



Highlights from the 2019 FRIENDS OF THE ARCHIVES BANQUET

Shannon Smith, Archives Director

Folks keep telling us that this year's banquet was the best ever, and we can't help but to agree! We extend our deepest gratitude to those who made it possible: The Lexington County Museum and the museum's director, Mr. J.R. Fennell; our 2019 Walton H. Greever Award recipients, the Rev. Dr. David and Mrs. Carolyn Donges; our Congregational Heritage Award recipient, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Lexington, SC) and Pastors Pat Riddle and Jason Antley; and the SC Synod ELCA and Bishop Herman Yoos.

Our evening began with a reception hour in the historic Rev. Dr.



*Dr. McArver,
The Rev. Dr. &
Mrs. Donges*



Bishop Herman Yoos

*Pastors Pat Riddle
& Jason Antley*

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Ernest Hazelius House, followed by dinner and an entertaining talk given by J.R. Fennell. It was during this time that we were able to celebrate the teaching and legacy of Hazelius, Southern Seminary's second professor.

A friend of the archives told me this morning over the phone that "you're going to have a hard time topping this year's banquet". He's evidently already looking forward to next year!

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WHAT'S IN YOUR CLOSET... ?

The Kinard Papers

Dr. Susan Wilds McArver

"I have a box of old sermons from my father, a Lutheran pastor. Do you think the Archives or the Seminary would be at all interested in them?"

Um ...Yes ... !

It's a question often heard by archives staff and church history professors: "Do you think the Archives would be interested in... *fill in the blank?*" Sermons, journals and letters are often particularly important, as they can give us a glimpse into the religious life of a community over time in a way that religious periodicals and Synodical Minutes – though important – cannot.

In this particular case, the donation contained some real treasures. Digging through to the bottom of the box revealed not one, but two generations of sermons, as well as an essay reflecting on America's future, as seen in 1919.

The bulk of the collection consists of sermons given by the Rev. Dr. Karl Kinard (1902-1983), who graduated in 1922 from Newberry College and in 1925 from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Kinard was pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC from the mid-1930s until 1943, when he became president of the South Carolina Synod (a title changed to "Bishop" after his tenure). He served in that role until his retirement in 1971. His sermons from these years, all carefully typed, focus most centrally on the biblical text of the day, but his sermon illustrations often reveal the backdrop of the Great Depression, the coming of World



The Rev. Dr. Karl Kinard

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War II, and the anxiety experienced by his parishioners during those times.

A second set of sermons, handwritten and tied separately in string, were given by Dr. Kinard's father, James David Kinard (1866-1942), beginning much earlier, in 1895. James Kinard graduated from Newberry in 1892 and Southern Seminary in 1895, before beginning a career serving many South Carolina churches in the early 20th Century. One of the documents is an undated "Pastor's Record for 3 Years," in which he notes he had preached 286 times and made 280 "pastoral visits," among other ministerial acts. He also listed several "places visited and members of Lutheran Church encouraged," including Anderson, Walhalla, Laurens, Clinton, Ninety-Six, and Mountville, all in the upstate. Having the sermons of both father and son allows scholars an opportunity to study how preaching changed – and remained the same – over the course of almost 80 years, through the course of a single ministerial family.

Finally, the very bottom of the box

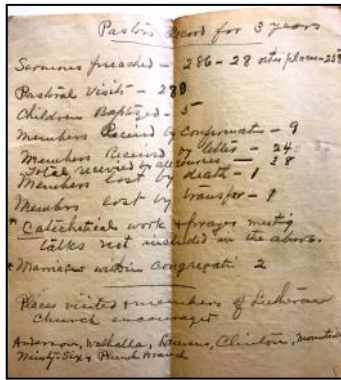
revealed a handwritten essay entitled, *Frowning Forts of Folly*, by Newberry College student David O. Holman, given at the end of WWI. Holman

reflected the optimistic progressivism of many Americans of the age, now that the "war to end all wars" had ended in victory. Holman argued for the importance of both congressional approval of the Treaty of Versailles, the establishment of the League of Nations, and a definitive push toward public education. Many of the world's problems,

Holman believed, had their roots in illiteracy; in his own home state, over one third of all South Carolinians were illiterate, and at the time of his writing, the state did not even have a compulsory school attendance law. For the future of state and nation, Holman wrote, this would simply have to change.

Taken together, the documents from this one donation can tell us a great deal about Lutheranism in the Southeast over the course of almost a century, and the Archives is grateful for the gift.

So ...what's in YOUR closet... ? ♦



Notations by The Rev. James Kinard



Photo from National Archives

Do you love history? Have you always wanted to get involved but don't know how? The National Archives wants you! Their **Citizen Archivist Program** uses your assistance in their ongoing efforts to make their digital documents thorough and searchable.

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The James R. Crumley Jr. Archives is considering a similar program. Interested? Drop us a note at archivesaide@gmail.com.

ON OUR WAY REJOICING

125 Years of First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Virginia

The Reverend Jean Bozeman



First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Virginia

In 1892, the Mission Board of the United Synod of the South sent Rev. S.S. Rahn to Norfolk and found "bright prospects for the formation of a Lutheran Church." On May 20, 1894 this mission community organized with 31 charter adults.

With wonderful support from the Mission Board, Virginia Synod and congregations across the synod, by January 1, 1907 the congregation was self-sustaining. Our history has included 6 places to call home, actually 7 since one was destroyed and rebuilt on the same site.

From day one, the people of First Lutheran learned what it was to belong to a larger church than themselves. Our congregation's early roots tell some special stories of partnership from the whole church. We learned the lesson well and that sense of church shapes our sense of the priesthood of all believers and gives us a great appreciation for the community of believers – past, present and future.

The hymn, LBW 537 became our 125th Anniversary theme because our past has continually reminded us that we are a church, not because of what WE do; but, because of the One who has truly sacrificed for us, and is using us to carry out the mission of our Lord. It is in that Spirit that we have served, are serving and will serve. Thanks be to God. ♦

Pastor Bozeman is a retired ELCA pastor and a member of First Lutheran Church.

On Our Way Rejoicing

Author: John S. B. Monsell (1863)

Tune: HERMASI

On our way rejoicing,
gladly let us go,
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain:

On our way rejoicing,
as we homeward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.



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- Wingard's Nursery



Photos by Mary Flekke, Shannon Smith, and Ellen Triplett



What Not

What Not to Do for Better Document Handling by Ellen F. Triplett

Did you know that the preservation of documents begins with you? Absolutely! While Crumley Archives has the capability to stabilize and store your church's records, the first measures are in your hands.

With this issue, we begin a regular feature that highlights common mistakes in document handling.

Metal paper clips: **Damage in the making.**

All of us have used paper clips at one time or another to temporarily bind papers. There's usually nothing wrong with that, unless the document is to be preserved long-term. Standard quality metal



Above: damage caused by standard metal paper clips

Right: relatively stable plastic and binder clips

paper clips will rust. The oxidation causes discoloration to your document, and often adheres the metal to the paper, causing further damage when removed.

Other binding methods to avoid include rubber bands, tape, and string. You'll see more on these no-nos in future articles.

There are safer alternatives. According to the National Archives, "Stainless steel paper clips are the preferred fastener for holding archival records together, if the paper is strong and will not suffer from the pressure of the clip." <https://www.archives.gov/preservation/holdings-maintenance/fastened-docs.html>

However, stainless steel clips may be cost-prohibitive, and still have the tendency to warp paper. Plastic clips are another alternative, but these are not useful for larger documents.

Even binder clips are more stable than standard paper clips, they come in several sizes, and they may be found at any office supply store. ♦



THE MORE YOU KNOW

The SC Digital Library

Having to do with all things South Carolina, the **SC Digital Library**, <http://cmemory.org/> is a fascinating site. Surfing for fun uncovered the "Memento of the Fair of the Agricultural Society," a page from the Society's February, 1884 broadside. Shown is an advertisement for the Ashley Phosphate Company in Charleston.



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