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LOEHE SOCIETY TO MEET IN DUBUQUE

The International Loehe Society will meet July 11-13, 2005 at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. The conference schedule includes lectures on Wilhelm Loehe's theology by Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg; Dietrich Blaufuss; Thomas Schattauer, Wartburg Theological Seminary; and David Ratke, Lenoir-Rhyne College. Some singularly American Lutheran themes will be explored as by John Pless, Concordia Theological Seminary, "Wilhelm Loehe and the Missouri Synod;" and Craig Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary, "Wilhelm Loehe and his Mitarbeiter in the Iowa Synod." In addition, there will be an excursion to St. Sebald, Iowa, where several of the Loehe Mitarbeiter took up their work in the Iowa Synod in the 1850s. A dinner and presentation by Pastor Al Hock, "The Pilgrim Colony," is also scheduled in St. Sebald. There will also be a business meeting to discuss the formal organization of a society. The group hopes the gathering will initiate cooperative work leading to a second meeting at Neuendettelsau in 2008.

The registration fee of \$75 includes four meals. For the first 25 registrants, overnight accommodations at a local motel will be provided at no additional cost. The meeting will begin at 4 pm on Monday, July 11 and conclude by 3 pm on Wednesday, July 13. For further information and to register for the meeting, contact: Dr. Craig Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 333 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, IA 52004; E-mail: cnessan@wartburgseminary.edu, Office phone:563-589-0207; FAX:563-589-0333.

NEW MEMBERS!

Since the last issue of this Newsletter, we have one new individual and one new institutional member:

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JUNE 2004 PAPERS PUBLISHED

As previously agreed upon, the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church has published a number of the papers presented at the Anglican-Lutheran Historical Conference held in Chicago in June 2004. The first issue containing the papers is from December 2004 and the contents are as follows:

- "What Has Canterbury to do with Wittenberg? How and What Can We Learn from Each Other," by Donald S. Armentrout.
- "People, the Book, and the Books," by David J. Wartluft
- "Lutherans and Anglican-Episcopal Conformity, 1565-1957: Called to Common Mission," by Richard B. Baumann
- "From Meissen to Porvoo and Beyond" by John Arnold
- "The Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion, Post-Minneapolis" by Patrick Mauney
- "The Ecumenical Agenda of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod," by Edward J. Callahan

The web page of the society and where you can find more information about the journal, Anglican and Episcopal History, is: <http://www.hsec.us/journal/index.html>.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ON-GOING

The LHC annual index of writings in the field of North American Lutheranism is an on-going project. This is your first notice for 2005 to send publication data to any of the three persons listed below who will compile the index for printing in the November 2005 issue of the Newsletter. Writings should be those from the year 2004 or earlier years, if they were missed previously. Listings from prior years may be found on the LHC web page: <http://luthhist.org>.

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NEWS BY/FOR/ABOUT MEMBERS

Mark E. Braun, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8800 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226, recently presented a paper on Lutheran Reiseprediger (traveling missionary preachers) at the Lutheran Free Conference in Chicago on March 31, 2005. He notes that his book, *A Tale of Two Synods* (Milwaukee: Northwestern Publishing House, 2003) will be going into a second printing.

Elisabeth Wittman, 321 Bonnie Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, has been elected president of the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) for a two-year term beginning at the end of April 2005. The organization was founded in 1972, includes a thirteen state region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin and soon to be added Kentucky), and has 1,150 individual and 177 institutional members. Elisabeth, a member of the group since 1977, previously served on MAC Council and as vice president, as well as on a number of other committees and has participated in many program sessions.

LCMS MISSIONS HISTORY

A new exhibit, "Lutheran Missions," opened at the Concordia Historical Institute museum on April 5, 2005. It features the history of LCMS world missions, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. The exhibit helps Lutherans in preparing to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Lutheran foreign missions in July 2006. In 1706 the king of Denmark sent Bartholomew Ziegenbalg to India to start the first Lutheran mission among a non-Christian people. Ziegenbalg arrived in south India in July 1706. The special exhibits will remain open until Labor Day 2006. For further information, contact: Marvin A. Huggins, Concordia Historical Institute, 804 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-505-7921; mhuggins@chi.lcms.org.

IN THE INTEREST OF LUTHERAN RESOURCE SHARING

The Lutheran Church Archives of the Minnesota Conference and Synod, located at Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, Minn., would like to share with other archives and libraries duplicate books and periodicals and items that do not fit our collection's focus or would best be held elsewhere. The list of items and terms of exchange is available at: <http://www.gac.edu/oncampus/academics/library/archivesexchange.html>. Regular updates to the list are planned. Contact: Edi Thorstensson, Archivist, Lutheran Church Archives, Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, Gustavus Adolphus College.

EVANGELICAL SYNOD EXHIBIT AT EDEN

The Library and Archives at Eden Theological Seminary present: "The Stones Cry Out — Churches of the Evangelical Synod of North America in the City of Saint Louis, 1834-2005," an exhibit highlighting the history of Evangelical Synod congregations in St. Louis using photographs, documents and artifacts from both library and archival collections.

The exhibit will be open March 29-May 27, 2005 on the main floor of the Luhr Library, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo. Library hours through May 14 are: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Library hours after May 14 will be announced.

The Evangelical Synod of North America, founded as the German Evangelical Church Society of the West by six St. Louis-area German clergymen in 1840, combined aspects of Lutheranism and the German Reformed tradition into one Protestant denomination. It became the German Evangelical Synod of North America in 1872. Through subsequent mergers these congregations are now part of the present-day United Church of Christ. Altogether, thirty-five Evangelical Synod congregations were founded in the city of St. Louis between 1843 and 1928. For more information, contact Scott Holl, Reference Librarian, at 314-252-3134 or sholl@eden.edu.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Below are reports on research projects submitted by LHC members in response to our notice for information in the last issue. As a reminder, please submit any notes, requests or comments about recent historical, archival or bibliographic projects on which you are working. This is your opportunity to let other members with similar interests hear of your work and perhaps guide you to additional sources. The submissions need not be long, but should include contact information. Students are always welcome to participate and news of Lutheran history research by non-members is also welcome.

----The Editor.

Mark Anderson is a new LHC member and a member of Christ's Lutheran Church, Woodstock, N.Y., He, along with family members, is part of a music ministry known as Faithful Folk (<http://www.faithfulfolk.org/>). His particular interests are the liturgies and music used by Lutherans in the northeastern U.S. Mark's is preparing a book for the 200th anniversary (1806-2006) of his congregation in Woodstock. Mark notes that not being in close proximity to a major library is a tremendous disadvantage. He hopes to overcome some of the difficulties through membership in the LHC, online research and occasional travel to see specific collections. Mark also notes that in print, but ridiculously overpriced, is his 1997 book published by Greenwood Press: A Sourcebook

of Nineteenth-Century American Sacred Music for Brass Instruments. Contact Mark at: 61 California Quarry Rd., Woodstock, NY 12498; nycodeman@hotmail.com.

Mark E. Braun, LHC President, reports that he is writing an article on the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, to be followed by an article on the Confessional Lutheran Publicity Bureau, which he hopes will be of interest for publication in the Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly. This summer he will be synthesizing material about Fritz Reuter, musician and hymn writer in the Wisconsin Synod who taught at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm until his death in 1924. Contact Mark at: Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8800 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226; Mark.Braun@wlc.edu.

Frederick K. Wentz is writing a biography of Abdel Ross Wentz which will also portray much of the life and thought characterizing his part of the American Lutheran community, i.e. General Synod within the United Lutheran Church in America in the mid-twentieth century. Any comments, insights, reference to latter, within or outside that tradition, will be appreciated. Contact Fred at: 130 S. Hay St., Gettysburg, PA 17325; 717-334-0755.

In 2001, Michael Doyle was commissioned to write, *Feed My Sheep: A History of Hispanic Missions in the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*. The book was written to encompass the history not only of the Hispanic ministry, but also trace the roots of where this ministry began. Mike says that despite the fact that the District has the largest number of Hispanic people in the Missouri Synod, the work among the Hispanic population has been slow. The book, which was designed to aid in encouraging the work which the district began in 1929, describes both the progress and the methods that have been successfully employed to establish the 40 Hispanic congregations in the District. The history of each church is given, including the German-Anglo membership that preceded them. More than 480 photographs of the various ministries and their pastors will accompany the text. The book was completed in 2004.

The issue that Mike brings to the LHC membership is how to fund the publication of the projected 460 page book. Contacts have been made to Thrivent, the Schwann Charitable Foundation, the Lutheran Society in Missiology, and the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, but the book did not meet the correct criteria for funding by them. Mike says that if you have any ideas for funding, he would like to here from you. Contact Mike at: 2085, N. Palm Ave., Upland, CA 91784; 909-985-5948.

New member, John Strehlow, reports that he is working on the double biography of Missionary-Anthropologist Carl Strehlow and his wife Frieda née Keyßer. This is an historical biography about Lutherans in Australia centered upon John's grandparents Carl and Frieda Strehlow. Carl trained to become a Lutheran clergyman in the U.S., but due to unusual circumstances went to the remote aboriginal mission station, Killalpaninna, South Australia, in 1894. He moved to Hermannsburg in the Northern Territory, where he spent 28 years, all but one of them assisted by Frieda, whom he married in 1895. Both had trained at Neuendettelsau.

The local community they found was riddled with disease and declining due to a high infant mortality rate. When they left, the population was healthy and growing. John notes that the reversal of the infant mortality rate is almost certainly due to Frieda, although she has been completely written out of history. He aims to redress this by using her extensive diaries to correct this oversight.

Carl also became one of Australia's foremost anthropologists and linguists, writing about the Arnada and Loritja Tribes and collaborating with fellow missionary J.G. Reuther on the first ever complete translation of the New Testament into an aboriginal language (Dieri) and later also to the Aranda language.

John has been working on this project for more than ten years and says the book is not a family history, noting an upsurge of interest in Australia about Carl and his work. In 2002 the Sydney Opera house premiered a critically successful cantata, "Journey to Horseshoe Bend" by Andrew Schultz and Gordon Williams, based on Carl's last journey in 1922 when he was ill and trying to reach a doctor.

John has worked with Carl's papers in Australia and found evidence of many U.S. contacts. He is seeking people who know anything about the following personalities: descendents of Carl's' brother and sister who emigrated to the U.S., Wilhelm Strehlow (born ca. 1820) and Wilhelmine Rueschel (Heinrich); Frieda's cousin, Wilhelm Keyßer; and Neuendettelsau classmates who also emigrated to the U.S.: Friedrich Ludwig Schardt, Byron, Neb.; Bachner; Erik Gentner, Shobonier, Fayette Co., Ill.; Georg Hoh; Willy and Arthur Reuther, who studied at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, and were the sons of J.G. Reuther; Johannes Gemaehlich, Mitchel, Iowa; Georg Langkammerer, Holstein, Iowa; and Otto Theile. Also of interest are Carl's co-missionaries, Nicol Wettengel and his wife Rosa, who died in Altenburg, Mont. Many of these people had ties to the Iowa Synod. John hopes to hear from interested American Lutherans! Contact John at: 91 Judd St., London WC1H 9NE England, strehlowjonhenry@aol.com.

BOOK REVIEW FEATURE

This is just a reminder that the new Book Review feature of this Newsletter is still in business and volunteer reviewers are welcome. Your suggestions for books to review are also needed and may include Lutheran historical, archival and library topics. Contact the editor for further information.

----The Editor.

WHAT WILL THE NEXT LHC NEWSLETTER CONTAIN?

This newsletter will be able to fulfill its intended purpose of being a clearinghouse of information for archivists, historians and librarians only if you provide material for it.

Please use this page (or as many additional ones as needed) to send material for publication to the editor. Items of interest to readers will include notice of research in progress, new appointments, publications, meetings and celebrations planned or held, biographical materials and generally anything of interest to LHC members.

The editor cannot promise to print everything received, although all submissions are welcomed. The LHC Newsletter is issued four times a year: February, May, August and November. The November issue includes the annual "Index of Writings in the Field of American Lutheranism." The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to each issue. Please send items to: Elisabeth Wittman, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Archives, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631, or FAX: 773-380-2977; or E-mail: Elisabeth.Wittman@elca.org

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