



Vintage Edition

This Issue Dedicated to *Lutheran Church Visitor*

Have you noticed our use of an older typeface and black and white pictures? That's because this issue is dedicated to the last issue of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, published on April 24, 1919. . . 101 years ago! The *Visitor* ran for more than 50 years, and was published for a period just down the street from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. The Crumley Archives proudly preserves the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, both in bound and digital forms. Currently, we are working with the University of South Carolina to upload the newspaper to their Historical Newspapers database. Stay tuned for more details! ♦



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Save the Date!

Spring Banquet
Rescheduled for
April 16, 2021

We've rescheduled our banquet for next spring. It will be held at historic Lutheridge, just in time to celebrate their 70th anniversary!

Likewise, we will be honoring Rev. Don and Mrs. Brenta Poole, and recognizing the NC Synod. ♦

In Memorium Karen Sumner



*Harvey Huntley, Bishop Robert Schafer,
Jerry Johnson, Mary Flekke, Karen Sumner*

In this issue, we mourn the loss of our devoted treasurer, Karen Sumner. She passed away January 29, 2020 at the age of 68.

Karen served the Crumley Archives faithfully and diligently for more than five years. In addition to her work with the Archives, Karen worked as a ministry consultant for the ELCA for decades, and as of late served the R-9 ELCA-LTSS Stewardship Education Council as secretary and was the treasurer for National Lutheran Campus Ministry. The Crumley Archives remembers her as the person who meticulously cared for our finances and promoted our mission. She will be sorely missed.

One of our board members shares these memories of Karen:

"Karen was a faithful servant leader in the church who had a wealth of knowledge in many practical areas and used that knowledge to good effect. She displayed a servant's heart and gave tirelessly of herself. Her mastery of detail and ready access to factual information never ceased to amaze me. She will be greatly missed.

Well done, good and faithful servant!"

-Harvey Huntley, At-Large

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

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Who Needs Netflix When You Have the Crumley Archives Channel?

By Shannon L. Smith



Grace Lutheran, Washington, NC

Did you know that we are routinely adding new footage to our channel hosted through YouTube? Take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy footage from synod assemblies and conferences, classic public service announcements from the Lutheran Seminary and the Lutheran Children's Home of the South, a documentary on Women of the ELCA, and much more. Some recently uploaded videos include:

- ♦ Television ads for Grace Lutheran in Washington, NC (1995)
- ♦ Martin Luther King Day observance at Christ Chapel, LTSS, Columbia, SC (1987)
- ♦ Carolinas Evangelism Conference for Youth, at St. Mark's in Charlotte, NC (1990).

To learn more, visit our Digital Archives page at <https://www.crumleyarchives.org/digital-archives> and click on the links. ♦

Below:

- ♦ *MLK Day, Christ Chapel, LTSS*
- ♦ *Carolinas Evangelism Conference for Youth, St. Mark's, Charlotte, NC*
- ♦ *Our online Digital Archives page*



“Our Pastors and People”

By Shannon Smith

Among the editorials published in *Lutheran Church Visitor* is a column titled, “Our Pastors and People”. In the score of updates submitted by Lutheran pastors from South Carolina and North Carolina, one stands out this season. It was written by Rev. “G. H. C.”, pastor of St. John’s, Concord. His account of this historic parish’s activity during a time not completely dissimilar to our own echoes the sentiments and struggles many Lutherans are experiencing today. In honor of the LCV and all Lutherans who find themselves in similar straits, and in hopes of similar blessings, we dedicate this piece from Rev. G.H. Cox: “The *Visitor* has not been troubled with items from St. John’s Church, Cabarrus County, N.C., for a good while. I hope, therefore, that it will accept and publish this. I do not write in a boastful spirit, but with a heart filled with thankfulness [sic] to God for the blessings that He has given to the congregation and myself. During a ministry of nearly forty-eight years, this past year has been the most difficult in church work for me that I have ever experienced. The war taking away twenty-one of our most active young men to the army and navy, besides others that have been away in the employ of the government; one influenza epidemic putting us under strict quarantine for five consecutive weeks, and an affliction through which I have been passing, are some of the reasons why. Because of these and other things, since May 1, 1918, there have been nine Sundays when there was no service in the church, and twelve Sundays when there was no session of Sunday school and no children’s Christmas exercise. For seventeen months I was almost toatly [sic] blind and therefore could not read. Thank God my eyesight is partially restored . . . Valuable assistance was very kindly and efficiently given on communion occasions by Revs. R.A. Goodman, J.H.C. Fisher, and J.B. Moose who also held services while I was in the



Street car conductor in Seattle not allowing passengers aboard without a mask. 1918. Mass transit systems, with crowds of people in close quarters, were fertile venues for the spread of disease. In Seattle, public health officials required passengers and employees wear masks as a precautionary measure.

Record held at: National Archives at College Park, MD. Record number 165-WW-269B-11.

hospital. For all this assistance I am profoundly grateful to the brethren. During this time, in spite of our handicaps, God has blessed and prospered us far beyond our expectations and our deserts. The congregation has enjoyed exceptionally good health; we have had very few cases of influenza and only one death from that cause, and very little other sickness. The treasurer of the Sunday school, in his

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Can You Name this Church?

Be the first to correctly identify this historic church, which belongs to the Southeastern Synod, and a Saltzberger box will be donated to Crumley Archives in your name, personalized as you wish.



The congregation was organized in 1888. Its Gothic-revival style building is rich in symbolism and beauty, and its 61 stained glass windows chronologically depict the Bible. ♦



Errata

Many thanks to our ever-attentive readers who alerted us to errors in our Fall 2019 issue.

Page one: The author of the quote about the North Carolina Synod is Jeff Norris, not Raymond Bost. (*2020 Banquet*)

Page three: The transcription should be "six hundred men" instead of "us honored men" (*A Surprising Discovery*) ♦

In 2019 and 2020 we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States... ELCA.org

Office Hours

Like many things, our hours are subject to change without much notice during the pandemic. It is always best to email us at crumleyarchivist@gmail.com if you have a query or comment.

- ♦ Monday, 1:00-4:00
- ♦ Tuesday, 9:00-4:00
- ♦ Wednesday, 9:00-1:00
- ♦ Thursday, 9:00-4:00
- ♦ Friday, by appointment only.

Homecoming? Anniversary?

Advertise Your Church Events Here!

Contact the Archives at 803-461-3234 for details.



And Also Virtually With You

By Susan Wilds McArver

The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed all of our lives. Among other things, it has brought many new phrases into our common vocabulary - social distancing, stay-at-home, PPEs, N-95, Zoom. And it has given new meaning - and honor - to the words, "essential workers."

For many Christians throughout the world, the pandemic struck during the holiest season of the church year: Lent, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. As Christians



struggled to find ways to be together while being apart, they discovered and created diverse and meaningful ways to worship and live

out their faith, and Lutheran churches throughout the Southeast have proven no different.

Worship has ranged from simple broadcasts on Facebook Live from pastor's studies, to worship recorded or livestreamed from empty sanctuaries, to beautifully edited efforts of cinematic scope. Novus Way Ministries

Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs, and Luther Ranch) featured daily Cabin Time videos for children and families confined to home, while other congregations streamed their own versions of daily prayer or "Morning Watch." Other churches even provided "drive-by communion" so that parishioners could partake of the sacrament.

In whatever fashion, simple or sophisticated, all of these efforts reflected the desire for Christians to gather in community in SOME way, even if they could not gather together physically.

It may be difficult to "archive" many of these creative efforts and the reality of life during this pandemic. But these days will also be part of your congregation's history forever. Take some moments to write down your thoughts and interview others about what this time has been like. Take screenshots illustrating the ways your congregation worshiped together. Record how members checked regularly with shut ins, served the community, kept the soup kitchens going,

honored essential workers, mourned their losses, celebrated their joys, and found dozens of other ways to live out their faith in ways large and small.

If nothing else, this event has certainly reinforced that old children's song: a church is not a building, it is the people. And those people continue to live, pray and worship, even - and maybe especially - in these difficult times. ♦



Website screenshots:
Page 6-Deacon Sandra Holland, St. Andrew's Lutheran, Columbia, SC; Interim Pastor Jane Mitcham, Incarnation Lutheran, Columbia, SC;
Page 7-St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia, SC; Deacon Mitzie Shafer and Deacon Chandler Carriker, Cabin Time, Novus Way; Pastor Jason Schafer, Saint Luke's Lutheran, Prosperity, SC; Pastor Gina Metzke, Mt. Hermon, West Columbia, SC (Fracy Glantz, The State, April 10, 2020); Pastor Jesse Cammill-Kuhn, Lutheran Church of Our Father, Greensboro, NC.



Don't Forget to Archive Virtual Events

Since mid-March of 2020, our methods of worship and fellowship have changed drastically. Susan McArver's feature article on page six of this issue details some of the on-line gatherings held by congregations across our region. She challenges us to archive these events, as they will be important to our history. In addition to keeping notes, you will want to save images and videos.

Take screen shots: These can be taken several ways, depending on your device.

- ♦ On a desktop or laptop, you can save the entire screen by pressing the ALT and PrtScr keys, then paste into a document or photo editing program. Save that page as an image.
- ♦ An easier method is through JING, an application that creates a PNG file of the exact portion of the screen you want to save. <https://jing.en.softonic.com/>
- ♦ iPhone: Press side button and home button.

- ♦ Android: Press volume-down button and power button.

Record ZOOM meetings: The host can record meetings. Make sure you request permission from participants before recording. https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362473-Local-Recording#h_2b0b123c-d9e9-48bc-b0c6-3cd874ebc98a

Save safely: Be sure to file your digital records carefully, so they are easily accessible.

Save not only to your computer's hard drive, but also to an online drive shared by several staffers and/or parishioners. Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, iCloud, Dropbox, and others have free and paid subscriptions, depending on your needs. <https://www.adweek.com/digital/top-15-free-online-file-storage-sites-2/>

You can invest in an external hard drive to create regular back-ups of all your files. <https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-external-hard-drives> ♦

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annual report stated that notwithstanding so many vacant Sundays, the cash offerings of the Sunday school have been twenty-two dollars more than the previous. The offerings of the congregation have been more than \$1600 over and above all regular work The pastor's salary has been substantially increased and there has been a

constant stream of good things, for man and beast, coming to the parsonage, flowing out from the goodness of the parishioners which has greatly helped and encouraged the pastor and for which neither he nor his wife can find language adequate to express their appreciation. -G. H. C. *Lutheran Church Visitor, Vol. XV, No. 13., January 23, 1919.* ♦

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