

NEWSLETTER

Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic

Spring Program / Annual Meeting, March 28, 2020

Welcome and Devotions beginning at 9:00 AM

Valentine Hall, United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus

Looking ahead to Spring 2020, the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic will hold its program and annual meeting on Saturday March 28, 2020, on the Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary. The program will be centered on another edition of the society's popular Congregational Heritage Workshops. The last workshop event was held in 2012 and so another edition has been long overdue. The spring gathering offers a perfect opportunity to stage the workshops again, as the society looks towards the possibility of hosting a joint event with the Lutheran Historical Conference in the Fall of 2020 (stay tuned for developing details on the latter event).

The day will begin at 9:00 AM with a welcome and devotions, followed at 9:15 with a keynote address by Dr. Susan McArver, Professor of Church History and Educational Ministry at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, who will speak on "Our Help in Ages Past: The Future of Our History for the Present."

Following the Keynote, the event will feature several sessions of concurrent workshops that cover a variety of topics relevant to the study, preservation, and celebration of Lutheran heritage in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The first session (10:15 - 11:05 AM) will feature workshops on:

- Church Archives 101,
- Oral History, and
- Writing Pastoral Biographies.

The second session (11:15 AM - 12:05 PM) will cover:

- Celebrating Congregational Anniversaries,
- Genealogy with Pennsylvania German Church Records, and
- Discoveries from the Vault (Lutheran Archives Center).

An afternoon session (1:30 - 2:20 PM) will include workshops on:

- Writing Congregational Histories,
- Archival Preservation/Access Best Practices, and
- Using Library Resources for Your Congregation's History.

There will be a catered lunch from 12:15 to 1:00 PM, followed by the society's annual business meeting (approximately 15-20 minutes). A tour of the

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Workshops planned for Spring 2020 Program
- 2020 will have several milestone anniversaries
- Board working on details for a Speakers Bureau
- Kenneth Senft served in many roles in the Lutheran Church
- Salem Lutheran Church, Lebanon PA, honored with Historic Site recognition
- Archives for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, PA

President's Corner - Autumn 2019

This is a time of significant anniversaries in American Lutheranism. As 2019 comes to a close, so likewise does the 400th anniversary of the first Lutheran in America (Rasmus Jensen).



This has been a year to reflect on the impact of Lutheranism

in America during the last four centuries. The Concordia Historical Institute will take up this topic at its annual meeting in early November. Mark Granquist keyed the 2018 LHSMA annual meeting and helped direct the society and its members towards this observance.

This is a significant anniversary that should continue to inspire us to reflect on the role and impact of Lutheranism in North America.

The year 2020 will also be the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women. It will be the 50th anniversary of the ordination of a woman in North America, Elizabeth Platz, at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Maryland. Two years ago, the society recognized the Memorial Chapel and the ordination with one of its Historic Site Recognition Awards. Next year also will be the 200th anniversary

of the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod of the United States. The General Synod was the first national Lutheran denominational body and was founded in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Lutheran Historical Conference will meet in Baltimore and Gettysburg in October, 2020 to explore the themes around these anniversaries. Stay tuned for more information about this significant event and how to participate.

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ary at Gettysburg). The meeting will take place in the midst of a Congregation Heritage Workshop. The keynote speaker will be church historian and professor, Dr. Susan Wilds McArver. She has served as Professor of Church History and Educational Ministry at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina since 1998. Nine different workshops will be offered on a variety of topics. See this newsletter for further details. The day will conclude with an historic site recognition ceremony at Linwood in Gettysburg. Lin-

wood is the original location for Gettysburg Seminary and Gettysburg College. An invitation to the Congregational Heritage Workshop and Historic Site Recognition will be sent soon. Please join us! Bring a friend! Share the news! March 28th is shaping up to be a fun, educational, and formative Lutheran history event.

Finally, I want to note the recent death of the Reverend Dr. Kenneth C. Senft. Ken was an ardent supporter of the society, a significant contributor to the Lutheran Church in America and especially in Europe following World War II. His faithfulness, humility, good humor, and passion to share the Gospel in words and actions will be sorely missed. Ken Senft will long be considered a significant part of the history of Lutheranism in the Mid-Atlantic and beyond. Ken died on September 26, 2019 and his funeral was held on October 5, 2019. A full obituary is found in this newsletter. Requiesce in peace, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei. Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Pastor Stephen R. Herr,
President*

*Lutheran Historical Society
of the Mid-Atlantic*

October 2019

Commemoration of
Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

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Lutheran Historical Speakers Bureau

At its regular meeting, in August 2019, the LHSMA Board discussed developing a Speakers Bureau. Such a bureau could match a list of available speakers with requests for presentations. While there have been few requests to LHSMA from Sunday Schools or other interested groups seeking presenters, having a list of topics and available presenters might trigger Lutheran church history interest from persons who are trying to fill programming needs.

Presenters might include authors, students, historians, genealogists and other researchers working on Lutheran persons, movements or institutions of note. Persons interested in scheduling presentations might include Sunday Schools, other church groups or civic organizations such as libraries and fraternal groups. Board member Kevin Hepler will take the lead on identifying both available speakers and programs that might like to hear their presentations. Persons who would be interested in presenting or scheduling presentations are invited to make him aware of that interest by sending an email to kevin@hepler.net.

By Kevin Hepler



New Members Update

The following annual member has upgraded to LIFE membership:

James L. Slawter - *Aurora, WV*

Please notify us of any corrections to the list. Our Annual Membership Drive occurs January thru March each year. Annual dues of \$20.00 and LIFE Memberships (\$250.00) are acceptable, of course, at any time.

We currently have 43 LIFE Members and 94

"annual" members who have supported our Society over the past 5 years; however, to date only 45 members have paid their dues for 2019.

We need faithful financial support in order to promote interest in Lutheran History in the Mid-Atlantic region.

by Jim Mummert

LHSMA Spring 2020 Program, cont.

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Region 8 Archives on the Gettysburg campus will be offered at 12:15 PM and a second tour at 1:00 PM. The tours will be led by Evan Boyd, Library Director and Archivist, United Lutheran Seminary. At the conclusion of the afternoon workshops, participants will have the opportunity to go to the Linwood House on Middle Street in Gettysburg (original site of the Gettysburg Seminary and Gettysburg College) where a Historic Site presentation will be made. This past year, Linwood House was selected for recognition by LHSMA, and the official plaque will be presented at this event.

A detailed brochure and registration materials for the Spring Program/Congregational Heritage Workshops will be mailed (or emailed) directly to society members as well as advertised through the publicity organs of the various synods in Region 8. Registration will be due by March 15, 2020. An opportunity to register online via the society's website at www.lutheranhistoricalsociety.com will also be available, so stay tuned for more details!

By John Deeben

LHSMA Board Happenings

By John Deeben

The board of directors of the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic met on August 28, 2019. President Steve Herr called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM at Valentine Hall, United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg Campus). President Herr welcomed board members to the meeting and led introductions around the table. Sean Titus led opening devotions.

A motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented was made by David Flesner, seconded by Mark Oldenburg. **Approved.** The minutes of the May 22, 2019 board meeting were distributed and a motion to approve was made by Lee Knepp, seconded by Kevin Hepler. **Approved.**

Under officer's reports, President Steve Herr led a brief discussion about goals for the meeting that need to be accomplished, including the upcoming workshop in Lebanon, 2020 programming, issues regarding the prize funds, work regarding historic site plaques and recognitions, plans for a new logo, expansion of Featured Lutherans on the website, and status of society display boards.

There was no Vice President's report. Secretary John Deeben reported that the summer newsletter was distributed electronically over the past weekend. Hard copies are being prepared for mailing. Treasurer Lee Knepp distributed a report of the society's finances covering the period January 1 through August 24, 2019. Finances are stable at this point. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by David Flesner, seconded by Jim Mummert. **Approved.** There was an extended discussion about the prize funds that are administered by the seminary. There was no Archivist/Historian's report.

The board broke into committee meetings at 10:30 AM and reconvened at 11:00 AM. The following committee reports were presented:

- **Membership:** Jim Mummert distributed a report showing annual, life, and institutional membership figures from 2015 through August 2019.
- **Publicity:** Mark Oldenburg reported that contact information was obtained for an individual to

design the new logo and the committee will follow up on further action. The display boards were set up for continuing education events at the seminary over the summer. Suggestion to develop a list of speakers/topics (speaker's bureau) that would be available for presentations as requested, would be further developed by Kevin Hepler.



- **Program:** Steve Herr reported there will be a congregational workshop next spring as part of the annual meeting, proposed date of March 28, 2020. Steve Herr, Sheila Joy, John Deeben and David Flesner will comprise a committee to work out details. Lutheran Historical Conference meeting is scheduled for October 1-3, 2020 and will be coming to Gettysburg on October 3. This event will serve as the fall event for 2020. There was discussion of a 2021 potential spring event to focus on slavery and race, and a fall 2021 pilgrimage to Trappe, PA.

- **Historic Site Recognition:** Sheila Joy reported that a workshop at Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon, PA will be held on October 12 in conjunction with the presentation of their Historic Site Recognition plaque. The content of the program will need to be finalized; a plaque will need to be obtained as well. A plaque is also needed for Linwood House in Gettysburg as well as a presentation date. Policies and standards for plaques still need to be updated.
- **Nominating:** Mark Oldenburg reported that board members in the Class of 2020 will be contacted about standing for reelection next year.
- **Wentz Prize:** Steve Herr reported that submissions are coming in.
- **Biglerville Prize:** Steve Herr noted that the committee needs to be reorganized; board members interested in serving should let him know.

Under Old Business, President Herr will send out

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LHSMA Member Kenneth Senft Dies

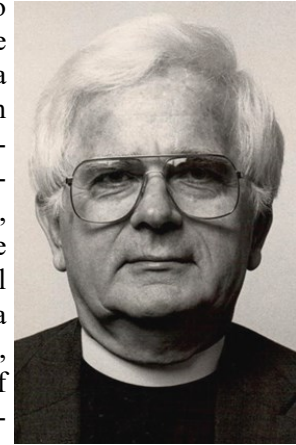
By Stephen Herr

Longtime LHSMA member the Rev. Dr. Kenneth C. Senft died on September 21, 2019, under Homeland Hospice Care at Manor Care in Camp Hill. Kenneth was born on August 20, 1925 to Harry and Effie Senft. He was proud of his family roots on a hilly York County farm and his faith roots in his family church, St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, "Stone Church," established by Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg in 1756.

Kenneth received a Bachelor of Arts from Gettysburg College in 1946, during which time he was also Chairperson of the United Student Christian Council, a member of the World Christian Youth Conference, and a student delegate to the opening of the Lutheran World Federation in Helsinki. He received a Bachelor of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 1952, and a Doctor of Divinity from Gettysburg College in 1973. In the middle of his seminary studies, immediately following World War II, he took a leave to serve as the director of resettlement of displaced persons, under the Lutheran World Federation, Service to Refugees. This became a lifetime commitment to furthering the care of, and service to, refugees and immigration from all parts of the world.

When Kenneth returned to Gettysburg to complete his studies, he also served as Pastor of Keller Memorial Lutheran Church in Washington, DC. His first call was as Mission Developer, and then Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Redwood City, California, from 1952-63. From 1963-64, he served as Secretary of Church Vocations, Board of College Education and Church Vocations for the Lutheran Church in America. Kenneth returned to Berkeley, California, serving Lutheran Church of the Cross from 1964-67. He then served Trinity Lutheran

Church in Pasadena from 1967-70. He served as Assistant Executive Secretary for the Board of American Missions in Chicago from 1970-72. In 1972, The Lutheran Church in America reorganized, and Kenneth became the Executive Director of the Division for Mission in North America, based in Manhattan until the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1988. Post Retirement, Kenneth was President of the Mission Resource Institute. Kenneth also served on the Board of the Council of Churches of California, the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches, as well as numerous other boards, and was an active participant in ecumenical dialogues.



In 1949, Kenneth married Josephine Haugen in Berchtesgaden, Germany. She had come to Germany from St. Olaf College to teach English in German Schools, through LWF, then serving in their Services to Refugees Program. Kenneth was predeceased by Josephine, as well as his seven sisters and one brother. He is survived by daughters Elizabeth C. Senft, Catharine Senft Geib (Richard), five grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Kenneth was a member of Tree of Life Lutheran Church, Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA. His memorial service was held at Tree of Life Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 5, 2019, with Pastors Richard Geib and Stephen Herr officiating. A private burial was held at St. Jacob's Stone Church.

LHSMA Board Minutes:

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an email communication for board members to serve on a committee to review/update the bylaws. New Business: Deadline for the fall newsletter will be October 15, 2019. Steve Herr reviewed and summarized the society's goals for 2020 and beyond that were addressed during the course of the meeting.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:55AM on motion by Mark Oldenburg, seconded by David Flesner. Steve Herr provided closing devotions.

Historic Site Recognition:

Salem Lutheran Church, Lebanon, PA

Comments by Rev. Paul Tomkiel

Good morning! It is good to be with you on this day, a day that we get to celebrate the history of Salem Lutheran Church and the people here who have served in the mission of God. One of the responsibilities for the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic is to recognize individuals, congregations, and other institutions, whose history or biography bears witness of their baptismal covenant to present and future generations.



The whole process of recognizing sites reminds me of time Joshua and the Israel-

ites crossed over the River Jordan in Gilgal. As they were about to enter the land God promised to them, they experienced an echo of the miracle at the Red Sea. But, instead of walking on dry ground through the Red Sea, the Israelites walked on dry riverbed of the Jordan.

After they had crossed, God instructed Joshua to get the strongest person from each of the twelve tribes, and to send them into the dry riverbed and gather the biggest rock they could carry. Then, these twelve rocks were placed in a pile together in Gilgal. God then instructs Joshua and the Israelites that “When your children ask their parents in time to come, “What do these stones mean?” then you shall let your children know, “Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.” For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we crossed over, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, and so that you may fear the Lord your God for ever.”

To bear witness of the baptismal covenant of those in the past, the society recognizes sites where an event important in the history of Mid-Atlantic Lutheranism took place or where an individual, congregation, or synodical agency practiced an innovative or sustained ministry.

While we do recognize sites based on their architecture and, yes, Salem’s beautiful buildings have stood for centuries and are indeed of historic im-

portance, they are not the reason for today’s recognition. There will be a plaque placed here, but that plaque is merely marking a place for us to recall what has transpired here, just as the rocks in Gilgal. It is to mark a place for us to remember who has performed holy service to bring us all to this point.

In my time as a pastor, I have learned that the relationship between pastor and congregation is deeper than we might first think. Both the pastor and the people grow together and begin to share traits as they walk alongside each other.

Salem of Lebanon has an impressive list of pastors who have walked with her over the years. John Casper Stoever, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, George Lochman, William Ernst, and Benjamin and Theodore Schmauk all come to mind. With just this list of pastors who served here Salem certainly deserves recognition. But today’s celebration is about more than these individuals.

I have learned that a congregation that a pastor serves in, shapes them. While called to lead, pastors also find themselves learning. They learn the wisdom of the congregation. The wisdom of a congregation might not have an academic degree to accompany it, but that does not lessen its value. Truly, as the pastor preaches and leads, the congregation teaches wisdom that then causes the pastor to grow. But then, ministers pass along that wisdom with those whom they encounter afterwards. Every noteworthy pastor who had the honor of being called here and then performed further ministries or wrote books afterwards were works influenced by the teaching Salem Lutheran gave them.

At the same time, Salem has also received gifts from and been shaped by those pastors who have been called to serve her. Even though pastors come and go, congregation members can be part of the worshiping life for up to a century. And so, the congregation carries on the gifts they received. Pastor Stoever brought strong determination in the face of stiff odds. Pastor Muhlenberg brought passion and love. Pastor Loch-

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Celebrate Our Heritage

Featured Lutheran: Margaret Himes Seebach

By Jean LeGros

Margaret was a woman with deep Lutheran roots, and a Gettysburg College pioneer and scholar.

She was born in 1875 in the home of her maternal grandfather, the Rev. Charles A. Hay, on Seminary Ridge where Hay was teaching at the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. Her father, John A. Himes, taught at Gettysburg College (then Pennsylvania College, and the oldest Lutheran college in the United States), and Margaret became one of the first two women to graduate from the College in 1894. At that time, young ladies were only permitted to be day students at the College, without housing or other privileges. Decades later, in 1933, Margaret successfully organized alumnae of the College to petition the board of trustees for the College to become fully coeducational. Although she had the highest grades in her graduating class, Margaret did not graduate as valedictorian or salutatorian – those honors were awarded only to male students at the time. Following graduation, Margaret married her classmate, Julius Seebach, a student at Gettysburg Seminary. In 1943 Margaret became the first alumna to receive an honorary degree from her alma mater.



Her career was prolific. While raising a family, she edited the magazine *Lutheran Women's Work* from 1918-1938, authored numerous books and poems for adults and children on a range of topics including mission work, the life of immigrants in this country, and people in other lands, and wrote the hymn *Your Kingdom Come*. By using the influence of her beautiful and persuasive pen, Margaret inspired thousands of Lutherans about the importance of home and foreign mission work.



Salem Lutheran, cont.

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man, thoughtfulness. Pastor Ernst, leadership. Pastor Schmauk, a passion for learning as well as zeal to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. When I look across the history of Salem, I see these gifts living and thriving well after the pastors who shared them entered into the blessed rest of the Church Triumphant.

In popular culture, there is this idea of six degrees of separation. The idea is that every person on Earth is connected to any other person by six or fewer social connections. What if we, we who are gathered here today, were to stretch this backwards in time? Consider the elders from yesteryear and consider the relationships they had with the elders of their youth. When we consider this, we find that we are still six or fewer degrees of separation from the very founding of Salem. Time spent with the congregation's register would help us to easily figure out those different relationships.

The work of studying Church history, while it is fun, fulfills a holy purpose. Such studies help us to notice where Jesus has led his people. History helps us figure out how, where, and when the Holy Spirit has spoken. When we pay attention to how God has led us in the past, we become more attuned to how God is calling us now.

The father of Pastor Frederick Muhlenberg was Saint Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the first Lutheran Bishop in America. Bishop Muhlenberg had a motto by which he framed his mission and evangelism: *Ecclesia Plantanda*, "The Church must be planted." While Henry Muhlenberg died 232 years ago as of Monday [Oct. 7, 1787], his motto still echoes, and one hears that echo in the work of Salem.

For all of these reasons, and many more, it is an honor and a privilege for the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic to officially recognize the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church today, the twelfth of October 2019. May God's blessings continue to strengthen Salem and her ministry partners for the future Christ has prepared for them. Amen.

Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania becomes 10th Site to be recognized by the Society

By Stephen Herr

The society recognized Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania as its 10th Historic Site on Saturday, October 12th. The Board of Directors - Sheila Joy, Paul Tomkiel, Sean Titus, Kevin Hepler and Stephen Herr - spent the day with the archives committee and visitors from other Lebanon area congregations. Pastor Sean Titus began the presentation with devotions rooting the event in the Lutheran confessional and biblical traditions. Reading from the introduction to the Augsburg Confession, he reminded the gathering that history is an integral part of who we are as Lutheran Christians. Pastor Paul Tomkiel, who chairs the Historic Site Recognition Committee, provided a reflection on the significance of Salem Lutheran Church and the reasons for its recognition as an important Lutheran historic site. His remarks can be found in this newsletter.

Archivist Sheila Joy presented on the importance of congregational archives and how to maintain them. Dr. Kevin Hepler, committee member of the former youth prize committee, drew attention to one of the few winners of the short-lived youth prize, Zach Engle. Engle won the prize for a power point presentation he submitted in 2010 about Salem, Lebanon the year he won the contest. The gathering also provided an opportunity for the board to introduce the work of the society and discuss ways in which congregations can incorporate history into their modern ministries. The Salem Archives Committee members, Linda Burrier and Jane Straub as well as council president Shirley McGowan led a guided tour of the historic 1798 church building. The tour was one of the highlights of a morning filled with history, recognition, and appreciation for the historical value of the life and ministry of a congregation.



Above: Salem Lutheran Church; Left: Site Recognition participants; Below: Salem Lutheran Church interior





Lutheran Historical Society **Of the Mid-Atlantic**

Application for Membership/Membership Renewal

(Please submit this Annual Membership Renewal form.)

(Please print or write clearly. Thank you!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation (*if applicable*): Please list name, town, and denomination.

I desire membership in LHSMA as a ____ New Member or as a ____ Renewal.

Date of application: _____

____ \$250 Life Membership for an individual or institution

____ \$ 20 Annual Membership for an individual or institution

(Annual membership is for a calendar year.)

____ I wish to give a donation to the society (see below for details). Amount \$ _____

I am interested in the following:

____ Research

____ Reading

____ Publishing

____ Other: _____

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Please complete this form and your check made payable to LHSMA. Mail to:

Lee Knepp, LHSMA

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Notes of announcements, projects, historical celebrations, genealogical concerns, notes of church or Synodical activities, and notes from other historical societies are solicited.

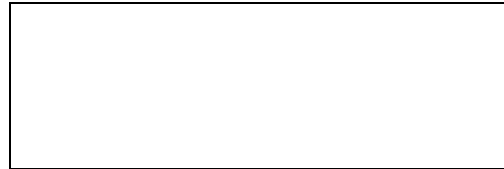
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From the Region 8 Archives

Among the diverse holdings of the ELCA Region 8 Archives at the A.R. Wentz Library, Gettysburg Campus, United Lutheran Seminary, are noncurrent records of Lutheran congregations, including historical records of disbanded congregations from five Region 8 Synods, including Alleghany, Delaware-Maryland, Lower Susquehanna, Metropolitan Washington DC, and Upper Susquehanna Synod. In this issue, we highlight the records of the following congregation:

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH GETTYSBURG, PA

(Lower Susquehanna Synod)

- Benevolence Fund Acts, 1945-1956
- Constitution and Fundamental Articles of the Trustees and Church Council
- Council Minutes, 1837-1849, 1852-1888 (also includes Special Congregational Meetings), 1888-1957
- Deeds and Indentures - Hill House (Parsonage)
- Miscellaneous Papers
- Parish Registers, 1837-1850, 1837-1911, 1914-1929
- Pew Rent Records, 1838-1847
- Special Congregational Meetings, 1836-1851
- Sunday School Infant Department, 1880-1894
- Sunday School Records, 1894-1932
- Women's Missionary Societies Records, 1880-1955
- Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, 1905-1910
- Young Women's Missionary Society, 1930-1932

For more information, researchers should consult the guidelines to Research Inquiries for the Region 8 Archives Collections on the United Lutheran Seminary website at

<http://library.uls.edu/subjects/guide.php?subject=region8policies>.