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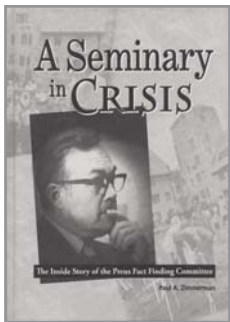
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2008 Award Recipients

Concordia Historical Institute recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution in the area of American Lutheran history through writing, research, and preservation of resources. The award recipients for 2008 are listed in the appropriate categories.

Major Publications



A Seminary in Crisis

by Paul A. Zimmerman
Traverse City, Michigan

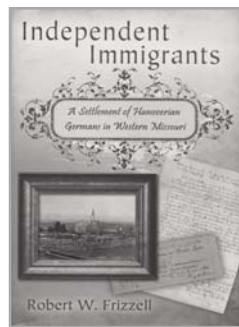
Through solid research, outlining facts and events, and providing insider comments, the author has recreated the circumstances and climate of controversy and faith that formed a dichotomy which tore and strengthened church and family in the 1970s.

Independent Immigrants: A Settlement of Hanoverian Germans in Western Missouri

by Robert W. Frizzell

Maryville, Missouri

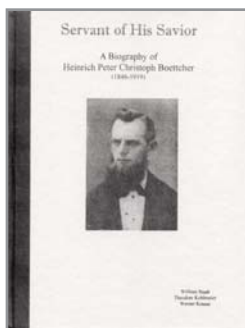
Bringing pioneer life and achievements to light, the author conveys an in-depth study of Hanoverian Germans who made western Missouri their new land, with all the hopes and dreams imaginable. We stand with those pioneers in this gripping saga.



Servant of His Savior: A Biography of Heinrich Christoph Boettcher (1846-1919)

by Rev. Theodore Kohlmeier, San Marcos, Texas; Werner Krause, Webster Groves, Missouri; Rev. William Staab, Somerset, Wisconsin

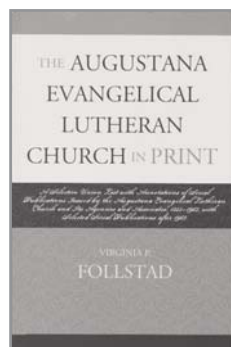
This book is a significant contribution to the understanding of pastoral ministry, church life, and the growth of the Lutheran church in the upper Midwest during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



The Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church in Print

by Virginia P. Follstad
Whitewater, Wisconsin

An extremely valuable reference tool for Swedish-American Lutheran history and culture, this work identifies over 300 periodicals published by the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church and related institutions.



Non-Print Media



Store Per: A Norwegian-American Paul Bunyan of the Prairie

by Nathan Harstad, Mankato, Minnesota; Ben Rubenking, Mankato, Minnesota

This DVD has excellent cinematography and gives the viewer a real-life picture of rural life in Norway and then in Iowa in the nineteenth century, plus many illustrative details of the entire emigration. Thus the program is not limited to the story of Store Per, but serves as a microcosm of the native Norwegian rural culture both in Norway and among the Norwegian immigrants in rural America. The program also is sprinkled with delightful segments of Norwegian folk music played on stringed instruments.

Journal Articles

"What Was Going On Over There? The Missouri Synod's Struggle to Understand Pre-War Nazi Germany as Seen in Two Popular Publications" (*Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, Vol. 80, #2, summer 2007)

by Rev. John Hellwege, St. Louis, Missouri

This article presents a practical summary of what the leading Missouri Synod journalists understood was occurring in Nazi Germany during the years leading up to World War II, particularly the views of Professors Martin S. Sommer, Theodore Graebner, Ludwig Fuerbringer, and John Theodore Mueller. The subject matter is of significant importance to the Missouri Synod since it was founded by German immigrants and the bulk of the pre-war membership of the Synod was still of German heritage. It was also important to obtain reliable information to the extent possible to avoid the problems that arose during WWI when Missouri Synod members were falsely accused of being anti-patriotic merely by virtue of their speaking in the German language.

"The 'Unknown' Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg" (*Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 21, #1, spring 2007)

by Dr. Wolfgang Splitter, Spokane, Washington

This article raises intriguing questions about many unknown sides of Muhlenberg—despite the wealth of publications that have dealt with him—and suggests fascinating topics to explore and sources to pursue in future research.

Award Recipients (continued from page one)

"The Life and Work of Fritz Otto Reuter" (*WELS Historical Institute Journal*, Vol. 25, #1, April 2007)

by Dr. Mark E. Braun, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William Braun, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

"The Life and Work of Fritz Otto Reuter" is neatly packaged and tied with a gold ribbon as a gift to the reader. When opened, Reuter's great accomplishments, tempered by his human qualities, are there to enjoy.

"No Rest for the Lutherans" (*Lutheran Forum*, Vol. 41, #3, fall 2007)

by Richard O. Johnson, Delhi, New York

This article sheds light on how confessional Lutheran theology was debated and applied in America to the lesser-known issue of the observance of the Sabbath.

"John Philipp Koehler and the Exegetical Task" (*Lutheran Synod Quarterly*, Vol. 47, #1, March 2007)

by Peter M. Prange, Mankato, Minnesota

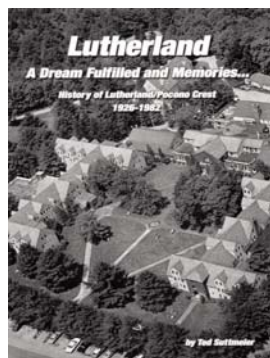
This article provides not only an important contribution to the research of theological trends in early twentieth-century American Lutheranism, but also, through Koehler's articulation of the hermeneutical method, important principles to be applied to present and future theological discussions.

"History of the Seminary Chorus: 75 Years—Singing New Songs to the Lord" (*WELS Historical Institute Journal*, Vol. 25, #1, April 2007)

by James P. Tiefel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The author goes far beyond relating the factual involvement of the "Seminary Chorus;" fed by his choices, he puts heart into the telling. He cannot conceal the twinkle in his eye as his pen speaks.

Institutional Histories



Lutherland: A Dream Fulfilled and Memories . . . History of Lutherland - Pocono Crest, 1926-1982

by Ted Suttmeier, Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania

An insightful history of a facility that was intricately woven into the spiritual, social, and cultural fabric of life for many twentieth-century Lutherans.

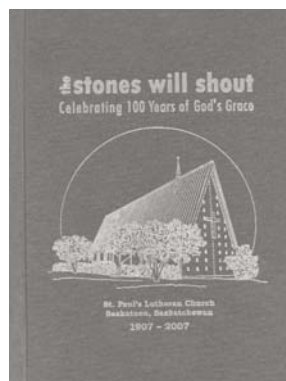
Congregational Histories



Tried by Fire

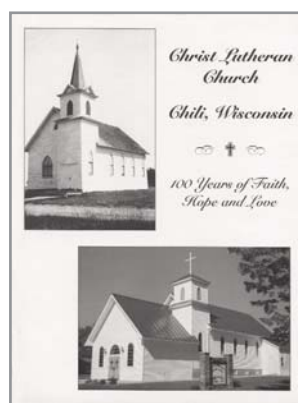
Lutheran Church and School of Messiah, Grand Junction, Colorado

Here is a new standard in congregational DVD histories. Superb quality and high interest grab the viewer, who feels akin to the congregation with its multitude of challenges and successes. The use of history is at its best, brought to the screen in this wonderful production!



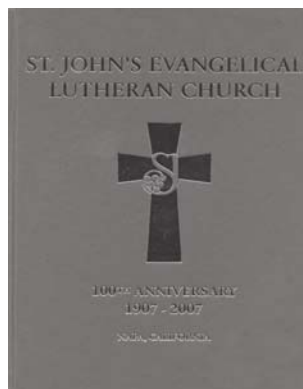
The Stones Will Shout: Celebrating 100 Years of God's Grace

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Translations, graphs, documents copied, pictures nicely placed in the history text, and two pages of current members' signatures all produce a very interesting congregational history.



100 Years of Faith, Hope and Love
Christ Lutheran Church, Chili, Wisconsin

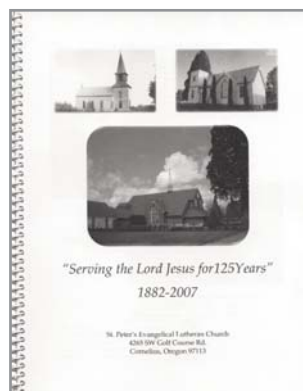
One Hundred Years of Faith, Hope and Love has covered all of the facets of the work and worshiping of this congregation. This booklet is very well organized and therefore an excellent tool for future research.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Napa, California

This hardcover book is very complete in every way and is a role model for producing a congregational history. This history is easy to read, with pictures illustrating every subject.



Serving the Lord Jesus for 125 Years

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cornelius, Oregon

This well-written and very informative history of the results of the initial work of missionary Rev. E. Doering from Illinois in 1881 is a tremendous addition to our Synod's history. This book is a fine example of how to write an inclusive church history.

Membership Meeting and View of Progress on the New Museum

Guests arriving for the reception at the LCMS International Center



Membership Manager Kristanya Zittlow serves dessert.



L-R: Larry Lumpe - Marvin Huggins - David Fiedler



Some sixty-five members and friends of Concordia Historical Institute gathered at the LCMS International Center on November 13, 2008, for a special dessert reception, membership meeting, and preview of the Concordia Historical Institute Museum under construction there. After welcoming remarks by David Fiedler, director of general services for the LCMS, and Larry Lumpe, president of the CHI Board of Governors, Interim Director Marvin Huggins reported on the work of the Institute during 2008.

Although the energy and efforts of most of the CHI staff during the year were devoted to gathering artifacts, researching the stories that make up the history of the Synod to be told in the museum, and drafting the text for labels that will tell the story of God's work among His people in the church, the Institute's other services and activities also continued. New mobile compact shelving systems were installed on the lower level of the Institute's main facilities on the Concordia Seminary campus in Clayton. This sorely needed storage provides additional space for over 6,600 cubic feet of archival records and museum artifacts. Installation was completed in February 2008, and the space has been put to good use to alleviate crowding in the other stack areas.

New materials continued to be received for the Institute collection, and examples such as a 1580 edition of the Book of Concord published in Tübingen and a 1526 commentary on the Psalms by Johannes Bugenhagen were exhibited for the guests in attendance. Other resources discovered in the collection during the process of researching synodical history for the museum project were



Board members Scott Meyer, Cameron MacKenzie, and Larry Rast

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noted. Of particular interest is a series of diaries from the Civil War period that were kept by Pastor Franz Julius Biltz of Concordia, Missouri. Diary entries document the frightful experiences of the German settlers in the area of Missouri known as "Little Dixie," including the kidnapping of Pastor Biltz and the killing of several settlers by the Southern-sympathizing "Bushwackers" who populated the surrounding counties. The diaries have been part of the Institute's collection for many years, but their true nature was only discovered last year. We plan to share more about these fascinating discoveries in our next issue.

A core activity of the Institute that continued during 2008 even as we focused our energies on the museum project was our reference services. We receive a steady stream of inquiries and requests from people seeking information on families, congregations, or topics of special interest. Genealogists are regular users of our congregational records on microfilm, either through personal research in our reading room or by interlibrary loan. We had several researchers spend a number of days with us, including scholars from Germany studying hospitals started by German immigrants in the nineteenth century, faculty members from Concordia University System schools, and a teacher working on a history of missions in China.

One of the ways in which we seek to stimulate historical research is through our awards program. Although we did not hold our traditional banquet in 2008, our Awards Committee did select another outstanding group to receive awards of commendation. The recipients received their certificates, and we have listed their work in this issue. Another area of CHI's responsibility involves providing guidelines to congregations, districts, and other agencies for preserving their records and developing their archives. We regularly receive



Reference Assistant Laura Marrs in front of the replica of the Castle Church doors in Wittenberg

their historical records. We have recently revised and updated our service bulletins on this and made them available on our web site. We also provide guidance to congregations that are disbanding so that their important records can be transferred to CHI and preserved.

2008 was an extremely busy and eventful year for the Institute. We sought to continue to provide on-going essential services in the areas of collecting and preserving records, providing reference services, and advising agencies on the care of their records. But the museum project was at the center of our attention.



The Reformation Room



A replica of the *Hualco*, on which "Old Lutheran" immigrants bound for Wisconsin came to America

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Donald Currie of Mission Enablers reacts to the exhibit.

After the membership meeting, members and guests had the opportunity to view the museum area to see what had been installed to that point. They were able to get an idea of the nature and quality of the exhibits and also to see some of the artifacts that will eventually be placed into the permanent exhibit in all five rooms.

We anticipate that the museum project will be completed this summer with a service of dedication to be held on July 26.



Todd Zittlow, researcher and text writer for the Immigration and Nineteenth Century rooms, discusses an artifact with a guest.



Guests in the future Missions Room



Board member Cameron MacKenzie and CHI Accessioner Bonnie Schmidt envision the exhibits to come.



Threading a spinning wheel in the Immigration Room

200th Anniversary of Johann Konrad Wilhelm Löhe

by Shawn Barnett



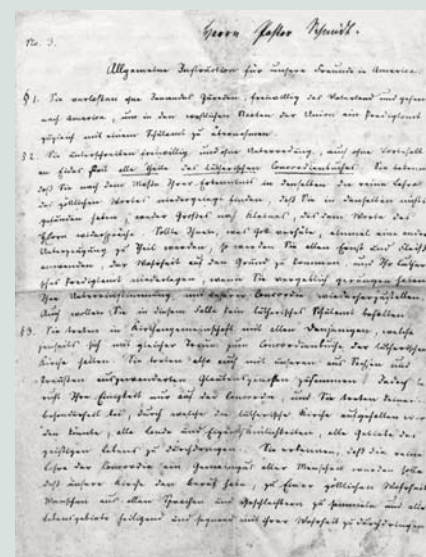
The year 2008 marked the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Johann Konrad Wilhelm Löhe. The *Lutheran Service Book* lists January 2 as a commemoration of this pastor who spent most of his life and ministry in the small farming village of Neuendettelsau, Bavaria. A few other vestiges of the legacy of this churchman may be found in the Missouri Synod and

her publications, and yet very few of his many works have been translated into English. Moreover, our histories do not elevate him to the level of a hero as they do for C. F. W. Walther. In many ways, Wilhelm Löhe, who profoundly shaped the Missouri Synod, has largely been forgotten.

One reason for this was that he never set foot on American soil and was not a big player in our midst, though he did much behind the scenes. But the other reason is that, by many accounts, his story with the Missouri Synod does not have a very happy ending. In 1853 Löhe broke ties with the Missouri Synod, and those who were loyal to him left the Synod to found the Iowa Synod. Less than a decade earlier, men whom he had trained as missionaries and emergency helpers and had sent to the States fulfilled their sworn obligation to Löhe when they met in Cleveland to plan for a truly Lutheran synod. The committee they formed later met with C. F. W. Walther and the Saxon Lutherans in Missouri with the hope of uniting. When the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States convened in 1847, men sent by Löhe made up the majority of its pastors. So what happened?

The reasons for Löhe's break with Missouri are complicated, but at the center was a dispute over the teaching of the church and the office of the ministry. The men whom Löhe sent had agreed to instructions (original copies of which are archived at Concordia Historical Institute) that should they form a synod, it would be organized around bishops to guard the pastors from the whims of the congregations. It is no surprise, then, that shortly after the formation of the Missouri Synod, Löhe criticized its constitution as too democratic. Löhe—no stranger to conflict himself—was embroiled in a struggle with territorial churches in Germany, and soon found himself in the middle of an older dispute between the Buffalo and Missouri Synods over church and

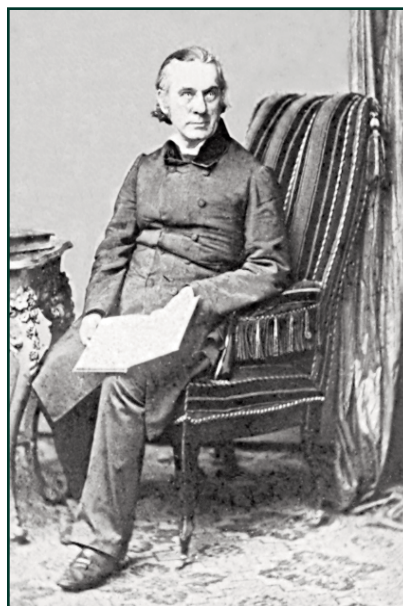
Instructions for the men sent by Löhe to America



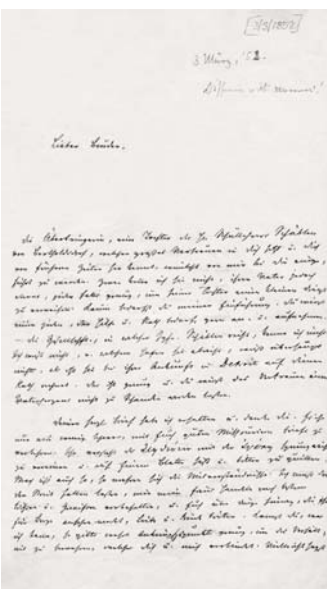
ministry. In 1851 C. F. W. Walther himself traveled to Germany and visited with Löhe. Although they did not come to complete agreement, Walther left optimistic.

Concordia Historical Institute's archives hold a number of letters written by Löhe during this period. In one letter written to Gottlieb Schaller, who later became a professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Löhe encourages Schaller to remain in the Missouri Synod and expresses his hope for a reconciliation between the Missouri and Buffalo synods. This reconciliation was never accomplished. After his break with Missouri, Löhe slipped further into the background of the American scene.

However Löhe's story still lives on. His concern for the church's worship, her confessions, and missions continues to impact the church in America.



Johann Konrad Wilhelm Löhe.



A letter to Gottlieb Schaller dated 3 March 1852

In Memory of

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In Honor & Commemoration

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of ordination of Rev. David B. Joeckel by Rev. David B. Joeckel
 In commemoration of Great-Grandfather Rev. Albert Trapp and his commitment of faith and determination to come to America and attend Springfield Seminary by Ms. Nanette M. Dettmer
 In honor of the 45th anniversary of ordination of Rev. Sigfried Kunz by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Wilkening, Jr.
 In appreciation of a presentation given by Patrice Russo for the Concordia Historical Institute Auxiliary
 In honor of Rev. Bill Wangelin by Mrs. Wilma E. Wangelin



The chaplains exhibit will remain at the Institute through 2009. Come and visit us on the campus of Concordia Seminary.

We apologize for this late combined issue. Our staff has been heavily involved with the development of the new CHI Museum at the International Center.

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The dismantled carriage of C. F. W. Walther is prepared for transfer to the LCMS International Center where it will be a significant part of the Nineteenth Century Room in the new CHI Museum. Given to Walther by the Saint Louis congregation about 1875, it is the largest Institute artifact and had been housed in our main facility since 1952.