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From Pastor McPike's Desk...

This is the fifth edition of looking back at the formation of the LCMS in 1847, 175 years ago. Pastor Löhe in Bavaria was a second instrumental figure in the formation of the LCMS along with Pastor C.F.W. Walther. Löhe was responsible for a seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and several Colonies of Germans in East Central Lower Michigan while Walther was first in Missouri. One major difference of the two men - while Walther was among the colonists of the Saxon Immigration of 1839 and lived his remaining life mostly in St. Louis, Löhe accomplished everything without ever leaving Germany.

Frankenmuth, Michigan – evangelism to the Chippewa

Pastor J.K.W. Löhe was a “can-do” person. Not only did he devise a plan to quickly respond to pleas by Pastor Wyneken (see last month’s article) for pastors on the American frontier, but he also saw opportunity to sponsor groups of Franconians to immigrate to America to set up colonies for special purposes. The first (and most famous) of these is what is now the community of Frankenmuth, Michigan. Frankenmuth means, in German “Courage of the Franconians.” Frankenmuth was established with a missionary purpose, and that was to do evangelism among the Native Americans in Michigan of the Chippewa tribe. That effort was less than successful, but the colony survived. Today, Frankenmuth remains a strong community with much evidence of German heritage. The building code for the main part of the old town is in the style of Bavarian buildings. Signs are in German, and distances are indicated in meters and kilometers. It makes a great Lutheran heritage destination (not to mention the food from Zehnders and the Bavarian Inn is second to none). The main Lutheran parish in Frankenmuth is named St. Lorenz after Pastor Löhe’s parish in Neuendettelsau, Bavaria. Frankenmuth was established from an emigration began from Bavaria in 1844.

On a personal note, my vicarage was at Grace Lutheran Church, in Auburn, Michigan in 1986-87. Auburn is about 45 miles from Frankenmuth. Grace is a “daughter” congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Monitor Township (Bay City). Trinity is a “daughter” congregation of St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth.

Other “Franken” settlements

While Frankenmuth is the first and also the most well known, Pastor Löhe helped plant other settlements, each for a different purpose. One community was to establish a Lutheran *Altenheim* (home

for the aged); another was to provide an industrial center for jobs for starving Bavarians and hope for economic security in the new world was another. The other three settlements were known as *Frankenlust* (Joy of the Franconians), *Frankentrost* (strength of the Franconians) and *Frankenhilf* (help for the Franconians). The latter was established to provide help for “poor” Franconians... and later was dubbed “Richville” by the Post Office; the settlers decided to make the change official in the 1860s. (My vicarage supervisor retired from St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Richville. He used to quip that if the Bavarians had planted another Franconian congregation/settlement in Michigan, they would probably have named it *Frankenstein*!)

A Parting of Ways

To bring a close to this portion of the history of the LCMS, it is necessary to “fast forward” just a bit to 1850, a mere three years after the founding of the LCMS. As mentioned in previous editions, the structure of the church (polity) in Germany was more “ordered” in a top-down fashion than that of the LCMS. The basic question was around the authority of the church, what constitutes a church, etc. The German church followed the same basic format as it had for generations, going back to times prior to the Reformation where the authority of the church was thought to flow from the apostles of Christ down through the hierarchy of the church to the present day. After Pastor Martin Stephan was deposed and exiled from the colonies, Dr. Walther undertook a study of Scripture and determined that authority in the church comes from God’s word and is specifically exercised by congregations of people who regularly gather around the preaching of God’s Word and the administration of the sacraments. The structure of the new LCMS, when it was founded in 1847, reflected this. The Synod in convention was a gathering of congregations, each being equally represented by one pastor and one lay person. Synodical and district leadership were referred to as “president, vice presidents, etc.” (instead of Bishops) and were elected instead of being appointed or “called” in some other manner.

Pastor Wilhelm Löhe, remaining in Germany his entire life, felt that Walther’s definition of Church structure was a departure from the Bible. He felt that the structure that had served the church for centuries in Europe was more correct, and that Dr. Walther’s LCMS was too influenced by American Democracy. Thus, not long after the formal start of the LCMS in 1847, Löhe encouraged some from his previously planted “Franken” congregation/Communities in east Central Lower Michigan (Frankenhilf being key among them) to leave that area and go west. Many stayed, but those who did leave traveled as far west as the Mississippi River, and crossed to St. Sebald, Iowa. There, they eventually formed a Synod called the *Iowa Synod*. The *Iowa Synod* was quite close and enjoyed a good relationship with the LCMS for a number of years. By the 20th Century, the *Iowa Synod* had merged with several other small Scandinavian Lutheran Church bodies to form the *American Lutheran Church*. This was one of three church bodies to come together in 1987 to form today’s *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*.

Next month: A New Synod is born!

Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

Ladies Aid/LWML Fall Rally

The LWML Danville Zone Fall Rally will be held on September 13th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park. The theme is "Light Up the World with Christ" based on Psalm 119:105. Registration is at 8:30 AM and the program will extend through lunch served at noon. The guest speaker is Pastor Rodney Blomquist who will speak on prison ministry. The ingathering will be collecting light bulbs, 40 or 60 watts, which will be delivered to facilities such as food pantries in the area that help people in need. The registration cost is \$10 which is payable at the door. Reservations are needed by September 6th. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board.

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

Ladies Aid/LWML ladies will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Eight school kits and eight health kits will be assembled at the meeting for the Orphan Grain Train. The ten LWML groups in the Danville Zone are doing 80 of each type of kit for the "What's Your 80?" theme for the 80th anniversary of LWML. Annette Warsaw will be giving the topic and Terri Hooker and Brenda Edwards will be the hostesses. Roll call will be answered by a favorite job. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

Quilting

The ladies will be tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Monday, September 12th, at 8 AM and on Wednesday, September 14th at 12:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The dates are later in the month due to the Labor Day Weekend. All ladies of the congregation are invited to tie knots. The group has made 91 quilts since October when the last collection day was held. This will be the last month to add to our total as the count starts over in October.

LWML Sunday



The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. Our congregation will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 2nd. "For Us and With Us" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31-39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ. Two LWML members will be readers on that Sunday and two LWML members will be greeters on that Sunday.

September Lawn Mowers

The week of September 4 – September 10 – Myron Zimmerman

The week of September 11 – September 17 – Neil Bidner

The week of September 18 – September 24 – Bryan Warsaw

The week of September 25 – October 1 – John Grussing



The schedule this year lists the week that the volunteer needs to mow. It is recommended to mow on Thursday through Saturday of that week, so it looks nice for Sunday. If you have misplaced your schedule which was in the April newsletter, there is one on the back bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact trustee Lee Whitehouse.

Wiener Roast

Due to COVID the annual wiener roast has been cancelled the last three years. Please plan on attending this year's wiener roast (no hayride) on Sunday, September 25th at 5 PM. It will be a potluck so bring a dish to share and the fire will be ready to roast the wieners in the parking lot. Wieners, buns, table service, and drinks will be provided. After enjoying the meal, Pastor McPike will give a short presentation about his role as Chaplain, explaining the "Advanced Care Planning" program at Carle. He will give information, and even the opportunity to complete Advanced Directives (appoint Power of Attorney) for health care.

National Youth Convention Presentation



On Sunday, August 21st, after the worship service about 30 members heard the presentation of the National LCMS Youth Convention in Houston, Texas, which was given by Jenna Clemmons and Addi Warsaw and their chaperones Kim Clemmons and Annette Warsaw. The mass events which were attended by the 18,000 attendees were held in

Minute Maid Park which is the home of the Houston Astros. The girls worked on a servant event and attended many sessions on topics related to youth of today. In their spare time they attended the activities sponsored by the convention, met many fellow Lutherans, and ate many good meals!



September 6 – Jim Poppe
 September 7 - Mark Barrack
 September 12 - Ken Whitehouse
 September 14 - Gene Welborn
 September 17 - Stephanie Gaines
 September 21 - Ryan Peyton
 September 23 - Mitchell Gallier
 September 24 - Rob Gallier
 September 24 - Sara McPike
 September 25 - Arnita Zimmerman
 September 26 - Scott Gercken
 September 29 - Nicholas Haggin

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Bible Class</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
July 31	51	14	1
August 7	42	7	No Class
August 14	45	8	3
August 21	42	7	3

Anniversaries

Kris and Shaun Zimmerman 9-2-2011

Sandy and Ryan Lammle 9-5-2014

Sue and Jim VanWakeman 9-13-1969

History of Labor Day – from History.com/editors

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories, and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities, and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

Congratulations!



Gina Masko, daughter of the late Cindy Masko and David Masko, became the bride of Anthony Feit, son of Brenda Wright and Don Feit, on Saturday, August 27th in Fairmount, Illinois. Pastor McPike performed the ceremony. May God fill their hearts with joy to live to the glory of His name.

Book Donation

Last month the church received a large box of books from Concordia Publishing House. They were shipped from the National Youth Group Gathering and were free to our church to use as outreach material. If anyone wants a copy of the following titles, they are in the annex on the bookshelf:

The Hear – No Read Bible (Bible stories for small children)

Words of Strength and Promise (devotions for teens)

One and All Rejoice (song/hymn book)

Faith Alive Bible (teen Bible)

A Simple Explanation of Christianity (pamphlets)

Recycling

The Central Illinois District LWML ladies collect several items that are recycled. They collect used devotion booklets such as **Portals of Prayer** which are given to prison ministries. They collect used stamps that you can trim from your mail with a ¼ inch border. These are given to a stamp collector in Southern Illinois and he, in turn, pays for the ones that he buys. They collect used orange pill bottles (prescription labels removed) that are recycled into park benches. They collect used Bibles that are given to Love Packages, an organization in Butler, Illinois which sends Christian material to people around the world. There is a collection box on the back pew by the big bulletin board.

Church Improvements

Thank you to the members who worked on the upkeep of the outside of the church during the last month. The bushes were trimmed, the decks were power washed and stained, and new gravel was added to the parking lot and leveled. Also, thank you to the weekly lawn mowers who keep the property looking nice.