its bounds. The following are the names: Phila. German, Phila. English, Norristown, Lancaster, Reading, Danville, Pottsville, Wilkesbarre and Allentown. The missions and missionaries in India are constituted the India conference, making 10 in all. The conference to which Lykens Valley Charge belongs remains almost intact, but its name is changed from the Fifth to the *Danville* conference.

The Executive Committee of Synod was instructed to appoint one or more missionary Superintendents who are to give all their time to an exploration of our territory and to superintending the missionary operations of Synod.

Encouraging reports were heard of Muhlenberg College and the Theological Seminary. From the latter institution 26 young men have graduated this year, only 17 of whom however were ordained by our Ministerium. The others were ordained by the Synods in whose bounds they are called to labor. During the past year this institution has received a gift of \$10,000 from a lady in Phila., for the erection of a house on the Seminary grounds, to be occupied by one of the Professors. Eight of the late graduates of Muhlenberg College expect to pursue theological studies in the Seminary.

The next meeting of Synod is to be held in Lancaster, May 17, 1894.

#### Funeral Notes.

In times of affliction and prostration with grief, families often are so overwhelmed as hardly to know what course to take without timely counsel. A few suggestions will not be out of place here, on those funeral arrangements in which the church is directly involved.

1. Among the very first arrangements to be made after death, along with the sending of word to the undertaker, consultation should be had with the officiating minister. The rule is indeed that precedence be given funerals, but previous engagements of a similar or of a different character may have been made, which can not be broken. Never send out word until engagement is made with the pastor.

2. Sunday funerals should be avoided under all ordinary circumstances, except they can be performed along with a regular appointment. The time of pastors is thoroughly occupied on Sundays, and to serve at a funeral requires that other appointments be set aside and congregations be disappointed, sometimes even where God's Word is preached only once every month. This is no injustice to the pastor, but it is not right to the congregation. It is far better that a few persons go to slight inconvenience than that a whole congregation be prevented from worship.

3. If a particular Scriptural text is to be used, according to the wishes of the deceased or the family, propriety requires that this be made known to the pastor when the appointment is made, and not when he arrives at the house of mourning at the time of the funeral. While such self-selected texts are not always appropriate, yet ministers cheerfully accommodate families in using them, if previous information be given; otherwise it is an unreasonable request that a pastor should preach acceptably from them.

4. In our community it is the custom to sing at the house, at the grave and in the church at funerals. It however hardly is usual to ask the organist to attend and lead. This is wrong. To lead the singing or even to sing alone, is not the pas-

tor's duty. The most that should be expected of him is to do so in case of an emergency. Nor can the organist be expected to attend unless he be asked, and in that case he should be remunerated for his services just as it is the custom to remunerate the pastor to supplement his support. If you want singing at a funeral, ask the organist to attend.

5. All persons involved in the direction of funerals should co-operate in the fulfillment of the appointment as to time. Of course to the sorrowing family it is a matter of small importance whether the funeral procession start from the house a half hour earlier or later, but for the hundreds of persons who may be waiting, many of whom have gone to inconvenience and self-denial to travel long distances to make the appointment, and considering the educating effect on the public, the sum total of discomfort and harm of late funerals is very considerable. To wait for friends who are late is very uncertain. For *one* unduly to insist on moving on time may seem rude, but those in charge of the house, undertaker and pastor should *all* unite in their efforts to start the cortege at the time appointed. The proverb should not be true that "funerals are always late."

6. It is right that preparation should be made for the physical comfort of relatives and friends of the family by providing food and drink at funerals, but the feasting often indulged in at funerals is a pernicious and sinful custom. Feasting is in place under proper circumstances, but it is always connected with joy and not with sorrow. A lavish display of the best things of earth and the expenditure of large sums, even by families not well or not at all able to meet the outlay, and an equal lavish expenditure of labor even on the Lord's Holy Day, are things which are not right. Why the fare should be better or why one more meal is necessary on a funeral day than when men work hard, we cannot understand. It behooveth right thinking people, and those in comfortable circumstances, to lead in reform. Others *drown* out their sorrows at funerals, and we make sport of them. Let not us *feast* away our sorrows.







## FUNERALS.

"Jesus, Thou Prince of Life,  
Thy chosen can not die;  
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,  
To reign with Thee on high."

## St. John's.

MILLER.—Daniel, a son of Sem Miller and his wife Barbara [Coleman], was born in Lykens twp., Dauphin county, Pa., Aug. 30, 1826. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Gerhart, the sponsors being John Hartman and wife Susannah. June 10, 1849 he was united in Holy Marriage with Elizabeth Herb, solemnized by Rev. Bergner. This union was severed by his death and was blessed with 10 children, 5 sons and 5 daughters, of whom 2 daughters preceded their parents to eternity. He was confirmed as a member of St. John's Ev. Luth. congregation by Rev. J. Hillpot, April 7, 1882, and died after a lingering sickness of heart failure and dropsy, Aug. 17, 1892, mourned by his widow and 8 children. Age, 65-11-17.

WEAVER.—Catharine Ann, a daughter of Simon Matter and his wife Sarah [Swab], was born in Mifflin twp., Dauphin county, Oct. 28, 1839. She was baptized Dec. 22, 1839 by Rev. J. N. Hemping, John Wagner and Catharine Swab appearing as sponsors. April 27, 1856 she was confirmed by Rev. F. Waltz as a member of the Ev. Luth. Church and St. John's congregation, of which she remained a faithful member till the day of her death. She was united in marriage with David Weaver, May 19, 1864, by Rev. F. Waltz, which happy union continued for more than 28 years and was blessed with 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters, all of whom survive her. She died of Gravel, Sunday, Sept. 11, 1892, aged, 52-10-13. Burial on the Cemetery of Hoffman's Reformed Church.

Row.—Abraham, a son of Wendell and Elizabeth Row, was born April 10, 1816, baptized May 23 of the same year, and was confirmed as a member of St. John's congregation of the Ev. Luth. Church. He was married with Sarah Schreffler *nee* Paul, Sept. 5, 1843 by Rev. J. N. Hemp-

ing, which union lasted for 49 years and was blessed with 6 children, 1 son and 5 daughters, of whom only 2 daughters remain with their mother to mourn the decease of their father. He died of Dysentery, Sept. 14, 1892, aged 76-5-4.

Row.—Isabella, a daughter of Abraham Row and his wife Sarah [Paul], was born Dec. 29, 1845 in Upper Paxton twp., Dauphin county. She was given to the Lord in Holy Baptism Jan. 18, 1846, administered by Rev. J. N. Hemping, and on April 6, 1862 she was confirmed as a member of St. John's Ev. Luth. congregation by Rev. F. Waltz, of which she remained a faithful member till her death, which occurred Sept. 19, 1892 after having been a helpless invalid for more than 20 years. Age, 46-8-10.

WETZLER.—John, a son of John Wetzler and his wife Mary [Yeartz], was born in Upper Paxton twp., Oct. 24, 1810. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. D. Ulich the sponsors being John and Elizabeth Matter. In youth he was confirmed as a member of St. John's congregation, of which he remained a consistent member till the day of his death. He was married with Lydia Lenker, which happy union was blessed with 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters, and lasted until about 9 years ago when she preceded him to eternity. Two sons and 3 daughters, with 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren survive. He died after being bedfast for 6 weeks, of heart disease and Dropsy, Dec. 16, 1892, aged 82-1-22.

WETZLER.—Edith Elma, daughter of Jacob D. Wetzler and his wife Mary E. [Cooper], was born at Lykens, Pa., Oct. 5, 1891. She was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism, Dec. 3 in the year of her birth, performed by Rev. M. B. Lenker, and departed this life Jan. 7, 1893, after 14 weeks of suffering with tuberculous meningitis. Age, 1-3-2.

LEHMAN.—John, a son of Samuel Lehman and his wife Anna Maria [Romberger], was born June 10, 1821, in Mifflin twp. On the 8th day of July following he was baptized by Rev. J. P. Schindel, Abraham Miller and his wife appearing as sponsors. On May 7, 1840 he was confirm-

ed by the same pastor as a member of St. John's Ev. Luth. congregation, of which he remained a faithful member until the day of his death. He was united in Holy Marriage, Nov. 2, 1843, Dena Koppenheffer, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. N. Hemping. This union of almost 50 years was blessed with 4 sons and 6 daughters of whom 2 daughters preceded him to eternity. He survived the birth of 31 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and died Jan. 27, 1893, aged 71-7-17.

YEARTS.—Christiana, a daughter of John T. Webner and his wife Christiana [Heiser], was born May 29, 1829, in Schuylkill county, Pa. She was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism Aug. 30th of the year of her birth, administered by Rev. Croll, the sponsors being Geo. Heiser and his wife Catharine. She was confirmed a member of the Ev. Luth. Church May 23, 1847 by Rev. J. N. Hemping. On Feb. 18, 1855 she was united in Holy Marriage by Rev. F. Waltz with John Yearts who preceded her to eternity about 5 years ago. This union was blessed with 2 sons and 4 daughters, of whom 1 son and 2 daughters preceded their parents to eternity. She died of apoplexy Feb. 25, 1893, aged 63-5-25.

KOPPENHEFFER.—Jonathan, a son of Michael Koppenheffer and his wife Anna Maria [Bordner], was born in Mifflin twp. Aug. 20, 1818. On Nov. 12th in the year of his birth he was baptized by Rev. J. P. Schindel, the sponsors being Conrad Schreffler and wife. He was received as a member of St. John's Ev. Luth. congregation by the rite of Confirmation, April 7, 1882 by Rev. J. Hillpot. He was married with Sarah Yoder, which union was blessed with 4 sons and 4 daughters, of whom 1 son and the 4 daughters survive their parents. He died of heart disease and dropsy, April 16, 1893, aged 74-7-26.

SHADLE.—Sarah Anna, a daughter of Samuel Lubold and his wife Catharine [Williard], was born Sept. 20, 1828, in Lykens twp. She was baptized on Nov. 9 of her birth year by Rev. J. P. Schindel, the parents themselves appearing as sponsors, and later confirmed a member of the Reformed Church by Rev. Nathaniel

Bressler, after which she was received into membership of St. John's Lutheran congregation, of which she remained a member until death. March 25, 1847 she was united in Holy Marriage by Rev. J. N. Hemping with Gideon Shadle who remains with 1 son to mourn her departure from this world. In all 2 sons and 2 daughters were the fruit of this union, the 2 daughters and 1 son having preceded their mother to eternity. She died after a long illness and much suffering from a complication of diseases, April 18, 1893, aged 64-5-9.

ROMBERGER.—Carrie Estella, a daughter of Charles T. Mattis and his wife Mary Magdalene [Romberger], was born in Washington twp., Dauphin county, Sept. 27, 1875. On Nov. 28th of the same year she was consecrated in Holy Baptism performed by Rev. R. S. Wagner, the sponsors being the parents. After proper instruction in God's Word she was received by Confirmation into full membership with St. John's Ev. Luth. congregation, Nov. 1, 1891 by Rev. O. E. Pflueger. She was united in Holy Marriage with Chas. F. Romberger, June 23, 1892, by Rev. Chas. D. Sinkenson, which happy relation lasted for just 11 months, when she departed this life, May 23, 1893, after a short illness of Pneumonia, aged 17-7-26.

## Simeon's.

KISSINGER.—Hannah Maria Magdalena, a daughter of Frederick Hoffner and his wife Maddy [Faber], was born in Lykens twp., Jan. 22, 1854. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. Leiss, the parents appearing as sponsors. April 10, 1869 she was confirmed as a member of the Reformed Church and Hoffman's congregation by Rev. Jacob Kehm, which pastor also united her in Holy Marriage with Henry Kissinegr, April 24, 1870. This union was blessed with 10 children, 7 sons and 3 daughters, of whom 1 son preceded his parents to eternity. She died after 9 days' illness with apoplexy, Aug. 24, 1892, aged 38-7-2.

TROUTMAN.—Abraham Troutman was born in Lower Mahantonga twp., North'd county, Pa., Nov. 14, 1813. He was



baptized and confirmed a member of the Reformed Church. April 8, 1838, he was married with Anna Schaeffer who died in the year 1861. This union was blessed with 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters of whom 1 son died in 1862. In 1865 he was married with Mrs. Elizabeth Ritzman which union was blessed with one daughter. Nine grandchildren survive him. He died in Ashland Sept. 3, 1892, aged 78-9-20.

MILLER.—Mary, a daughter of Jacob Coleman and his wife Barbara [Artz], was born Nov. 18, 1819, in Lykens twp. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. N. Hemping, the sponsors being John Coleman and wife Rosina. In 1848 she was confirmed as a member of the Ev. Luth. Church by the same pastor. About the year 1848 she was united in marriage with Jacob Miller, who preceded her to eternity almost 3 years ago. This union was blessed with 5 sons and 3 daughters of whom 1 son died in infancy. She survived the birth of 46 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and died Jan. 16, 1893 of the infirmities of age and pneumonia, aged 73-1-28.

#### Salem's.

BENDER.—Adam, a son of Adam Bender and his wife Julia [Hoppel], was born Oct. 2, 1814, in what is now Washington (then Mifflin) twp. He was baptized in infancy and was three times married, successively with Mary Lebo, Elizabeth Yeager and Elizabeth Messner, with the latter of whom he lived for more than 40 years, and who remains to mourn his decease. The first marriage was blessed with 1 son and 1 daughter, the latter of whom preceded her father to eternity, and the last marriage with 2 sons. He died very suddenly of heart disease, Sept. 6, 1892, aged 77-11-4.

MILLER.—William Luther, a son of John Adam Miller and his wife Harriet [Webner], was born at Elizabethville, Pa., Nov. 10, 1883. He was baptized by Rev. S. Kuhn, March 16, 1884 and, after a little more than a week's suffering with croup, departed this life Dec. 1, 1892, aged 9-0-21.

DIRTY.—Harry Lester, a son of Wm.

H. H. Ditty and his wife Jennie L. [Keiter], was born in Upper Paxton twp., Aug. 12, 1888. He was baptized by Rev. H. Hackman and died the following day, Dec. 8, 1892, of blood poisoning, the result of diphtheria. Age, 4-3-26.

SMITH.—Daniel, a son of John Adam Smith and his wife Christiana [Lower], was born Aug. 4, 1807, in North'd county. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Walters, the sponsors being John Dockey and wife, and was afterwards confirmed a member of St. John's Ev. Luth. congregation by Rev. J. P. Schindel. He was married the first time, May 10, 1829, with Eliza Parks, which union was blessed with 2 daughters and lasted a little more than 2 years when the mother died. One of the daughters also died small. May 14, 1833 he was united a second time in marriage, with Catharine Runk, which union was blessed with 9 sons and 3 daughters, of whom 3 sons and 2 daughters preceded their father to eternity. After the mother had also departed this life Apr. 4, 1869, he was married a third time on May 28, 1872, with Mrs. Elizabeth Dunkel [Reinberger], the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. Steck. He was therefore the father of 14 children, of whom 6 sons and 2 daughters with the widow survive. He also survived the birth of 50 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, 20 of the former and 2 of the latter having already departed this life. He died Dec. 28, 1892, of the infirmities of age, aged 85-4-24.

BOTTEIGER.—Anna, a daughter of John Riegel and his wife Susannah [Sheetz], was born in Lykens twp., April 17, 1814. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. Jacob Reily, the sponsors being Joseph Herman and his wife Catharine. On May 29, 1830 she was confirmed a member of the Reformed Church by Rev. Gerhart and about the year 1835 she was married to Daniel Botteiger who preceded her to eternity a little more than 3 years ago. This union was blessed with 5 sons and 5 daughters, of whom 3 sons and 1 daughter however preceded both parents to eternity. She died Feb. 28, 1893 of the infirmities of old age, aged 78-10-11.

BECHTEL.—Clair Nathaniel, infant son of Nathaniel Bechtel and his wife Sarah E. [Kolva], was born at Elizabethville, July 28, 1891. He was baptized April 9, 1893 by Rev. William F. Bond, and died at Tower City, Pa., of inflammation of the bowels, April 10, 1893, aged 1-8-12.

UHLER.—George Andrew, son of W. Frank Uhler and his wife Eva [Gruver], was born Jan. 4, 1886, at Elizabethville. Holy Baptism was administered to him by Rev. Joseph Hillpot, March 14, 1886, the parents appearing as sponsors. He departed this life May 29, 1893 from the effects of Scarlet Fever, aged 7-4-25.

#### Zion's.

KOPPENHEFFER.—Edgar Wilson, infant son of Daniel W. Koppenheffer and his wife Lizzie [Weaver], was born at Elizabethville, Sept. 10, 1892. He was baptized by Rev. O. E. Pflueger, March 22, 1893 and died two days later of Scarlet Fever, aged 6 mo. and 14 days.

#### St. Jacob's.

SCHWENK.—Emma Eliza Jane, daughter of Adam Schwenk and his wife Sophia E., was born in Jackson twp., Dauphin county, June 11, 1883. She was baptized April 20, 1884 by Rev. Joseph Hillpot and died of diphtheria, July 16, 1892, aged 9-1-15.

SCHWENK.—Sallie Mabel, infant daughter of Adam Schwenk and wife Sophia E. was born in Jackson twp., June 4, 1891, baptized by Rev. O. E. Pflueger Aug. 10, 1892, and died of diphtheria, Aug. 13, 1892, 1-2-9.

ZIMMERMAN.—Susan Alice, a daughter of Philip Zimmerman and his wife Mary [Schindel], was born July 18, 1869, in Jackson twp. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. Engel, a Lutheran pastor. While in process of catechisation she died at Lykens, Pa., of cramp, after three days of suffering, Sept. 28, 1892, aged 23-2-10. Interment on the Cemetery in connection with Stroh's church.

WARFEL.—C. Clinton, a son of Joseph Warfel and his wife Mary [Hoover], was born Nov. 6, 1861 in Jackson twp. He

was baptized April 28, 1862 by Rev. F. Waltz, the parents appearing as sponsors. On May 28, 1881 he was united in marriage with Margaret A. Miller by Rev. A. S. Stauffer, which union was blessed with 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter, all of whom survive with their mother to mourn his early departure. He died Nov. 14, 1892, of injuries sustained in the mines, aged 31-0-8.

#### Berrysburg.

STRAUB.—Harvey Clinton, youngest son of Amos Straub and his wife Mary Ann [Dilfield], was born Feb. 2, 1876, in Mifflin twp. He was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism, July 2, 1876, administered by Rev. M. Fernsler. He was received as a member of Salem's Ev. Lutheran congregation at Berrysburg, Pa., by the rite of Confirmation, by Rev. B. F. Kautz, March 19, 1893, and died after a sickness of about 2 weeks of Catarrh Fever and Rheumatism, April 14, 1893, aged 17-2-12.

JURY.—Mary Ellen, a daughter of John Benjamin Jury and his wife Anna Mary [Matter], was born Sept. 24, 1877, in Washington twp. On Nov. 5, 1877, she was consecrated in Holy Baptism performed by Rev. M. Fernsler. She was received as a member of Salem's Ev. Lutheran congregation at Berrysburg by the rite of Confirmation, March 19, 1893, by Rev. B. F. Kautz, and died May 18, 1893 after a lingering illness of 9 weeks with Rheumatism and heart failure. Age, 15-6-13.

#### Killinger.

FOGELMAN.—William, son of Harry Fogelman and his wife Catherine [Lenker], was born Jan. 2, 1873, in Upper Paxton twp. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. M. Fernsler, and confirmed a member of Salem's Ev. Lutheran congregation at Killinger, Feb., 1887 by Rev. J. Fishburn. On May 10, 1890 he was united in Holy Marriage by Rev. T. Derr with Mary A. Long, who remains with one son, the fruit of this union, to mourn his early decease. He died of Consumption, April 23, 1893, aged 20-3-21.



BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

July 1, 1892 to July 1, 1893.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.—HEB. 13: 16.

RECEIPTS.

Church	Date	Description	Amount	Total
ST. JOHN'S—	Sept. 4, '92,	Harvest Home,....	General Fund,.....	77.74
	Oct. 30, '92,	Communion,.....	Debt of Muhl. College,	34.17
	Jan. 4, '93,	*Donation,.....	Orphans' Home,.....	24.00
	Apr. 16, '93,	Communion,.....	General Fund,.....	30.00
				165.91
SIMEON'S—	Aug. 21, '92,	Harvest Home,....	General Fund,.....	34.43
	Oct. 16, '92,	Communion,.....	Debt of Muhl. College,	19.06
	Apr. 2, '93,	"	General Fund,.....	17.05
				70.54
SALEM'S—	Aug. 28, '92,	Harvest Home,....	General Fund,.....	30.68
	Oct. 23, '92,	Communion,.....	Eng. Home Missions,.	13.79
	Nov. 6, '92,	Children's Day,...	" " "	14.23
	Apr. 9, '93,	Communion,.....	General Fund,.....	12.02
				70.72
ZION'S—	Sept. 11, '92,	Harvest Home,....	General Fund,.....	13.44
	Nov. 6, '92,	Communion,.....	Debt of Muhl. College,	14.28
	Mar. 26, '93,	"	General Fund,.....	9.37
				37.09
ST. JACOB'S—	Aug. 28, '92,	Harvest Home,....	General Fund,.....	15.04
	Nov. 20, '92,	Communion,.....	Debt of Muhl. College,	8.43
	May 7, '93,	"	General Fund,.....	7.08
				374.81
<b>DISBURSEMENTS.</b>				
Synodical Apportionment:				
		General Fund,.....	150.00	
		Foreign Missions,.....	39.00	189.00
Home Mission Apportionment:				
		English Missions,.....	45.00	
		German Missions,.....	25.00	70.00
		Debt of Muhlenberg College,.....	76.81	
		*Donation to Orphans' Home,.....	24.00	
		Repair Fund of Theological Seminary,.....	15.00	374.81
<b>Muhlenberg College Account.</b>				
		Apportionment for liquidation of Debt,.....	250.00	
		Amount paid last year, (Parish Record No. 3, p. 14,.....	94.00	
Amount paid this year:				
		Two personal contributions,.....	35.00	
		Congregational contributions,.....	76.81	111.81
		Unpaid Balance,.....	44.19	205.81

\*This Donation consisted of money, meat, flour, sausage, vegetables, &c.

CONFIRMATION.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.—LUKE IX: 23.

The following is a list of accessions by the Rite of Confirmation, preceded by a course of instruction in God's Word and the teachings of our Church:

ZION'S—Nov. 6, 1892.	ST. JACOB'S—Nov. 20, 1893.
John A. Heller,	Jacob C. Schwenk,
Charles S. Longabach,	Eugene W. Snyder,
James M. Schaeffer,	George W. Warfel,
Mrs. Mary E. Keiter,	Harvey O. " "
Annie V. Koppenheffer,	Ella C. Fisher,
Angelia' " "	Mary A. Schwenk,
	Adult Baptism, Mrs. Laura Lucinda Snyder.
SALEM'S—April 9, 1893.	
Charles L. Botteiger,	Lizzie L. Enterline,
Ira E. " "	Mrs. Ida M. Jury,
Adam E. Keiter,	Cora E. Kolva,
Charles P. Snyder,	Etta M. Swab.
George H. Temple,	
Edward G. Zimmerman.	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

ST. JOHN'S LUTH. S. S.—Mifflin Twp.	Librarians—Jacob Hoover and Miss Mary E. Pike.
Superintendent—Allen Swab.	Treasurer—Allen C. Cooper.
Secretaries—H. A. Romberger and H. I. Hartman.	Organist—Miss Annie M. Lenker.
Librarians—D. D. Matter and Miss Mary E. Swab.	Teachers, 14. Scholars, 124.
Treasurer—William Lehman.	SALEM'S LUTH. S. S.—Elizabethville.
Organists—J. Ponawitz and Miss E. Nora Swab.	Superintendent—George W. Radel.
Teachers, 9. Scholars, 155.	Assist. Supt.—Well. N. Snyder.
SIMEON'S UNION S. S.—Gratz.	Secretary—Fred. Smith.
Superintendents—H. G. Dornheim and J. A. Willier.	Assist. Secretary—Harvey A. Lehman.
Secretaries—J. F. Kembel and Wm. A. Zerling.	Librarian—Charles H. Lehman.
Librarians—G. F. Solada and Miss Jennie R. Kissinger.	Assist. Librarian—Miss Sallie E. Swab.
Treasurer—James Solada.	Organists—Miss Etta A. Mattis.
Organists—J. H. Schoffstall and G. H. Ritzman.	Assist. Organist—Miss Etta M. Swab.
Teachers, 13. Scholars, 215.	Managers—Hiram Smith & Jonas Swab.
ZION'S UNION S. S.—Rife.	Treasurer—George A. Boyer.
Superintendents—I. H. Schreffler and Monroe Chubb.	ST. JACOB'S UNION S. S.—Jackson Twp.
Secretaries—Aaron M. Longabach and Miss Katie A. Cooper.	Superintendent—John B. Paul.
	Assist. Supt.—Ira O. Miller.
	Secretary—H. W. Fisher.
	Assist. Secretary—E. B. Miller.
	Librarians—Simon C. Fisher. and Miss Sue E. Whitman.
	Treasurer—Balthaser Miller.
	Teachers, 8. Scholars, 75.



## CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.—HEB. x: 25.

## ST. JOHN'S—MIFFLIN TWP.

—1893—

July 9, 10 a. m.	Ger., Anniversary.
16, 2 p. m.	German.
23, 2 p. m.	English.
Aug. 6, 10 a. m.	German.
13, 10 a. m.	"
20, 2 p. m.	English.
Sept. 3, 10 a. m.	Ger., Harvest Home.
10, 2 p. m.	German.
17, 2 p. m.	English.
Oct. 1, 10 a. m.	German.
8, 10 a. m.	"
15, 2 p. m.	English.
28, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
29, 9:30 a. m.	Confirmation.
Nov. 12, 2:30 p. m.	German.
26, 10 a. m.	English.
Dec. 3, 10 a. m.	German.
10, 2 p. m.	"
24, 10 a. m.	English.
31, 2 p. m.	German.

—1894—

Jan. 7, 2 p. m.	German.
21, 10 a. m.	English.
28, 10 a. m.	German.
Feb. 4, 2 p. m.	"
18, 10 a. m.	English.
25, 2 p. m.	German.
Mar. 4, 2 p. m.	"
18, 10 a. m.	English.
25, 10 a. m.	German.
Apr. 1, 2:30 p. m.	"
14, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
15, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
22, 2 p. m.	German.
29, 2 p. m.	"
May 12, 10 a. m.	English.
27, 2 p. m.	Ger., Missionary.
June 10, 10 a. m.	German.
17, 2 p. m.	English.
24, 2 p. m.	German.
July 8, 10 a. m.	Ger., Anniversary.

## SIMEON'S—GRATZ.

—1893—

July 9, 2 p. m.	Ger., Anniversary.
23, 10 a. m.	English.
Aug. 6, 2 p. m.	German.
20, 10 a. m.	Ger., Harvest Home.
Sept. 3, 2 p. m.	English.
17, 10 a. m.	German.
Oct. 1, 2 p. m.	"
15, 10 a. m.	English.
29, 2:30 p. m.	German.
Nov. 11, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
12, 9:30 a. m.	Confirmation.
26, 2 p. m.	English.
Dec. 10, 10 a. m.	German.
24, 2 p. m.	"

—1894—

Jan. 7, 10 a. m.	English.
21, 2 p. m.	German.
Feb. 4, 10 a. m.	"
18, 2 p. m.	English.
Mar. 4, 10 a. m.	German.
18, 2 p. m.	"
31, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
Apr. 1, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
15, 2:30 p. m.	German.
29, 10 a. m.	"
May 13, 2 p. m.	English.
27, 10 a. m.	Ger., Missionary.
June 10, 2 p. m.	German.
24, 10 a. m.	English.
July 8, 2 p. m.	Ger., Anniversary.

## SALEM'S—ELIZABETHVILLE.

—1893—

July 2, 2 p. m.	Ger., Anniversary.
16, 7:30 p. m.	English.
30, 10 a. m.	"
Aug. 13, 7:30 p. m.	"
27, 2 p. m.	Ger., Harvest Home.
Sept. 10, 7 p. m.	English.
24, 10 a. m.	"
Oct. 8, 7 p. m.	"
22, 2:30 p. m.	German.
Nov. 5, 6:30 p. m.	English.
18, 6:30 p. m.	Preparatory.
19, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
Dec. 3, 6:30 p. m.	English.
17, 2 p. m.	German.

Dec. 31, 6:30 p. m. English.

—1894—

Jan. 14, 10 a. m.	English.
28, 6:30 p. m.	"
Feb. 11, 2 p. m.	German.
25, 7 p. m.	English.
Mar. 11, 10 a. m.	"
25, 7 p. m.	"
Apr. 8, 2:30 p. m.	German.
May 5, 7 p. m.	Preparatory.
6, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
June 3, 2 p. m.	Ger., Missionary.
17, 7:30 p. m.	English.
July 1, 10 a. m.	Eng., Anniversary.

## ZION'S—RIFF.

—1893—

July 16, 10 a. m.	Ger., Anniversary.
Aug. 13, 2 p. m.	German.
Sept. 10, 10 a. m.	Ger., Harvest Home.
Oct. 8, 2 p. m.	English.
Nov. 4, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
5, 10 a. m.	Communion.
Dec. 3, 2 p. m.	English.
31, 10 a. m.	German.
—1894—	
Jan. 28, 2 p. m.	German.

Feb. 25, 10 a. m.	English.
Mar. 25, 2 p. m.	German.
Apr. 21, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
22, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
June 17, 10 a. m.	Eng., Missionary.
July 15, 2 p. m.	Ger., Anniversary.

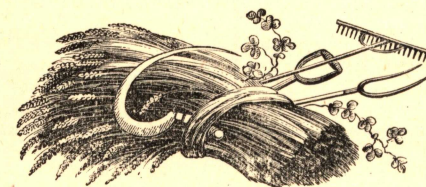
## ST. JACOB'S—JACKSON TWP.

—1893—

July 2, 10 a. m.	Ger., Anniversary.
30, 2 p. m.	German.
Aug. 27, 10 a. m.	Ger., Harvest Home.
Sept. 24, 2 p. m.	German.
Oct. 21, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
22, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
Nov. 19, 2:30 p. m.	German.
Dec. 17, 10 a. m.	"

—1894—

Jan. 14, 2 p. m.	German.
Feb. 11, 10 a. m.	"
Mar. 11, 2 p. m.	"
Apr. 7, 2 p. m.	Preparatory.
8, 9:30 a. m.	Communion.
May 6, 2:30 p. m.	German.
June 3, 10 a. m.	Ger., Missionary.
July 1, 2 p. m.	Ger., Anniversary.





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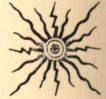
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