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This newsletter, in its title and masthead, pays homage to the *American Lutheran Survey* published by the noted Lutheran leader, Dr. Walton H. Greever, and was originally published at a site near the present-day Archives.



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ARCHIVAL SURVEY

Lutherans and Prohibition

By Scott Reeves, Archival Assistant

Anytime the subject of Lutherans and Alcohol is broached, the conversation tends to hinge upon Luther's attitude about drink such as it is expressed in his letter to his friend Jerome Weller. Luther says to his melancholy friend:

"When the Devil pesters you with these thoughts, at once seek out the company of men, drink more, joke and jest, or engage in some other form of merriment. Sometimes it is necessary to drink a little more, play, jest, or even commit some sin in defiance and contempt of the Devil in order not to give him an opportunity to make us scrupulous about some trifles."

Thus, the commonly held view of Lutherans' general attitude towards Prohibition claims that German Lutherans were a force against prohibition until the American entry in WWI on the side of England made them suspect and thereby undermined any influence they may have had on public policy. This simply is not the case. Furthermore, some Lutherans were seriously engaged with the temperance movement dating back into the 19th century. The assumption to the contrary grows from a failure to understand the problems facing the nation in the late 19th and early 20th centuries that led to the tremendous popular support necessary to pass prohibition. Prohibition passed with tremendous support across various dividing lines in large part because of serious problems of drunkenness and alcoholism and the crime and

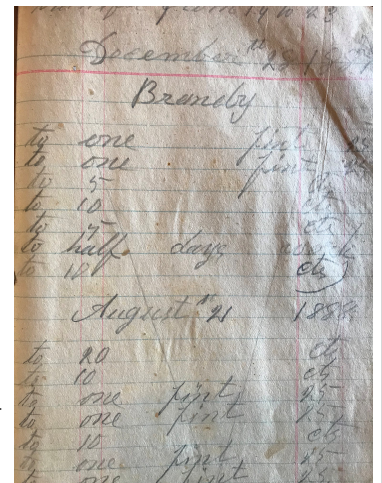
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You're Invited!

On April 27, the Crumley Archives will host a themed event entitled "Lutherans and Prohibition: 100 Years Later".

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Prohibition, the United States legislation that banned the sale of alcohol. Lutherans, as is well attested through records found in our own archives, held disparate positions on the matter. Many Lutherans took the philosophy of Martin Luther himself who was famed for saying "Beer is made by men, wine by God", a license for consumption if there ever was one! And yet, other Lutherans were all too aware of the problems that alcohol can create, and they were the ones that supported the ban.

One of our records is a ledger which belonged to a bootlegger in Lincoln County (current day Catawba County), North Carolina, a Lutheran himself. The ledger details transactions made with a Lutheran minister (presumably for liturgical use), the types of fruit and vegetables used to make "mash", and fine detail that went into producing the spirit. In another frank yet sarcastic



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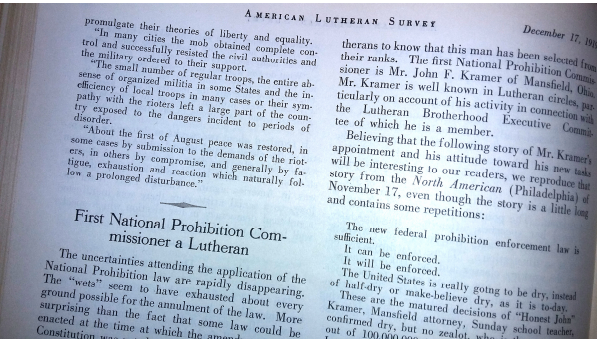
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family trouble connected to those issues.

In point of fact, consider the "Appeal to the Germans" in support of a law banning the sale of alcohol on Sundays, passed in 1866 in New York. The appeal was made by "a very large and enthusiastic meeting of Germans, mostly foreign born." It argued that "Intemperance is one of the greatest curses of this country, and the most fruitful source of crime, pauperism, and taxation." The appeal went on to argue that the prohibition of the sale of liquor on Sundays, "diminished the number of arrests for intemperance and disorderly conduct." Furthermore, it argued that even "Lager-beer" was not innocent but acted as a sort of gateway drink. It was the enactment of such laws around the country that eventually led to the passage of Prohibition on a national scale by the 18th amendment.

As for specifically Lutheran responses, it should be understood that what drove their general support for the law followed the same logic as the above-mentioned appeal and the general tenor of concerned citizens of the times. The 1913 Lutheran Deaconess Conference makes no mention of drink, but we do see in their discussion the concern over the damage to family and community life caused by industrialization. Their report echoed the concerns of prohibition forces when it spoke of children and youth

"hopelessly submerged in the godless and shameless life of the slums." The existence of these godless slums was closely connected to intemperance in the minds of many Lutherans of both revivalist and progressive leanings.



So, we find in the Dec 17, 1919 *American Lutheran Survey* an article entitled, "First National Prohibition Commissioner a Lutheran." The article states plainly that the prohibition law is justified on economic grounds alone. Still more important to the Lutheran community is the belief that, "One of the most notable effects of this law has appeared in the reduction of crime." It continues with the confident assertion that:

"It is particularly gratifying to Lutherans to know that this man has been selected from their ranks. The first National Prohibition Commissioner is Mr. John F. Kramer...well known in Lutheran circles, particularly in connection with the Lutheran Brotherhood Executive Committee of which he is a member."

Such exuberance does not seem to be in any way an anomaly on the part of one Lutheran writer. It is clear from the minutes of the Second Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America in October of 1920 that Lutheran leadership at the very least was fully on board with Prohibition. Two resolutions passed in reference to the law:

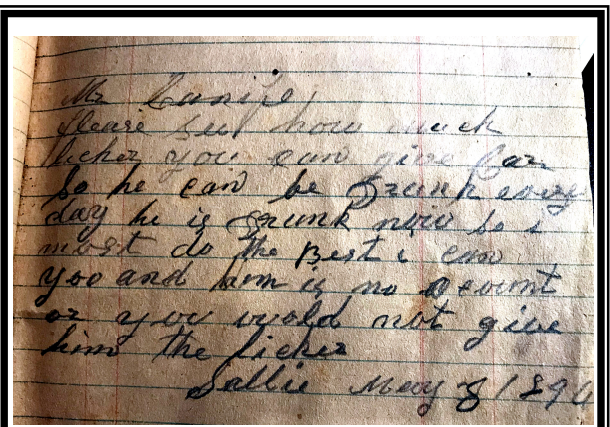
"That we hereby express our great gratification in the elimination of what was formerly known as the American saloon...believing it to have been hurtful to the economic and moral welfare of the people of our land."

AND

"That we are opposed to any and all measures looking to the return of the saloon, and that we earnestly admonish our people, as Christian and patriotic citizens, to stand firmly for the obedience to and enforcement of the prohibition laws of our country."



Of course, these findings should not be used to imply that all Lutherans were rabid prohibitionists or even avid teetotalers. Rather, we should simply allow them to call into question the stereotypes that persisted even in scholarly works on Lutherans and the prohibition movement. ♦



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instance, the ledger contains a rebuke of the bootlegger from the wife of a customer:

Mr. Canipe,

Please see how much licker [liquor] you can give ##### so he can be drunk every day. He is drunk now so I must do the best I can. You and him is no account or you would not give him the licker.

Sallie, May 8, 1896

We will observe this rich history beginning at 5:00 p.m. in historic Alumni Hall on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. The evening will begin with a "Happy Hour" and will include a lecture by Lutheran historian Dr. Susan W. McArver.

Tickets are \$40 and all proceeds benefit the Crumley Archives. Your check sent to 4201 N. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203 reserves your seat. Please RSVP by April 20. Cheers!

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Sister Marilyn Stauffer

By Dr. Susan W. McArver



On March 18, 2018, Sister Marilyn Stauffer was honored by the Deaconess Community of the ELCA/ELCIC on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of her consecration as a Deaconess. Sister Marilyn is a long-standing “friend of the Archives” through her work as volunteer and contributor, and at the fall 2017 Archives reception and celebration, the lovely, newly created archives space was named the “Sister Marilyn Stauffer Reading Room” in her honor.

During the consecration celebration, Sister Marilyn’s life as a Deaconess was chronicled by Dr. Susan McArver, who shared that Sister Marilyn’s initial desire as a Deaconess was to become a chaplain – an ambition which failed, because she kept catching the illnesses of her patients. As a “Plan B”, Sister Marilyn eventually interned in the ELCA Archives in Chicago, where she labored to put the voluminous records of the Deaconess Community and all of its predecessor organizations into good order. In the process, Sister Marilyn dis-

covered many interesting historical tidbits about her deaconess ancestors – not all of which are print-worthy! Her love of history reignited, she returned to South Carolina and became a devoted worker in the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives for many years.

Sister Marilyn’s fascinating historical research eventually led to the presentation of an academic paper on “Sister Margaret Fry of Willow Run” to the Lutheran Historical Conference, an organization composed of archivists and historians from the ELCA, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Synod. Her paper was a smash hit, and it made her the “rock star” of the conference. A few years later, she and Jeanette Bergeron, former Crumley Archivist, followed it up with a paper entitled, “Lutherans and NASCAR,” revealing a hitherto fore little-known passion of both Sister Marilyn and Jeanette: stock-car racing.

In her most recent “retirement,” Sister Marilyn now has served as the chaplain she could not be at an earlier point in her life at The Heritage at Lowman, where she now lives. She also serves as a preacher, worship assistant, lector, Bible study leader, visitor, and preparer of worship space in the various types of facilities at the Heritage, from fully independent living to skilled nursing. She also maintains an active handmade card ministry, ensuring that residents of the Heritage who rarely receive mail are reminded that they are not forgotten.

We wish Sister Marilyn many more years of consecrated service in the Deaconess Community! ♦



Reformation Celebration

All who attended the Crumley Archives’ Reformation Reception agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening, full of milestones to celebrate. On September 27, 2017, friends of the Crumley Archives were invited to attend the grand opening of the Archives’ new reading room, named after Sr. Marilyn Stauffer, an avid supporter of the Archives. But that was not the only festivity: we were very pleased to have

Dr. Russell Kleckley give a lecture on the Salzburger of Ebenezer, GA, and their connection to the Protestant Reformation. Dr. Kleckley’s talk complemented the presentation of our Salzburger Collection, our library of more than 150 books that belonged to the community and which also formed the core library of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary when it opened in 1830.

After Dr. Kleckley’s talk, patrons of the Archives gathered in Lineberger Library for heavy refreshments and an awards ceremony in which Lineberger Library and its director, Alexandra Leach, were honored for supporting the mission of Crumley Archives. The evening ended with recognition of Sr. Marilyn Stauffer’s contribution to the Crumley Archives, and the opening of the new reading room. Campus pastor Gary Dreier officiated at a lovely service that blessed the new space and all of its patrons. ♦



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Got Questions? We Have Answers.
The South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission Collection
 By Ellen Fishburne Triplett

Question: What do college scholarships*, golf tournaments†, and free money‡ (free money!?) have in common?

Answer: They are all associated with programs of the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission (SCLMM). And, their histories are now protected within the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives.

Of course, there is much more to the South Carolina Lutheran men's organization than those three things. *Boxes and boxes more!*

Fittingly, it was generous Friend Funding from the SCLMM that enabled The Archives to undertake the important task of organizing, digitizing, and inventorying the SCLMM Collection. Work was completed in early March of 2018. From 23 boxes and one binder, Scott Reeves and Ellen Triplett have created 377 PDFs, 74 still image files, 13 video files, 6 audio files, and 4 summary documents. Most of the materials were minutes from Executive Committee Meetings, which we scanned electronically and saved as PDFs. Two boxes of documents detailed loans provided to individual congregations; although these were not digitized, they were summarized, and are included with the digital inventory.

Also found in the SCLMM Collection were eight Executive Committee Meeting videotapes from 2002 and 2003. These, as well as one ELCA videotape – “Like Father, Like Son” – have been saved as DVDs. Two audio cassettes were from the 1984 Lutheran Men's Convention and Banquet; featured speakers were the Rev. Melvin E. Amundson and Dr. Fred E. Dufford, D.D. These are being added to the Crumley Archives Youtube channel. Look for them here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQkjRJM8XoWxFdItweYxoCg>



One of the most interesting items in the collection is the “Galloping Gavel.” This small, wooden gavel with its accompanying plaque (“Galloping Gavel - Lutheran Men – of S C Synod – Southern Conference”) came with no explanatory documents. Some knowledgeable reader may want to fill us in on its past, that we may add to its provenance.

So, whenever you have questions about the history of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission, it's now easy to get answers on line. Simply visit The Archives! We are online at <https://www.crumleyarchives.org/>.

You'll be surprised at what you might find!

Visit the SCLMM home page at: <http://www.sclmm.org/index.html> or the SCLMM Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/South-Carolina-Lutheran-Men-in-Mission-186396844759822/>

* Funding for scholarships at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Newberry College

† Annual Cliff Bourguignon Memorial Golf Tournament

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Please consider giving the Archives an annual contribution equal to \$1 for each year your congregation has been organized. This size gift is small in terms of congregational budgets, but huge in terms of what it collectively means to the Archives and our ability to continue serving congregations with anniversary, archives and history support.

Thank you!

VHS to DVD Conversions

Do you have a video cassette of your son's confirmation needing to be digitalized? How about a Homecoming sermon, or a recording of a special Christmas service? Have you considered that these items could be lost as technology advances?

The Crumley Archives can help! Most VHS tapes can be converted to DVD for a fee of \$15 per video cassette. Call today for a consultation! 803-461-3234

Virginia Synod Archives

On February 26, the Crumley Archives received into its possession 55 banker's boxes of material from the Virginia Synod. This long awaited transfer came after a conversation just one week earlier, when the synod expressed its wishes to ship several file cabinets of material unable to be preserved at Roanoke College, the synod's long-time place of preservation, due to a shortage of space.



The material ranges from pastor's files, congregational records including constitutions, registers, accounts, and baptismal records, newspaper articles, histories, synod convention minutes, and books, just to name several of the more precious records.



This much anticipated acquisition more than triples our current VA Synod's collection's size, and enhances it, in terms of richness, exponentially.

The Crumley Archives looks forward to a closer relationship with the VA Synod as it expects to receive more material in the coming months. We at the Archives are humbled by the confidence the synod evidently has in us to entrust so precious a legacy. ♦

Friends of the Archives

Since the last issue of the *Archival Survey* (Fall, 2017), the following friends have made contributions to the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives. We are most grateful for these gifts because they enable us to preserve our church's history and to assist researchers, congregations, and institutions in their work. If you have made a contribution since Fall 2017 and your name is not listed here, please accept our apologies and send us a note indicating the amount and date of your gift. Also, if you've made a donation in honor of others, be assured we have written them directly.

If your congregation could make a gift to the Archives, that would be a wonderful support. We would be glad to supply any information you might need to help you make such a request at your church. Many thanks for your gifts!

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A Last Word...

In the early fall of 2006 Jeanette Bergeron, the first professional archivist to lead the Crumley Archives, asked me at the fall Archives Board meeting if I would be interested in "helping her" put together the *Archival Survey*... the occasional newsletter that she had started the year before. Sure, why not. It shouldn't be that difficult. Might even be fun. 24 issues and 12 years later I have decided that I have had enough "fun." Time to hang it up. Time for younger minds to get involved with this process. And so, with this issue I am saying "Goodbye" as editor (the guy who puts it together!) of the *Archival Survey*. It has been an interesting... even fun... experience. And I know that part of me will miss it. But it's time to pass on the baton. The Crumley Archives has been important for both my wife and me since I first became involved with the Archives back in 1995. Both my wife and I are PKs, and in her case she has several pastors in her family tree, all of whom served in

the Lutheran church in (mostly) the southeastern USA. So she has been able to add various personal/family items and information to the archives, and has used the archives to research some family history. As for me, my father served for almost 12 years in the old Ga-Ala Synod and about 6 years or so in the South Carolina Synod... having some leadership positions in both synods. So we both have contributed information and documents to the archives about our "preacher parents" and family members. It is good to know that the information we have given to the Crumley Archives is saved for posterity, and will not be lost in some musty attic or moldy basement. So my closing word to you who have an interest in the Crumley Archives is simply this: Don't delay submitting your valuable church-related documents and memorabilia to the Archives for safe-keeping and careful cataloging. We have a real gem in this archives of Region 9-ELCA. Let's use it... and let's support it! Many thanks for your personal interest in and support of the Crumley Archives! - *Don Poole, Editor* ♦

Crumley Archives Summer Workshop

Are you and your congregation interested in preserving your history? Do you have questions about what to preserve, and what to toss? Ever wonder what you can do with those old Bibles?

Then consider attending the Crumley Archives Summer Workshop! This one-day educational opportunity will cover important areas in archives and preservation, including:

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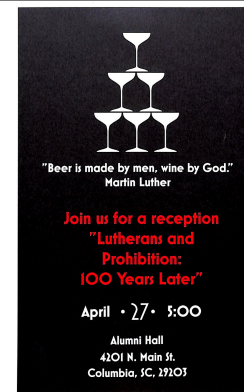
Workshops will be conducted JUNE 18 and JULY 23 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Crumley Archives, 4201 N. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203

Cost is \$20 per person. Church rate for 3 or more attendees is \$50.

Contact Trudy Bouknight at crumleybookkeeper@gmail.com to reserve your seat!

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