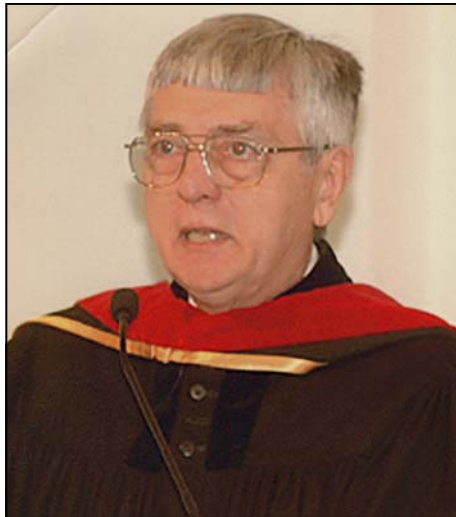


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NEWSLETTER

DAVID J. WARTLUFT, 1937-2007

The Rev. Dr. David J. Wartluft, former director of Krauth Memorial Library at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP), died Monday, July 9, 2007, due to complications from surgery. David served as LHC treasurer and was a long-time member and supporter.



He studied in the joint program of MDiv (then BD) at LTSP and MA at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1964. In 1968 he earned an MS in library and information science from Drexel University. He also completed the greater part of an STM at LTSP while serving in parish ministry. David was admitted to PhD candidacy at the University of Pennsylvania but chose not to complete the degree program in order to pursue parish ministry. In 2003, LTSP awarded him a Doctor of Divinity degree for his service over many decades.

David began ministry as assistant chaplain and instructor in religion at Springfield College and then as pastor at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Allentown. In 1966 he became reference librarian and cataloguer at LTSP's Krauth Memorial Library. In 1969 he became assistant librarian, and after promotion in 1977, served as director of the library and faculty member until his retirement in 2002. He received tenure in 1980, and was promoted to the equivalent rank of full professor in 1986. He was also active in establishing the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia, of which he was at various times vice-president and board member.

David published a number of articles and indexed more than 50 books. He was a dedicated teacher of courses in Lutheran piety and spirituality at LTSP and guided hundreds of students in ways to use the library for research. In addition to his work at LTSP, David served the American Theological Library Association - as executive secretary for 10 years, and as a member of their board of directors, secretary, recording secretary, development officer and member of the advisory committee. He held many other positions related to various library associations, including the Southeastern Pennsylvania Library Association. He was also a life member of the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania and was active in community organizations such as West Mt. Airy Neighbors and Town Watch until his retirement.

The funeral was held on July 14 at St. Daniels Lutheran Church, Robesonia, Pa. Memorial gifts may be given for the David Wartluft Library fund at LTSP and mailed to the LTSP Foundation, 7310 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119. The family is considering using this fund in David's memory for the renovation of the Krauth Memorial Library as it approaches its 100th anniversary. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Wartluft's daughter, Pastor Rebecca Knox, 900 Bedford Avenue, Reading, PA 19607.

- information compiled from several sources, primarily Rev. Dr. Margaret A. Krych's tribute at <http://ltspsmedia.blogspot.com/2007/07/in-memoriamthe-rev-dr-david-j-wartluft.html>

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BOOK REVIEW: *FOR ALL THE SAINTS*

For All the Saints: Christ's Lutheran Church, Woodstock, New York, 1806-2006. by Mark J. Anderson.

By Richard O. Johnson

Writing a local congregational history is a lot like writing any kind of local history: it is a labor of love, usually of real interest to a limited number of people, and often turns out to be more hagiography than history. That being said, it is an important task, and the result can be a significant contribution to the larger historical narrative.

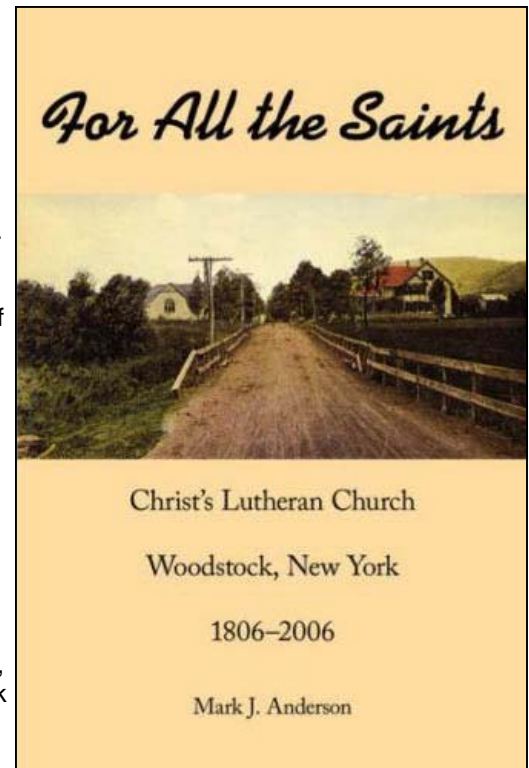
Mark J. Anderson has written a history of Christ's Lutheran Church in Woodstock, NY. In many respects, the book is a cut above the typical congregational history. Mr. Anderson is clearly interested, for example, in the liturgical and musical life of the congregation and provides interesting glimpses into that aspect of Christ's Church's history. He has included some documents from the celebration of the centennial in 1906—an interesting addition, since there were those living at the time who had known the founding families and early pastors. Other chapters discuss the congregation's social ministry, women's organizations, and building projects. There are also chronological lists of the congregation's pastors, though with frustratingly little information about some of them, often little

more than names and dates. While it is good to avoid the pitfall of thinking the history of the congregation is the history of the pastors, a little more sense of how different pastors may have shaped the life of a congregation would be helpful. The book is rich in pictures, and there is a helpful list of references, including a table of the congregation's own archival records.

On the other hand, I came away from the book a bit disappointed. This is a 200-year-old congregation and could be an interesting case study in the larger sweep of American Lutheran history. Its founding pastor was Frederick Quitman, later president of the New York Ministerium and a man often chastised by Lutheran historians for his "rationalism."

Christ's Church affiliated with the revivalistic Hartwick Synod in the 1830s, and thus, one might expect, was a partisan in the theological struggles of antebellum Lutheranism.

While the author recognizes these struggles, his telling of the congregation's history does not enlighten us much about how things looked "on the ground." Why did Christ's Church join the Hartwick Synod? Why did they refrain from joining the Franckean Synod? How might the



theological pace set by the founding pastor have been played out in these decisions? Readers do not learn much about that, sad to say; and perhaps this is not the author's fault, since such debates do not always appear explicitly in congregational records. But without this kind of attention to how one particular congregation fits into and illuminates the larger historical narrative, the book is going to be primarily of interest to members of Christ's Church or New York church history buffs.

CONFERENCE ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OCTOBER 25-27

Focusing on the theme "Preserving the Church's Story," the 29th Conference on Archives and History will be held on the campus of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, on October 25-27, 2007. Intended primarily as a workshop for district archivists of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, attendance is open to congregational and organizational archivists or anyone interested in gaining insights into the archival task of preserving the records of the church's life and work.

The program this year will include a historical presentation on Gospel songs and Lutheran hymnody and a panel discussion on resources for studying the church's worship life. A representative of the Institute's Awards Committee will talk about producing award-winning history projects, and Institute Director Dr. Martin Noland will outline how to organize a history project.

Practical issues of records management, collection development, providing services, organizing collections,

using volunteers, dealing with electronic records and preparing traveling exhibits are among the topics being planned for the program.

A detailed program and registration form will be mailed to LCMS and LWML district archivists, and will also be available on the CHI web site (<http://chi.lcms.org>). For additional information about the conference, please contact Patrice Russo at 314-505-7945 or email her at prusso@chi.lcms.org.

HENRY E. HORN, 1913-2007

Long-time LHC member Henry Eyster Horn, born 1913 in New York City, died Jan. 29, 2007 in his sleep at home in Cambridge, Mass.

The namesake of the Reverend Dr. Henry Eyster Jacobs, his maternal grandfather, Henry was born in New York City to the Reverend William M. Horn and Marguerite Eyster Jacobs. His father was then pastor of the Advent Lutheran Church. Four of the eight children became Lutheran ministers.

His father moved to Ithaca, N.Y. where his father established a Lutheran presence at Cornell University in 1917. Young Henry got all of his pre-college schooling from the Ithaca Public Schools, graduating with honors from the high school in 1929. He then attended Cornell majoring in history, attaining Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, and graduating with honors in general studies in the class of 1933. He attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, class of 1936, and was then called as Graduate Fellow. He was ordained in 1936 at Albany by the United Synod of New York and New England. In 1965 he was honored with a D.D. by Muhlenberg College and in 1983 with a L.L.D. by Valparaiso. In retirement he received the Gold Medal for 1990 given by the National Heritage of America for retired clergy, and from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, the prestigious Christus Lux Mundi award as an outstanding clergyman in 2001.

In 1938 he began his ministry as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Burholme, Philadelphia, serving until 1943 when he moved to become President of

Marion College, a junior college for women in Marion, Ga. In 1949 he was called as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., and was influential in establishing two new churches to serve the many people who moved to work in or near the Savannah River Project. In 1953 he moved to Cambridge, Mass. to University Lutheran Church. He retired in 1978. In retirement, he served as theologian-in-residence, interim supply pastor, and taught at Bryn Mawr College, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary teaching Church Music and Worship.

In 1938 he married Catherine H. Stanken of Brooklyn. He leaves his ten children: Jean Swanson of Chicago; Dr. Henry S. of Princeton, N.J.; Dr. David J. of Columbus, Ohio; Charles M. of Westhampton, Mass.; Rev. William M. of Allentown, Pa.; Marguerite E. of Albany, N.Y.; Dr. Richard D. of Lexington, Mass.; Eleanor Grotzky of Munich, Germany; Michael J. of Watertown, Mass.; and Dr. Andrew G. of Halifax, N.S.; twenty-one grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was predeceased by six of his seven siblings and one grandchild.

Pastor Horn served as chair of the Church Music Committee of his national church; twelve years on the Board of Deaconess Work; twelve years on the Board of Theological Education—the last two as President; Chair of the Commission on Liturgy and the Hymnal for eight years bringing together the efforts of the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church; and

Chair and advisor to synod worship committees of which he was a part. Pastor Horn was also a delegate to four national conventions of his church; and to the Faith and Order Assembly at Oberlin in 1957 and the World Council of Churches in Uppsala in 1968.

His first writing was in the educational field with his brother, William, who was working for the Augsburg Uniform Series of church school materials. His "O Sing Unto the Lord" was used for training of organists and choirs; "The Christian in Modern Style" received a readership outside the denomination. "Worship and Crisis" was helpful in a time of crisis (1972), "Lutherans in Campus Ministry" became a text for those in the field and gained him the title "Dean of Lutheran Campus Ministry." "Models of Ministry" summed up fifty years in the ministry for him. A final volume, "Thoughts From the Fountainside," was printed for friends later.

As editor, Pastor Horn released "Memoirs of Henry Eyster Jacobs" in four volumes; "Autobiography of Joseph A. Seiss" with William M. Horn; "Cornell and Cambridge: A Documentary History of Lutheran Campus Ministry" with William M. Horn. He wrote articles in *Word and World*, *Lutheran Forum*, *Una Sancta*, *Lutheran Quarterly*, and *Dialog*. He taped "Reveries in Hymn Tunes" for the archives of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

This obituary was written by Henry E. Horn before his death, and edited by his daughter Marguerite E. Horn.

NEW RESOURCE

A Strasbourger in America: John Frederick Ernst, Minister of the Gospel, Lutheran Denomination (1748-1805) by Dr. Edith von Zemensky and Mary Redline.

This volume will be available for purchase by mid-August 2007. Dr. von Zemenszky, an Austrian historian, painstakingly translated Ernst's letter books and diaries from German script as the starting point for the story. The nearly 900-page volume, collaborated with Mary Redline, also contains church, court, land, and academic records from three states to provide an intimate view of the life of an "ordinary," Lutheran pas-

tor in colonial America. As this biography reveals, Ernst's life was anything but ordinary. Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia sponsored the project; the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission underwrote a portion of its publication costs.

A native of Strasbourg, Ernst left home in 1765 at the age of seventeen and traveled to the New World. From his humble beginnings as a tailor, he struggled to become a schoolmaster and later a Lutheran pastor.

The volume contains many primary source documents, many translated into English for the first time. In addition, it compiles documents from an extended geographic area over a forty-year period, thus providing a comprehensive view of Ernst's experience in colonial America.

The first edition run (400 copies) will be available for sale at the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia, 7301 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19119. Attn: Mary Redline. Cost per hardbound volume will be \$45; shipping is additional. ISBN 978-0-9795047-0-9

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BOOK REVIEWS

Those interested in contributing book reviews or wish to suggest a book, please contact David Settje at David.Settje@CUChicago.edu.

Each review should be between 500 and 750 words long, be sent as a MS Word document or in a compatible format, and evaluate specifically the book and its Lutheran content/context.

WHAT WILL THE NEXT LHC NEWSLETTER CONTAIN?

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

Please 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, bibliographical materials and generally anything of interest to LHC members.

Although all submissions are welcomed, the editor cannot promise to print everything received. The LHC Newsletter is issued four times a year: February, May, August and November. The November issue includes the annual

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