

**The Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic
Presents**



Congregational Heritage Workshops

**Saturday
March 28, 2020**

At the United Lutheran Seminary
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Celebrating Your History...*For the Future*

A day of educational sessions on keeping archives, planning major anniversaries, writing meaningful history, and much more...helping congregations to preserve and celebrate Lutheran heritage in the Mid-Atlantic region

Who Should Attend?

- Pastors
- Church leaders responsible for records
- Anniversary planning committee members
- Members of congregational and synod History Committees
- Persons maintaining historical records or archives
- Persons who keep and write history
- Not just Lutherans

What you will learn....

- To gather and organize records
- To preserve history for the future
- To discover family in the history of the church
- To plan for anniversary celebrations
- To utilize current resources for effective research
- To understand and appreciate church history and heritage and the role that it plays in our lives.

Workshops

Session I – 10:15 AM

I-A – Archives 101 for Small Churches – Basic procedures for organizing congregational archives (what to keep, how to organize, how to inventory, etc.) Sheila Joy, Archivist, United Lutheran Seminary

I-B – Oral History – Often overlooked, conducting oral histories with individuals in the congregation. Equipment, methods, transcription, and authentication. Dr. Michael Birkner, Professor of History, Gettysburg College

I-C – Writing Pastoral Biography – How to uncover the life and ministry of a pastoral ancestor, track down lost archives, discern details from fragments of church records, and write a coherent narrative. John Deeben, LHSMA Board Member

Session II – 11:15 AM

II-A – Congregational Anniversary Planning – Organizing committees, designing events, developing resources, and promoting participation. Dr. Susan McArver, Professor of Church History and Educational Ministry, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Pastor Stephen Herr, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gettysburg

II-B – Pennsylvania German Church Records – An in-depth lecture about one of the richest ethnic record groups—the baptisms, marriages, burials, and confirmations recorded by the pastors of the Germans who came to America in Colonial times. James M. Beidler, Editor, Legacy Tree Genealogists, Inc.

II-C – New Discoveries from the Vault – An overview of the Lutheran Archives Center's reorganization process and the interesting things discovered along the way, with a show and tell of 3-D artifacts. Lisa Minardi, Executive Director, Lutheran Archives Center

Session III – 1:30 PM

III-B – Writing Congregational Histories – Discussion of ways to write history creatively, effectively and meaningfully. Where to start, resources, organization. John Deeben, LHSMA Board Member

III-B – Archival Preservation/Access Best Practices – Basics in preserving archival materials and making them accessible to the public. James M. Beidler, Editor, Legacy Tree Genealogists, Inc.

III-C – Using Library Resources for Congregational History – An overview of current reference sources for Lutheran church history, with emphasis on the holdings of the Wentz Library. Rev. Dr. Maria Erling, Professor of Modern Church History and Global Mission, United Lutheran Seminary

All sessions take place in
Valentine Hall

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Workshop Program

8:30 AM	Sign-in/Registration (Coffee & Donuts)
9:00 AM	Welcome/Devotions
9:15 AM	Keynote Address <i>Our Help in Ages Past: The Future of Our History for the Present</i>
10:15 AM	Session I <i>Archives 101 for Small Churches</i> <i>Oral History</i> <i>Writing Pastoral Biography</i>
11:15 AM	Session II <i>Congregational Anniversary Planning</i> <i>PA German Church Records</i> <i>New Discoveries from the Vault</i>
12:15 PM	Lunch (Deli Buffet)
12:15/1:00	Region 8 Archives Tours (optional)
1:00 PM	LHSMA Annual Meeting
1:30 PM	Session III <i>Writing Congregational Histories</i> <i>Archival Preservation/Access Best Practices</i> <i>Using Library Resources for Congregational History</i>
2:30 PM	Wrap Up
3:00 PM	Linwood House Site Recognition