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Very Good News! *We are very happy to report that in November, the Muhlenberg Journals Restoration Fund has surpassed the three-quarters mark and has almost reached \$80,000 (in cash and pledges). Please see that report, but also the article on the "Great Canoe Adventure" (and its listing of contributors), as well as the article "A Special Project" on St. Luke Church, Schaefferstown". Much enthusiasm has been in evidence and we all are grateful.*

The Great Canoe Adventure

– Carl D. Shankweiler

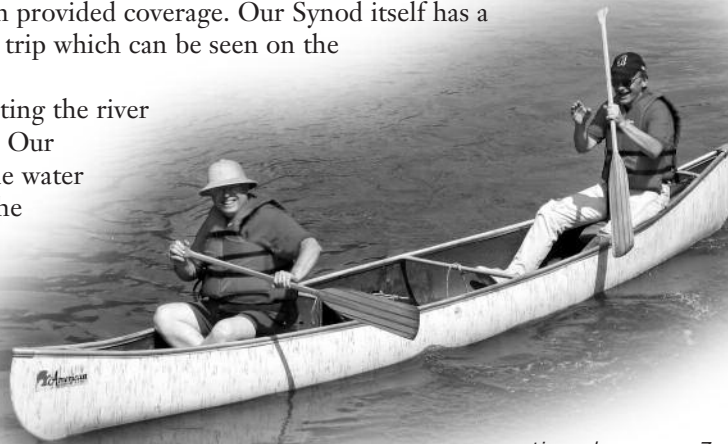
The adventure began with an innocent wish. While north of Hamburg, Pennsylvania, to look at a sign about the old Schuylkill Canal, Bishop Samuel Zeiser of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod said to me that the river was so pleasant that it would be relaxing to go canoeing there some day. I agreed but had one condition: we needed to wait until summer when the water would be warm (just in case we capsized). Also, neither of us had a canoe. So task number one was to find a suitable craft. Ebay came to our rescue: a canoe was found in nearby Saint Clair.

Shortly before our 2010 Synod Assembly, Bishop Zeiser had yet another idea. Why not turn our canoe trip into a fundraiser for the Muhlenberg Journals project? Bishop Zeiser has a strong interest in history to the point of having a Ph.D. in that subject, so his concern was a natural. Our Synod Council had already approved an appeal for this cause and had contributed the \$6,000 necessary to refurbish one volume. Being the Synod's Archivist and responsible for helping to raise the \$100,000 needed for this project, I welcomed my bishop's new purpose for our trip.

Even though all the persons attending the 2010 Synod Assembly received fliers about the fundraiser, "An Invitation to Sponsor your Bishop and Archivist as They Descend the Mighty Schuylkill" we did not receive a large amount of pledges. I was slightly disappointed. Still the fliers raised awareness and included one quote from the Journals themselves wherein Henry Melchior Muhlenberg talks about people who traveled to a funeral by canoe on the Schulkiel (sic) because the river was too high to ford by horse. (March 13, 1777).

Then the project began to grow! Another pastor and his wife, Bruce and Julie Osterhout of Reading volunteered to come along on a second canoe. The *Reading Eagle*, Berks County's main newspaper, picked up the story and ran major articles the week before and the week after the trip, complete with pictures and front page banners. Other papers and even a cable television station provided coverage. Our Synod itself has a video presentation about the trip which can be seen on the website: godsllove.org.

Prior to this trip I was visiting the river weekly to check water levels. Our prospects were not good. The water level was so low because of the hot, dry summer that I doubted that we could travel ten miles. But by now I knew that we would raise a decent amount of money. One contribution had come in



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FROM THE EDITOR

"Lost in thin air" is the sorry story of many parish records that have "gone green". While everyone applauds the church's efforts to save trees and "go green" it sometimes has an unanticipated cost in the loss of materials that are irretrievable. We need to extract a solemn promise from every parish office executive to print out on hard copy all parish records at the end of every calendar year, put them in an acid free file, without staples or paper clips, and store the file in a fireproof container. The same advice should go to Synod and national offices. No one wants to go back to former wasteful habits but information is regularly being lost that in the past was safely retained.

When I am processing records of closed congregations I often see 8 mm films, cassette tapes, and computer disks. They were all "the latest" when they were made and contain vital information, but it is doubtful that we will have equipment in 2050 to read or access such outdated technology, or it will be very costly to restore them to a usable format. I know, for instance, that my 2006 model car has no place for me to play my collection of cassette tapes. Foreign language textbooks that once came with tapes and language labs now have CDs and Internet exercises. So, look through your closets and if you have records on disappearing technology- like videotapes, 8mm films and cassette tapes, convert them as soon as possible. Old films are especially liable to deterioration and will need immediate conservation and digitization. "Go green" of course, but remember to "Save" everything regularly on hard copy so that you are protected in case of catastrophic computer failure. Future generations will bless you.

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Muhlenberg Journals Restoration Fund

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Cash received	- \$57,185.22
Additional Pledges	- \$21,630.80
Total	- \$78,816.02
	191 contributors

1 Cash received to date on \$6,000 pledge
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pledge for \$6,000
3 Cash received to date on \$6,000 pledge
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5 Anonymous donors have pledged that the \$343.30
will be forthcoming to reach the \$6,000 goal
6 \$6,000 pledge to restore one volume.
7 Cash received to date on \$1,000 pledge.
8 Cash received to date on \$1,000 pledge

9 Cash received to date on \$1,000 pledge.
10 This contribution was given in 1984. Periodically it was
publicized that the Journals would need restoration and
St. Matthew, Springfield responded in this concrete way.
Over the years, this \$600 has been kept in a separate
restricted account. At its May 2009 meeting, the Board
directed that it be transferred to this new Fund, which
fulfills the donor's original intent.

11 Cash received to date on \$500 pledge
12 Cash received to date on \$400 pledge
13 Cash received to date on \$250 pledge
14 Cash received to date on \$100 pledge
15 Cash received to date on \$100 pledge
16 Three contributors here are duplicated from the
listings above and therefore are not counted twice.
17 Likewise, this contributor is in the general project
list and therefore is not duplicated as an additional
contributor.

Anne Cecelia Haupt: A Founding Mother



The 2010 season of Advent marks a 150th anniversary in the life of Christ Ascension Lutheran Church in northwest Philadelphia. The current congregation

reflects a 1993 merger

between Christ Church in Chestnut Hill and Ascension Lutheran in Mt. Airy.

Christ Church was the older of the congregations; Ascension was founded when the Philadelphia seminary moved to Germantown Avenue in 1889. The histories of Ascension, Christ, and now Christ Ascension are each being celebrated as part of this 150th anniversary.

The earliest history for Christ Ascension began on December 9, 1860, when “Christ’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chestnut Hill” was chartered. Pastor Henry Bickel was first called to serve the new mission. Pastor Charles W. Schaeffer of St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in nearby Germantown also

helped the church get started, along with a theological student named David Gilbert. Other English ministry city churches, especially Trinity, St. John’s and St. Matthew’s, further supported the new congregation.

But even with all this support, Christ Church was not founded by pastors, by other congregations, or by a mission board. It was founded as a grass roots ministry for people who wanted a place to receive and share the good news about Christ in their neighborhood. More specifically, Christ Church was started by a woman named Anne Cecelia Haupt, who began a Sunday School in Chestnut Hill that soon evolved into its own worshipping community.

Anne Cecilia Haupt (1821-1891) was a Chestnut Hill resident and a member of St. Michael’s Lutheran Church. Past congregational histories have not identified her as a primary founder of the church, but she has appeared enough in various historical sources to allow for a reconstruction of those earliest years. In

one place, she is listed as someone who organized a Sunday School. In another, she is mentioned as an inspirational figure in the congregation’s early years. But neither she nor her family members appear on the list of names on the church charter or even on the early membership roles. This is especially surprising when one sees that an article about her son Lewis (in J.C. Jenson’s *American Lutheran Biographies* [1890]) claims that Mrs. Haupt started the new mission church. From these different reports, one can tell that she had a very important, if unclear, role in founding a new congregation in Philadelphia.

Anne Cecelia was the daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Keller. Keller had served as pastor of St. Michael’s in Germantown from 1827-35. At that time, he was trying to start Sunday Schools and worship services in communities around Germantown, including Chestnut Hill. After serving St. Michael’s, Pastor Keller accepted a call in Gettysburg. There he met and married a young widow named

Palatine Tercentenary

The Rev. George E. Handley, president of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Archives Center participated in the 300th Anniversary of the arrival of the German Palatine refugees to the Hudson River Valley on October 17. A joint celebration was held at St. Paul’s, West Camp, NY where in the narthex the original tombstone of founding Bavarian Pastor Joshua Kocherthal has been placed to protect its inscription. A current project of the congregation, led by congregational archivist Paul Pysher, is the restoration and rehabilitation of the original cemetery located in a forgotten wooded area not far from the present church building. The bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod, the Rev. Robert Rimbo preached on Jacob’s struggle with the angel and the church’s present struggle with ministry in a secular society. Members of Atonement, Saugerties and St. Thomas, Churchtown were present since they share the same 300 years of ministry.



Paul Pysher, Archivist at St. Paul's, West Camp, NY and tercentenary display.



Tombstone of Palatine Patriarch. Joshua Kocherthal in the narthex of St. Paul's Church. Erected by his daughters 33 years after his untimely death in 1719.

er in Northwest Philadelphia -Pastor Martin Lohrmann

Eliza Schaeffer. Eliza's first husband, the Rev. F. Solomon Schaeffer, had died when their son Charles was one year old. This son, C.W. Schaeffer, kept his father's name but would eventually follow his stepfather as a pastor of St. Michael's in Germantown. Together Benjamin and Eliza had nine more children, including their second daughter, Anne Cecelia. Another younger brother, Paul Keller, would later serve on the seminary's board of directors. In Anne Cecelia, therefore, we meet a woman who was a part of a very active and dedicated family in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and in Philadelphia. No less than her father and brothers, Anne Cecelia would be a church leader and a public witness to Christian faith.

At the age of seventeen, Anne Cecelia married Hermann Haupt in Gettysburg. Mr. Haupt was a West Point graduate who became a leading railroad engineer in Pennsylvania. During the Civil War, he would serve for a year as a brigadier general in the Union Army, playing a key role in the Battle of Gettysburg. In the 1850s, he

and Anne Cecelia moved to Chestnut Hill, where new railroad lines were then being built. In that era before automobiles, Chestnut Hill was relatively far from other Lutheran churches: St. Michael's in Germantown was two miles away and St. Peter's in Lafayette Hill was three miles away. In this growing neighborhood without a Lutheran congregation, Anne Cecelia organized a Sunday School in 1859. This completed a project that her father had pursued nearly thirty years earlier. It was also a mission for which her brother, C.W. Schaeffer, could provide direct assistance. And whenever the student pastor, David Gilbert, came to preach, he would stay with the Haupt family.

Probably because of their strong ties to St. Michael's, the Haults kept their church membership in Germantown. Their son Lewis was confirmed there by his grandfather and his uncle in 1861, after Christ Church had already been founded. This explains why the Haults are not listed as charter members or frequent visitors to Christ Church. When the Haupt family

moved to Massachusetts for business reasons shortly after Christ Church's beginning, their involvement with the church came to a close. When they moved back to the area, they lived across the Schuylkill River in West Philadelphia. General and Mrs. Haupt are not recorded as having communed at Christ Church, except once around the time that the sanctuary cornerstone was laid.

Despite her quick exit from the congregation's history, Mrs. Haupt's status as a founder of the church is accurate when one considers that it was common at the time to start a new congregation by first establishing a Sunday School. Especially before Lutherans developed more formal structures for Sunday Schools in the later 1860s, women often took major roles in starting and leading them. As a testimony to her effectiveness in those years, an early leader of Christ Church named Orlando S. Styer later credited her with inspiring his "devotion and interest" in



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for \$1,000 and one for \$100, while most of the other pledges were for certain amounts per mile. But if the water remained so low, we would be walking most of the way, not rowing.

Then came the time to travel, July 15- a beautiful sunny day. It had rained for several days earlier that week, and so the Schuylkill was deep and swiftly flowing. Instead of 10 miles, we traveled 23.4 miles. Going with us in his own kayak was a photographer from the *Reading Eagle*, and a reporter from that paper interviewed us at intervals along the trip. We each upset only once, Bishop Zeiser and I in our canoe, and



Canoe Adventure participants (left to right) Bishop Zeiser, Pastors Shankweiler and Osterhout, and Mrs. Osterhout on the bank of the Schuylkill prior to their departure.

Pastor Osterhout in his.

As a result of the trip, more local contributions came in. *The Lutheran* ran an article in the September 2010 issue, which brought several donations from far

outside our area. And the pledge of \$100 mentioned above turned out to be \$100 PER MILE., resulting in our achieving a total that should top out at \$5,750.

With my bishop coming up with such a creative, public way to support this project, I have challenged the Archivist of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod to encourage his bishop to do the same. The two synods own the Journals jointly, so perhaps **Bishop Clair Burkat** could now spend a night sleeping next to Muhlenberg's grave at Augustus Church in Trappe for pledges. I'd pledge \$10 an hour.

July 2010 Canoe Trip Contributors

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the church. Her sense of mission is also demonstrated in the fact that despite her family's strong connections to the "Old Lutheranism" of the mid 1800s, Christ Church was

never a German-speaking congregation but entered the Ministerium of Pennsylvania as an English mission. Anne Cecelia's legacy of Christian witness is also evident in the seminary scholarship that her family established to honor her and her father.

The Haupts' connections to St. Michael's and their moves to New England and West Philadelphia explain the family's relative absence from church records in Chestnut Hill. This also explains St. Michael's vital but relatively informal role in starting the mission. Christ Church in Chestnut Hill was never really a "daughter" congregation of the older and larger Germantown church. But, to play with the relationship between C.W. Schaeffer and Anne Cecelia, one

might say it had been a "dear younger sister" church from the beginning.

Anne Cecelia's leadership in Christ Church's early years modeled Henry Muhlenberg's vision for *ecclesia plantanda* (church planting). This would be a congregation that served the local area in new and relevant ways, while keeping its roots in the best of Lutheran preaching, teaching and ministry. Through her, Christ Ascension can also claim a kind of apostolic continuity with Henry Muhlenberg's missionary work in colonial Pennsylvania. Her father, Benjamin Keller, had himself been confirmed by Muhlenberg's son, Henry E. Muhlenberg, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, PA. Anne Cecelia therefore clearly represents a next generation of witness and mission in Philadelphia. We reap what others have sown. We proclaim what was first taught to us. Remembered in later family writings as a model of faith, love and action, Mrs. Haupt appears to be rightly acknowledged as a founder of the congregation and as an example of faith and mission for the church today.



Augustana Room

To remember the ministry and witness of the Swedish Lutheran Church in the

Northeast, known as the Augustana Lutheran Church, especially in the New England and New York Conferences, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia has launched a development campaign to convert the third floor Museum room in the Brossman Center into the Augustana Room Museum.

In conjunction with the Lutheran Archives Center, Augustana archives from the territory are being collected and will be processed, including the archives of the former New England and New York Conferences. The Rev. Ellen Anderson, coordinator at the Seminary, hopes that the campaign goal of \$250,000 will allow the processing of new archives, the materials already on hand, the establishment of the Augustana Room museum and a small endowment for a part-time curator. For more information or to donate Swedish artifacts or make contributions contact Pr. Anderson at: eanderson@ltsp.edu



A Special Project

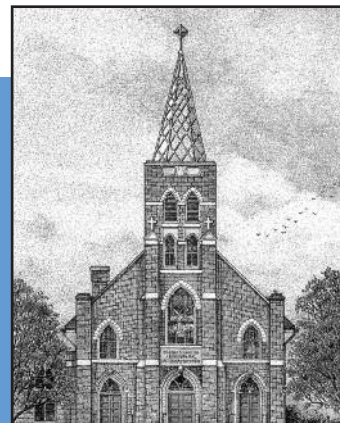
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Schaefferstown, PA Honoring the 65th Ordination Anniversary of Pastor William W. Miller

With the renovation of their chapel, named in Pastor Miller's honor, the congregation provided a \$500 seed contribution to the Muhlenberg Journals Restoration Fund, pledged another \$500 for 2011 and encouraged members and friends to send additional contributions. These gifts have included

Everett and Jacqueline Balmer, Judd Erdman, Ruth M. Kupp, Ruth M. Sonnen, John M. Zimmermann and Glennore E. Boltz. Their contributions totaled \$260 for a total of \$1,325. Our Archives Center provided a plaque now on the wall of the chapel in honor of (and now in memory of) Pastor Miller.

Blessed are those who have served faithfully and now rest safely in God's hands.

St. Luke Church is one of the nearly 100 congregations visited by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, providing counsel and ministry in eastern Pennsylvania and adjacent states. One of Henry's three sons, Frederick Augustus Conrad, was its pastor in the early years of its noble history.



St. John's Windish Ev. Lutheran Church
617 East 4th Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

St. John's Windish Lutheran Church Centennial

As the only congregation in this region founded by Lutheran immigrants from Slovenia, St. John's Windish in Bethlehem, PA has been celebrating all year long. A "New Beginnings" committee planned events every month from November 2009-November 2010; from one All Saints' Sunday to the next.

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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I suspect we all memorized various literary quotations in our high school days. Two that regularly come to my mind are, first, from Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*, the old knight to the young knight, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" and, second, the opening words from Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times and the worst of times." Both surfaced as I write this letter.

First, Dickens. A lot of "best" things are happening at the Archives Center, both in having a good core of student workers moving forward on the necessary processing of papers long entrusted to our care, and especially in the success of the fund raising for matching the grant to restore the Muhlenberg journals. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter we are exceeding the three-quarters mark of our \$100,000 goal. Included is both cash on hand and pledges. Further, we have already begun the task with five of the volumes soon to be restored and digitalized. We rejoice in this and more. The "worst" factor is that at present our general budget has stagnated with no real increase for the last two fiscal years. That has frustrated our plans for providing increased staff service to you, our constituency. Indeed, we even have found it necessary to cut back the afternoon availability from four to three days each week. Increasing our general fund requires attention. My hope is that our board will deal with this zealously at its winter meeting. So, then, that is my prayer, reflective of Tennyson's Old Knight. Please join me.

Ever, in Christ!

President, LACP Board of Directors