

✚ HOLY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL OVERLOOKING ROBESONIA ✚

PASTOR PFLUEGER - PARISH PUBLISHER

Reverend Oscar Pflueger was our Pastor from 1902-1913.

Oscar E. Pflueger was born on March 11, 1861, in Schoenersville, Northampton County. He was prepared for the ministry at Muhlenberg College (1880-1884) and the Philadelphia Theological Seminary (1884-1887). On June 7, 1887, he was ordained in Zion's Church, Philadelphia, by the Ministerium. Just one week later, on June 14, 1887, he married Ella C. Leopold, the daughter of a minister.

Rev. Pflueger became the Pastor of the Womelsdorf Parish (which included St. Daniel's) in November 1902 and served the church for approximately 11 years.

Rev. Pflueger initiated the annual *Parish Record*, a precedent that is still followed today at St. Daniel's, which documents the major events and activities as well as the record of ministerial acts (baptism, communion, confirmation, marriages, funerals) of the church during the previous year. [This is one way we know so many details from our history!] His first *Parish Record* was published in 1903. In that booklet, recording the events of his first year, from November 1, 1902 - October 31, 1903, he documented that year as the busiest of his life, having preached 157 times, conducted 34 funerals, administered 35 baptisms, performed 14 weddings, and confirmed 81 catechumens.

Several building projects were completed during Rev. Pflueger's tenure. In 1903, a house (the current "sexton's house") was built for the organist, sheds were erected to shelter church members' horse teams, and a parsonage was purchased on High Street in Womelsdorf (that parsonage was renovated in 1908). A highlight of Rev. Pflueger's tenure was the renovation of the church building in 1911. Additional floor space, a bell tower, and steam heat were added, plus other conveniences. More on that in next week's Holy Highlight...

In addition to changes in buildings, the church services were also changed. In July 1907, a resolution was adopted providing for more frequent administration of the Lord's Supper; four times a year instead of the customary two times per year. According to the 1911 Parish Record, a decision was made to stand prior to the reading of the Gospel lesson. This was because, "In the Epistle lesson the Apostles speak by inspiration, but in the Gospel Christ himself speaks to his people, and it is appropriate to show our reverence, by standing during the reading." And, on January 1, 1913, Church Council resolved that services in the

mornings would continue to be held in German, while services held in the afternoons and evenings would be held in English.

The church purchased Rev. Pflueger an automobile, which he referred to as his “assistant,” thanks to the amount of time it saved him in traveling between his parish churches.

In 1912, the Confirmation class provided a silk clerical robe for use by the pastor, which was met with much favor. As such, on October 12, the Church Council, “Resolved, That the use of the clerical robe in our congregation be sanctioned, and that the pastor be requested to continue its use.”

Rev. Pflueger took two leaves of absence for travel during his tenure at St. Daniel’s. One was a trip to attend the convention of the General Council (of the Lutheran Church) at Minneapolis. Another leave was taken for a trip to Europe, during which he visited “the homes of his ancestors, and places made famous by Luther.” This trip included a viewing of the Passion Play at Oberammergau; a trip replicated in part by members of St. Daniel’s in 2000 during the church’s 250th anniversary celebration.

Rev. Oscar Pflueger died of a heart attack on July 22, 1913, while preparing to go out on some pastoral duties. He was just 52 years of age. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Allentown. The 1915 Parish Record (for 1914 activities) contained a tribute to Rev. Pflueger (see photos).

Notable church events during Rev. Pflueger’s ministry at St. Daniel’s:

1906: The 44-year-old pipe organ was reconsecrated after having been rebuilt at an expense of \$370.

1906: The first formal church women’s group was formed, called “Willing Workers.”

August 6, 1911: The Aid Society of St. Daniel’s Congregation was organized.

1912: A Bell telephone was installed in the parsonage. The phone number was 39 Womelsdorf.

What an amazing and enduring history we share!

Follow this space throughout the year for snippets of St. Daniel’s history from 1751 to 2026.


Historical details taken from the 'Saint Daniel's Evangelical Lutheran Church "Eck Kirche" 1751-2001' church history book written by the St. Daniel's History Committee in celebration of the 250th anniversary. More detail regarding this topic is found in Chapter 3 – Pastors. Additional details from Parish Records. Photos of St. Daniel’s archives.

#StDaniels #StDanielsLutheranChurch #EckKirche #CornerChurch
#OnTheHillOverlookingRobesonia #RobesoniaPA #1751StDaniels2026
#275thAnniversary #HolyHighlights #History #OurHistory #ReverendOscarPflueger
#ParishRecord #ALotHappensIn275Years

THE PARISH RECORD

No. 11. WOMELSDORF, PA. OCTOBER, 1915

The Rev. Oscar E. Pflueger, English Secretary of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states and pastor of the Womelsdorf Parish, was born in Allen Township, Northampton County, March 11th, Allentown, from which institution he was graduated in 1884. He studied theology in the Lutheran Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1887. In the same year he was ordained to the ministry



REV. OSCAR F. PFLUEGER.

1861, and was a son of James L. Pflueger and his wife Elizabeth (Keim). In his youth he taught school for a number of years and then entered Muhlenberg College at of the Lutheran Church which he served as a zealous and consecrated pastor for more than twenty-six years. His first parish was the Beaver-

The 1915 Parish Record contained a tribute to Rev. Pflueger after his death.

town Parish in Snyder County, consisting of six congregations, which he served until 1889, when he accepted a call to the Lykens Valley Parish, which consisted at first of five congregations but later only of four, St. John's, Berrysburg, calling a pastor of its own in 1894. He served there until 1902, when in November he became the pastor of the Womelsdorf parish. He served this parish until his death, which occurred suddenly on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1913.

Rev. Pflueger had been suffering more or less for some time with a serious condition of his heart. On the morning of the above date while getting his automobile ready for a short trip to attend to some pastoral duties he was suddenly seized with a severe attack of heart failure which resulted fatally before any medical assistance could be secured.

The funeral services at Womelsdorf were held on Friday, July 25th. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk of Lebanon. Further services were held the following day in Christ Church, Allentown, where the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, President of the Ministerium, preached the sermon.

Rev. Pflueger was married to Ella C. Leopold, daughter of Rev. Owen and Maria Leopold, of Allentown, Pa., on June 14th, 1887. The widow survives.

His age was 52 years, 4 months, 11 days. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Allentown.

Rev. Pflueger filled many positions of trust and honor, of which we note the following: President and Secretary of the Danville Conference, Editor of *Lutheran Messenger*, and Trustee of Muhlenberg College.

The parish was without a pastor for one year, during which time the preaching was done by supplies. On May 24th, 1914, the present pastor

preached for the first time at Zion, Womelsdorf, and St. Daniel's Robesonia. On the afternoon of the above day a parish meeting was held, at which meeting it was decided to have an election for a pastor on June 21st, 1914. Rev. H. S. Kidd was placed in nomination and elected by each of the three congregations on the date above agreed upon. The result of the election was 93 votes "for" and 1 vote "against." The call was issued and forwarded at once.

The call specified that services of the new pastor were to begin on July 1st. The call was accepted and oversight assumed on July 1st. The pastor with his family moved into the parsonage on July 24th, precisely one year after the funeral of Rev. Pflueger.

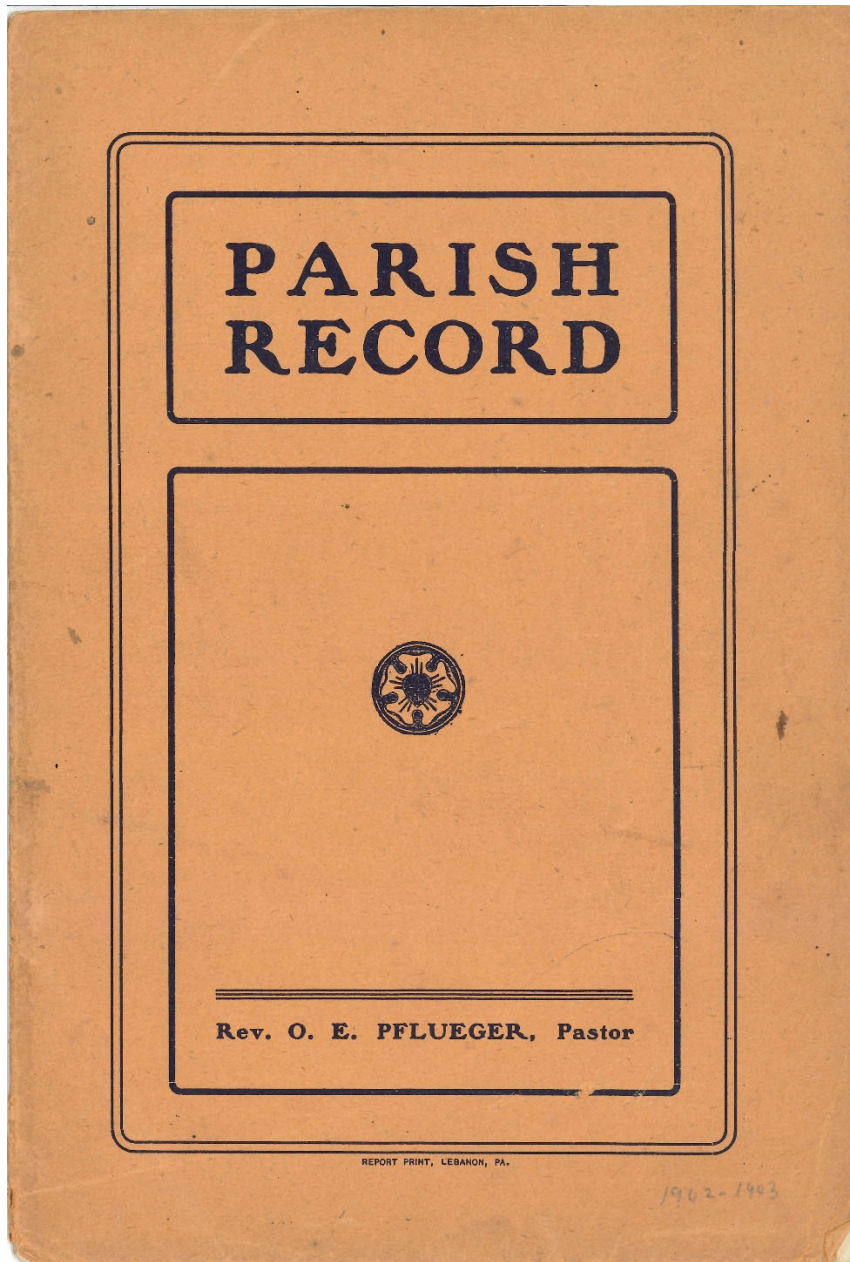
On August 30th the new pastor was installed at St. Daniel's Church. The services were held in the forenoon. The charge to the pastor was delivered in the English language by Rev. C. E. Kistler, President of the Reading Conference. The charge to the parish was delivered in the German language by Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., of Allentown. On the evening of the same day the pastor preached his initial sermon as pastor in Zion Church, Womelsdorf.

A week after our arrival at Womelsdorf the members and friends of Zion congregation held a very well attended reception in the church. Addresses welcoming us to our new home were made by Revs. Moore, Laudenslager, and Klick. There is nothing like having lots of friends and making new ones all the time. This is one of the joys of being a minister.

From various paragraphs in the former numbers of the *Parish Record*

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(Continued) The 1915 Parish Record contained a tribute to Rev. Pflueger after his death.



Published in 1903, the first edition of the Parish Record initiated by Rev. Oscar Pflueger.
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Bernville	4, 18	1, 15, 29	14, 28	11, 25	9, 23	8, 20	4, 18	1, 15, 29	13, 26	10, 24
Strausstown	6, 19	2, 16	1, 15, 29	12, 26	10, 24	7, 21	6, 19	3, 16, 30	13, 27	11, 25

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ST. DANIEL'S CHURCH

...THE...
PARISH RECORD

OF THE
Womelsdorf Parish

Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium
of Pennsylvania



CONGREGATIONS:
St. Daniel's (Corner), Robesonia, Pa. Zion, Womelsdorf, Pa.
St. John's, Host, Pa. Zion, Strausstown, Pa.

1902 - 1903
Rev. O. E. PFLUEGER, Pastor
Womelsdorf, Pa.

The Womelsdorf Parish consisted of 4 congregations (St. Daniel's, Zion in Womelsdorf, St. John's in Host, and Zion in Strausstown), but a photo of St. Daniels' church was included in this issue.

PARISH OFFICERS.

REV. O. E. PFLUEGER, *President.*

WILLIAM S. FILBERT, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM H. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

DELEGATES:

Conference, St. Michael's Church, near Hamburg, May 11-12, 1903.

E. F. OXENRIDER.

Synod, St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, June 4-10, 1903.

EZRA I. SHADE.

Conference, Trinity Church, Wernersville, September 29-30, 1903.

HARRY W. SHEELER and JONATHAN E. STUMP, *Alternate.*

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCILS.

The year indicates the time of expiration of office.

ST. DANIEL'S, ROBESONIA.

Officers are elected on the third Saturday in December, Elders for four, Trustees for three, and Deacons for two years.

The Council meets on the third Saturdays of January, April, July and October.

David Kiebach, Elder.....	1903	William B. Stump, Deacon.....	1904
Franklin H. Bricker, Elder.....	1903	Daniel B. Stump, Trustee.....	1904
Harry W. Sheeler, Deacon.....	1903	William H. Brown, Elder.....	1905
Milton R. Gruber, Deacon.....	1903	Milton L. Stump, Elder.....	1905
G. Frank Roether, Trustee.....	1903	Samuel K. Wenrich, Trustee.....	1905
Owen C. Hughes, Deacon.....	1904	Jonathan E. Stump, Treasurer....	1903

ZION, WOMELSDORF.

Officers are elected on New Year, Elders and Deacons for two years, Trustees for three years.

C Franklin Clouse, Elder.....	1904	William S. Filbert, Trustee.....	1905
William E. Good, Deacon.....	1904	Franklin D. Smith, Elder.....	1905
John E. Rhine, Deacon.....	1905		

ST. JOHN'S, HOST.

Officers are elected at the Spring communion for two years.

Joseph Z. Feeg, Elder.....	1903	Calvin T. Fehr, Deacon.....	*1904
Adam J. Zerbe, Elder.....	1903	Israel R. Zerbe, Elder.....	1905
Calvin L. Wagner, Deacon.....	1903	Levi Richards, Elder.....	1905
Milton J. Sterner, Deacon.....	1903	Oliver Schoener, Deacon.....	1905
William F. Anspach, Elder.....	1904	Albert F. Lengel, Deacon.....	1905
E. F. Oxenrider, Elder.....	†1904	E. F. Oxenrider, Trustee.....	1905
Harry J. Rhine, Deacon.....	1904	Joseph Z. Feeg, Trustee.....	1906

ZION, STRAUSTOWN.

Officers are elected on Easter Monday, Elders and Deacons for two years, and Trustees for three years.

Franklin H. Stump, Elder.....	1903	John G. Bare, Trustee.....	1904
Charles L. Epler, Deacon.....	1903	Jacob W. Seitzinger, Elder.....	1905
Alfred M. Unger, Trustee.....	1903	William P. McAllister, Deacon....	1905
Ezra I. Shade, Elder.....	1904	John W. Hollenbach, Trustee.....	1905
David Haag, Deacon.....	1904	John A. Degler, Trustee.....	1906

*Resigned.
†Secretary.

THE PARISH RECORD

No. 1.

WOMELSDORF, PA.

OCTOBER 31, 1903.

THE Parish Record may be a new idea to you. What do you think of it?

OBSERVE that it is the purpose of the pastor by this means to place on permanent record every ministerial act and every interesting event of the year, in such a way that it may be easily accessible.

NOTICE a fine picture of St. Daniel's church, in which worships the oldest and largest congregation of this parish, which this year engaged in the holding of special sesqui-centennial festivities.

THE Sunday-school of Womelsdorf lifts quarterly offerings for missionary purposes, so that last year it was able to contribute \$14.41 to the Lutheran funds. This is an excellent plan.

THE following are the delegates-elect to Synod and Conference: Spring Conference, Milton L. Gruber, with Owen C. Hughes as alternate. Synod, William S. Filbert, with C. Franklin Clause as alternate. Fall Conference, Franklin H. Bricker, with Harry W. Sheeler as alternate.

NOTICE that in three of our four congregations there were administered only 10 baptisms altogether. Were there no more children born, or were they not brought for baptism?

DURING the year your pastor preached 157 times, officiated at 34 funerals, administered 35 baptisms, solemnized 14 weddings and confirmed 81 persons, one funeral and three baptisms having taken place in his former parish. The pastor regards it as the busiest year of his life.

OCTOBER 29, 1902, the Rev. Aaron Finck, who ministered to this parish from 1864 to 1892, departed this life at Read-

ing, Pa., at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 28 days, and was laid to rest in Charles Evans Cemetery, November 4th. His records of ministerial acts are now the property of the parish, in the hands of the pastor.

MR. JOHN C. FISHER, of St. Daniel's congregation, is the only student of our parish at Muhlenberg College. He will graduate next spring. There should be more. Who else desires a liberal education so as to be better prepared for usefulness in the Church and the world, such an education as Muhlenberg College can best give?

READ with care the report of receipts and disbursements of the benevolent contributions of the parish for the year. The total apportionment on our parish is \$135, so that you may note that last year we have fallen short.

WOULD you have The Parish Record appear at the end of each pastoral year? Then contribute to this end by speaking with appreciation of it when opportunity offers, as well as contribute liberally to the expense of publication in the small envelope herewith enclosed. Any money above the cost of printing will be devoted to the cost of repairs and improvements on the parsonage.

THE purpose is to cover only the first year of this pastorate, November 1, 1902, to October 31, 1903, in this record, but exception is made with reference to the report of benevolence, where the report for the *Synodical* year is given, so that it may conform to the report in the minutes of Synod and not lead to confusion. The catechetical classes also who were catechized during the year and confirmed soon after the year had ended, are included as belonging to this year's work.

THE sesqui-centennial celebration of St. Daniel's congregation, September 12-13, was a success even beyond expectations, from any point of view considered. This seems to be the unanimous verdict of those present. The full account of the services with the history of the congregation, press notices, portraits of the pastors and the picture of the venerable church, together with a full list of the present members, is published in attractive form as a Souvenir of the happy occasion and should be possessed not only by every member, but by many others as well. It may be had of the pastor, while the supply lasts, at twenty-five cents each.

ENCOURAGING is the amount of Lutheran literature which has found circulation in our congregations this year. Of the new edition of the Church Book, 54 copies have been placed in our churches, and 40 copies have been sold to individuals, 100 Church Almanacs were sold last year, six copies of the weekly, and 70 copies of the monthly LUTHERAN have been circulated, and the Sunday-school Book has been introduced in the Luther League at Womelsdorf and meets with special approval.

MULLENBERG COLLEGE is one of the greatest concerns of our Synod and her congregations at this time. She needs our fervent prayers and offerings. With the chair of the president vacated by the death of President Seip, she needs the guidance of God to direct the Board to a becoming Head to guide the College over the crisis of her transformation. The laymen of Berks county have undertaken a noble work in the erection of Berks Hall, of which coming generations will feel proud, and our congregations should also, as soon as possible, fall into line and gather their offerings. Your pastor has received an offering as a "nest egg" for this purpose. Who else is ready?

WHEN the parsonage was purchased, it was known that the property was not in a suitable condition for use as the home

of the pastor. Consequently the pastor decided to devote his own contribution of \$200, which he had promised, to much-needed alterations and improvements, and built an addition of six feet, of brick, two stories, to conform to the rest of the house. On the first floor this was fitted up as a cookery and on the second floor it is arranged for a bath, ready for the placing of the furniture. The water was taken into the house, the cellar excavated and cemented, a hot air heating plant installed, and other necessary work done. Naturally more than the allowance of \$200 must be expended in order to do this work in a proper, permanent way. The outlay so far is \$454.58, with outstanding amounts, which will swell the sum to at least \$475. This is \$275 beyond what the pastor thought fair that he should pay. The money paid for the purchase must not be diverted to improvements, and the pastor must pay the *whole amount* unless his friends regard it too much and come to his assistance. Any contribution which you may make in the envelope found at the first page of this pamphlet will be devoted to this purpose. Thank you in advance!

THE number of guests at the communions was as follows. Were you among the number?

	Fall '02.	Sp'g '03.	Sum. '03.	Fall '03.
St. Daniel's.....	448	448	...	451*
Womelsdorf.....	67	152*	106	114
Host.....	183	198	...	183*
Strausstown.....	294*	283	...	284*
Totals.....	992	1051	106	1032

*Confirmation.

THE plan for the raising of funds for the parsonage, adopted by the church councils, calls for four quarterly contributions by our members in envelopes provided for the purpose. Three of these quarterly contributions have so far been made with the following results:

	I Qr.	II Qr.	III Qr.	Total.
St. Daniel's.....	\$329.56	\$ 47.25	\$ 11.00	\$387.81
Womelsdorf.....	293.00	43.25	45.75	382.00
Host.....	102.97	18.25	21.75	142.97
Strausstown.....	230.95	40.25	23.25	334.45
Totals.....	\$1126.48	\$149.00	\$101.75	\$1377.23

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

- Parish.**
 1902, October 31.—The pastor arrived to assume his duties in the parish.
 1902, November 27.—Thanksgiving Day.—The pastor was installed in Zion Church, Womelsdorf, by the Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., President of the Ministerium, assisted by the Revs. O. Leopold and A. F. Pfueger, D. L. Fogelman and J. W. Early.
 1903, January 10.—A meeting of the joint church councils was held at Host, and steps were taken towards securing a parsonage.
 1903, February 25.—The parsonage, located at the S. W. corner of High and Third streets, Womelsdorf, was purchased for \$4,000.
 1903, May 1.—The pastor took possession of the parsonage.
St. Daniel's, Robesonia.
 1903, The Congregation erected a fine house for the use of the organist, in place of the one which was worn out.
 1903, September 12-13.—The congregation celebrated the 150th anniversary of the erection of its first church by the holding of very interesting services in which the pastor was assisted by eight pastors and eight choirs.
Zion-Womelsdorf.
 1902, November 12.—The members and citizens honored the pastor by tendering him a public reception in the Town Hall.
 1902, December 7.—The time-honored custom of the use of the clerical robe was restored at the request of the members of the congregation.
 1902, December 14.—After thorough renovation, alteration and refurnishing, at an expense of about \$700.00, the Sunday-school room was reconsecrated with suitable services, in which the Lutheran pastor was assisted by the Rev. E. O. Leopold, and the Reformed pastor by the Rev. J. Lewis Fluck.
 1903, April 12.—Easter.—The catechetical class presented 18 copies of the New Edition of Church Book to the congregation.
 1903, April 30.—A Luther League was organized with 40 members.
 1903, October 7.—The Luther League entertained the Berks County Central Luther League.
St. John's, Host.
 1903, During the Summer the pastor preached every alternate Sunday, doubling the usual service.
Zion-Strausstown.
 1903, During the Summer the pastor preached every alternate Sunday, doubling the usual service.
 1903, July.—The church was struck by lightning and damaged to such an extent that the bell and tower were removed.
 1903, August 20.—The two congregations decided that the new church to be erected is to be placed on the same site as that on which the old church stands, by a vote of 162 to 21, and that a chapel is to be connected with the new church instead of a basement, by a vote of 107 to 68.

ORGANIZATIONS.

- Lutheran.** **Reformed.** **Baptist.**
ST. DANIEL'S, ROBESONIA.
 Union Sunday-school.
 Superintendent.....H. L. Leinbach.*
 Asst. Superintendent.....Miss Sue E. Shearer.†
 President.....S. E. Keiser.*
 Rec. Secretary.....Miss Lillie M. Sellers.†
 Cor. Secretary.....Miss Ethel Watson.
 Librarian.....Harry C. Drehsbach.†
 Asst. Librarian.....William J. Noll.†
 Asst. Librarian.....Robert E. Keener.†
 Treasurer.....Adam P. Miller.*
 Pianist.....Miss Estella M. Gerhart.†
 Asst. Pianist.....Mrs. H. L. Bollman.†
Christian Endeavor.
 President.....Dr. H. L. Bollman.†
 V. President.....Harry W. Sheeler.*
 Rec. Secretary.....Miss Leisler.†
 Cor. Secretary.....Miss Sue E. Shearer.†
 Treasurer.....Wm. H. Brown.*
 Pianist.....Miss Swope.†
 Asst. Pianist.....Miss May M. Deppen.
ZION, WOMELSDORF.
 Union Sunday-school.
 Superintendent.....Charles P. Kreitzer.*
 Asst. Superintendent.....Charles P. Kreitzer.*
 Rec. Secretary.....Wm. H. Moore.*
 Librarian.....Levi F. Goldman.*
 Asst. Librarian.....O. E. Leinbach.†
 Asst. Librarian.....Harry P. Kreitzer.*
 Treasurer.....A. M. Lengel.†
 Organist.....Miss Anna M. Moore.*
 Supt. Infants.....Mrs. H. F. Livingood.†
 Assistant.....Miss Emma M. Filbert.†
Luther League.
 President.....Amos M. Hassler.
 V. President.....Charles D. Leinbach.
 Rec. Secretary.....Miss Annie L. Eberly.
 Cor. Secretary.....Miss Irene M. Higg.
 Treasurer.....Frank D. Smith.
 Organist.....Mrs. E. Reed Taylor.
 Asst. Organist.....Miss Esther M. Bright.
 Chorister.....Miss Anna M. Moore.
Mite Society.
 President.....Miss Laura M. Althouse.†
 V. President.....Mrs. M. S. Weidman.†
 Secretary.....Miss Mary Freeborn.†
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Kate Livingood.†
 Organist.....Miss Emma M. Filbert.*
ZION, STRAUSSTOWN.
 Union Sunday-school.
 Superintendent.....Calvin A. Unger.*
 Asst. Superintendent.....Rev. F. E. Huester.†
 Rec. Secretary.....C. V. Reber.*
 Cor. Secretary.....Orson N. Ritzman.*
 Treasurer.....Isaac Moll.†
 Organists.....Wm. A. Unger.*
 Miss Bertha E. Haag.*
 Miss Florence Baitelger.*
 Chorister.....Mrs. J. W. Seyfert.*
 Librarians.....Miss Ellen N. Houenbach.*
 Miss Estella Spatz.†
 Ticket Agent.....Miss Maggie Hiestler.†
Mite Society.
 President.....Mrs. J. W. Seyfert.*
 V. President.....Morris M. Haag.*
 Rec. Secretary.....Mrs. Ellen J. Weisenborn.†
 Asst. Secretary.....R. M. Moll.†
 Fin. Secretary.....A. M. Hiestler.†
 Treasurer.....Mrs. W. A. Baitelger.†
 Chaplain.....Mrs. J. W. Seitzinger.*

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

They shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able.—Deut. 16:16-17.
 Note.—This record is not for the pastoral, but for the synodical year, closing on the day after Ascension Day. See English Minutes of Synod, 1903, page 144.

RECEIPTS.	
St. Daniel's, Robesonia.	
April 10, 1903, Good Friday	\$ 4 29
April 26, 1903, Communion	24 94
	<hr/> \$29 23*
Zion, Womelsdorf.	
Dec. 21, 1902, Communion	\$ 2 40
April 12, 1903, Communion	8 47
April 25, 1903, Ladies' Mite Society ..	6 00
May 15, 1903, Sunday-school	14 41
	<hr/> \$31 28
St. John's, Host.	
September 7, 1902, Harvest Home	\$9 07
April 19, 1903, Communion	8 15
	<hr/> \$17 25
Zion, Strausstown.	
May 17, 1903, Communion	\$13 72
	<hr/> \$91 48

BAPTISMS.

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—John 3:5.
 Note.—The Sponsors in each case are the parents, unless otherwise indicated.

ST. DANIEL'S, ROBESONIA.

LEININGER.—Carl Victor, son of James B. and Anna L. Leininger, born September 24, 1902, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized November 9, 1902.

HEFFLEY.—Blanche Katie Elizabeth, daughter of Simon P. and Lizzie E. Heffley, born December 11, 1901, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized November 9, 1902, the sponsor being Alice J. Brossman.

STUMP.—Harvey Adam, son of Adam D. and Amelia R. Stump, born July 25, 1902, in N. Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized November 9, 1902.

WENRICH.—George David, son of Rufus and Susan R. Wenrich, born October 3, 1902, in Robesonia, Pa., baptized November 9, 1902.

HAUCK.—Annie May, daughter of William S. and Annie E. Hauck, born January 30, 1903, in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, Pa., baptized November 17, 1902.

McCook.—Norman LeRoy, son of

Ralph McCook and his wife, Mary C., was born October 19, 1902, in Robesonia, Pa., baptized December 7, 1902.

RINGLER.—John Jacob, son of Edwin D. Ringler and his wife, Mary M., was born February 23, 1902, at Womelsdorf, baptized January 18, 1903.

BRIGEL.—George Adam, son of Albert J. Brigel and his wife, Ester E., was born January 28, 1903, at Robesonia, Pa., baptized January 31, 1903.

WENRICH.—Riley Roland, son of Adam Wenrich and his wife, Alice K., was born January 22, 1902, at Robesonia, Pa., baptized February 15, 1903.

WOLF.—Edna Ellen, daughter of Aaron Wolf and wife, Eva, A., was born March 26, 1902, near Womelsdorf, Pa., baptized March 10, 1903, the sponsor being the grandmother, Mrs. Elmira Brigel.

HEFFNER.—William Israel, son of George F. Heffner and his wife, Kate H., was born December 25, 1901, in N. Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized March 28, 1903, William Kiebach and his wife, Deborah, appearing as sponsors.

DISBURSEMENTS.	
General Fund of Synod	\$56 48
English Home Missions of G. C.	15 00
German Home Missions of G. C.	10 00
Foreign Missions	10 00
	<hr/> \$91 48

*Besides the amount which passed through the pastor's hands the Orphans' Home Society of this congregation contributed \$129.11 to the Tipton Orphans' Home, making the total amount of this congregation \$149.34.

MOYER.—Leo Jacob, son of Daniel J. Moyer and his wife, Emma R., was born March 3, 1903, at Robesonia, Pa., baptized May 3, 1903.

MCLEAN.—John William, son of William S. and Lauretta E. McLean, was born September 26, 1902, at Robesonia, Pa., baptized June 2, 1903, the sponsor being the mother.

MOYER.—Virginia Sylvania, daughter of Frederick and Annie Moyer, was born January 3, 1903, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized July 5, 1903.

MARDERNES.—Susan Mary, daughter of Samuel and Katie E. Marderness, was born April 17, 1903, in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, Pa., baptized July 5, 1903.

HAAG.—Robert Earl, son of Harry M. and Sallie G. Haag, born April 28, 1903, in Robesonia, Pa., baptized July 26, 1903.

BEHNEY.—August 8, 1903, Leah Amelia, daughter of Darins C. and Leah M. Behney. Born in N. Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., June 5, 1903.

SHEETZ.—September 5, 1903, LeRoy Brossman, son of Newton S. and Bessie L. Sheetz, born at Robesonia, Pa., June 29, 1903. The mother is the sponsor.

MARDERNES.—Cora Annie, daughter of Davilla and Emma C. Marderness, born August 9, 1903, in Millcreek township, Lebanon county, Pa., baptized September 13, 1903.

CERR.—Jennie Sarah, daughter of Levi G. and Sallie N. Cerr, born June 26, 1903, in Sinking Springs, Pa., baptized September 27, 1903.

KEPPLEY.—William Thomas, son of Albert T. and Annie M. Keppley, born August 12, 1903, in Robesonia, Pa., baptized October 4, 1903.

BROSSMAN.—Marion Rebecca, daughter of Jefferson W. and Magrie E. Brossman, born June 4, 1903, at Wernersville, Pa., baptized October 7, 1903.

ZION, WOMELSDORF.

BETZ.—Earl James Michael, son of Harry E. and Ella F. Betz, was born Feb-

ruary 23, 1903, at Newmanstown, Pa., baptized June 20, 1903, the sponsor being the mother.

BENNETHUM.—Lewis Earl, son of Michael L. and Edna S. Bennethum, was born March 20, 1902, in Womelsdorf, Pa., baptized June 21, 1903, the sponsors being the mother and grandfather, Levi Bennethum.

MATTHEW.—Marie, daughter of Milton S. and Lizzie A. Matthew, born May 29, 1903, at Womelsdorf, Pa., baptized July 7, 1903, the sponsor being the mother.

EBERLY.—August 25, 1903, La Rue Barnett, daughter of Henry B. and Hannah M. Eberly, born at Womelsdorf, Pa., July 6, 1903.

ST. JOHN'S, HOST.

FROMM.—Bessie Sibylla, daughter of William J. and Mary A. Fromm, was born April 22, 1903, in North Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized May 31, 1903.

SCHOENER.—Dorothy Lucretia, daughter of Andrew W. and Lotta P. Schoener, born December 31, 1903, in Womelsdorf, Pa., baptized July 19, 1903.

FIRESTONE.—George Nicholas, son of John N. and Kate E. Firestone, born April 23, 1903, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized October 5, 1903, the sponsor being its mother.

ZION, STRAUSSTOWN.

KEENER.—Carrie May, daughter of Charles H. and Hettie M. Keener, born November 13, 1902, at Strausstown, Pa., baptized November 30, 1902.

POTTEIGER.—Minnie Minerva, daughter of Cornelius S. Pottieger and his wife, Mamie A., was born February 28, 1903, in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized April 19, 1903.

WAGNER.—California, son of Henry S. Wagner and wife, Kate C., was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., February 17, 1903, baptized May 16, 1903.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Whoever therefore shall confess me before men; him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 10:32.

ZION, STRAUSTOWN.

November 16, 1903.

Olivier B. Balanzer. Cecylia E. Keener.
Cyril Merton Parr. Charles C. Reber.
Edwin Samuel Heuse. William H. Schade.
John W. Hollenbach. Albert W. Strauss.
Earl H. Keener. Adam Weiser.
Florence Battisger. Martha Miller.
Missie Amanda Epling. Maggie Martha Reentschler.
Elihu Nora Hollenbach. Evelyn H. Hitzman.
Tams Ruberta Keener. Cora Amanda Strauss.

ZION, WOMELSDORF.

April 12, 1903.

Fred D. Arnold. Ralph G. Matthew.
Frank M. Cresse. Harry J. Misteuf.
Herbert S. Fidler. Isaac Mounitz.
Anson M. Hoosler. Wiley T. Sellme.
Harry P. Kruitzer. Charles A. Scharie.
William S. Kurtz. Robert E. Strickler.
William A. Strickler.
Bertha R. Degler. Florence K. Kintzer.
Mary E. Grimec. Lillie M. Mounitz.
Annie M. Gruber. Ella K. Salfade.
Stella Hahn. Meta R. Scheller.

ST. JOHN'S, HOST.

November 15, 1903.

Harry Ehrnsfeld. Milton Henry Schoener.
Samuel Thomas Ney. Ralph Eugene Schoener.
Mary Mariah Drupp. Laura Rebecca Schoener.
Matilda Kintzer. Mrs. Hannah Ney.
Annie Mary Zerbe.

*Adult Baptism.

MARRIAGES.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.—Gen. 2:24.

UMBENTOWER-ADAMS.—January 10th, 1903, at the bride's home, Irwin G. Umbentower, of West Reading, Pa., and Nettie L. Adams, of Robeson, Pa.

MATTHEW-MOENTZ.—January 31, 1903, at the bride's home, Milton S. Matthew and Lizzie A. Mounitz, both of Womelsdorf, Pa.

HOOPER-LAUCK.—February 7, 1903, at the pastor's home, Alvin H. Hooper, of Robeson, Pa., and Katie E. Lauck, of Newmanstown, Pa.

WENRICH-LENGLE.—March 14, 1903, at the pastor's home, John H. Wenrich and Agnes J. Lengle, both of Robeson, Pa.

MOYER-FIDLER.—April 11, 1903, at the pastor's home, Harry F. Moyer and Maggie N. Fidler, both of Robeson, Pa.

WAGNER-EBLING.—May 30, 1903, at the parsonage, Daniel S. Wagner and Lizzie Ebling, both of Strausstown, Pa.

SMITH-REED.—June 20, 1903, at the

parsonage, Robert F. Smith, of Womelsdorf, and Elsie M. Reed, of Robeson, Pa.

REBER-RENTSCHLER.—July 4, 1903, at the parsonage, Adam H. Reber and Amelia S. Rentschler, both of Strausstown.

MOYER-HOOVER.—July 25, 1903, at the parsonage, Levi Moyer, of Wernersville, Pa., and Eva Hoover, of Mountain Sunset, Pa.

SCHOENER-LEININGER.—August 8, 1903, at the parsonage, Paul A. Schoener, of Host, and Isabella Leininger, of Stoucksburg, Pa.

TAYLOR-EBERLY.—August 25, 1903, at the home of the bride, Edward R. Taylor and Laura M. Eberly, both of Womelsdorf, Pa.

SELL-KINTZER.—September 5, 1903, at the parsonage, George Sell and Lizzie M. Kintzer, both of Womelsdorf, Pa.

ANSPACH-KEENEY.—October 10, 1903, at the parsonage, Jacob B. Anspach and Sadie M. Keene, both of Host, Pa.

ZION, STRAUSTOWN.

November 1, 1903.

John Adam Degler. John Alvin Miller.
Marlin Cleveland Strauss.
Phoebe Estella Degler. Mabel Minnie Lengel.
Mrs. Lizzie B. Hollenbach. Iva Minerva Moyer.
Amy Miranda Reber.

ST. DANIEL'S, ROBESONIA.

November 8, 1903.

Wm. Charles L. Blatt. Frederick Aaron Moyer.
Chas. Herbert Brossman. George Washington Puff.
Charles Isaac Gruber. Henry Frederick Puff.
Robert Hoosler. Wm. Irvin Elias Schuler.
William Sheetz McLean. Paul Isaac Surder.
Willis S. Moser. Samuel Ruth Spatz.
Irvin Paul Wagner.

Cora Almada Barlett. Lottie May Helm.
Lillie Rebecca Brossman. Bertha Elvina Katzmann.
Naomi Brown. Bessie May Kiepley.
Lizzie May Degler. Esther May Kiepley.
Florence Mae Flaher. Sadie Ella Klomp.
Sallie Ann Degler. Clara L. Long.

FUNERALS.

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.—Gen. 3:19.

Note.—Unless otherwise mentioned, burial in each case took place at the church under which the sketch appears.

ST. DANIEL'S, ROBESONIA.

SPANGLER.—George, son of Jacob W. and Lizzie Spangler, was born September 10, 1897, in Robeson, Pa., baptized by the Rev. W. W. Kramlich, September 27, 1897, died November 9, 1903, of scarlet fever, aged 5 years, 1 month and 29 days.

SPANGLER.—Herbert John, son of the same parents, born at the same place, June 3, 1896, baptized July 12, 1896, by the same pastor, died November 19, 1902, of the same dread disease, aged 6 years, 5 months and 6 days.

STUPP.—John, a son of John Stupp and his wife, Sarah, was born July 25, 1818, baptized in infancy by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich. In youth he was confirmed in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Daniel's congregation, by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich. He died December 1, 1902, of old age and dropsical complications, survived by two brothers and three sisters, aged 84 years, 4 months and 6 days.

BOLLOCK.—John, a son of John Bollock and his wife, Louisa, was born February 11, 1857, in Marietta, Pa., baptized October 25, 1859, by the Rev. J. A. Darmstetter, confirmed in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the Rev. Dr. Stetter, married December 25, 1888, to Lillie Foreman by the Rev. Dr. Kraemer, which union was blessed with four sons and one daughter. He died at Lebanon, Pa., December 2, 1902, survived by his father, wife, three sons and one daughter, aged 44 years, 9 months and 19 days.

MOYER.—John Mahlon, son of John E. Moyer and his wife, Amanda, was born October 4, 1876, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized April 15, 1877, by the Rev. Aaron Finfrock, confirmed in the Lutheran faith, October 28, 1893, in Zion (Reed's) church, by the Rev. E. S. Brownmiller, D.D., died of inflammation of the bowels, December 5, 1902, aged 26 years, 2 months and 2 days.

FIDLER.—Sophia, daughter of George Holl and his wife, Mary Magdaline, was born May 2, 1826, baptized July 15, 1826, by the Rev. August Pauli, the sponsor being Sophia Setly. She was confirmed in the faith of the German Reformed Church, May, 1841, by the Rev. Isaac Miese, and on December 24, 1846, she was married to Adam Fidler, who with six sons and three daughters, preceded her to eternity. She died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. H. F. Simmon, at Robeson, January 12, 1903, of paralysis, survived by five daughters, 18 grand-children and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial took place January 17, in Charles Evans Cemetery at Reading, in charge of Rev. Kuendig, D.D., her pastor. The writer conducted the service at the house.

MOSSER.—Zebulon, son of Michael Mosser and his wife, Magdaline, was born April 23, 1818, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized August 24, 1818, by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich, the sponsors being Valentine Eckel and wife, Agata, the grandparents. He was confirmed in youth in the Evangelical Lutheran faith at Bernville, Pa., by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich, was married November 13, 1844, to Catharine Speicher, who preceded him to eternity in 1889, by the Rev. Geo. Minnig, which union was blessed with one son and two daughters, of whom one daughter is also deceased. He died February 14, 1903, of old age, aged 84 years, 9 months and 21 days.

SMITH.—Katie Ann, daughter of Simon Long and his wife, Amelia, was born September 13, 1861, in Upper Bern, Berks county, Pa., baptized November 17, 1861, by the Rev. Benjamin D. Zweitzig, the sponsors being Peter Long and his wife, Elizabeth, confirmed in the faith of the Lutheran Church March 18, 1876, in St. Michael's congregation at Upper Bern, by the same pastor, who also united her in marriage, October 23, 1893, with

Morris Smith, who remains with her parents, five brothers and four sisters, to mourn her death, which occurred February 22, 1903, the result of apoplexy, preceded by catarrh of the stomach, at the age of 41 years, 5 months and 9 days.

BENNETHUM.—John, a son of John Bennethum and his wife, Mary, was born December 3, 1844, in Marion township, Berks county, Pa., baptized 1845 by the Rev. William Pauli. October 7, 1893, he was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at St. Daniel's congregation by the Rev. W. W. Kramlich. He was first married to Sarah Hunnius, which union was blessed with two sons and three daughters. His wife having died about 1879, he was married again, October 27, 1889, to Kate Coleman by the Rev. Aaron Finfrock, which union was blessed with one son and one daughter, both of whom with their mother and one daughter of the first marriage, survive his death which took place March 7, 1903, aged 58 years, 3 months and 4 days.

WAGNER.—William David, son of Lewis Wagner and his wife, Elizabeth, was born October 7, 1877, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized by the Rev. Bachman, the sponsor being Mrs. Leah Derr, died March 7, 1903, aged 15 years and 5 months.

SIMMON.—Luther William, son of William J. Simmon and his wife, Sallie S., was born May 7, 1902, at Sinking Springs, Pa., baptized June 29, by the Rev. W. J. Kershner, died of pneumonia, March 12, 1903, aged 10 months and 5 days.

STRUNK.—Eliza, daughter of Enoch Fidler and his wife, Catharine, was born February 10, 1835, in Bern township, Berks county, Pa., baptized April 27, 1835, by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich, confirmed in youth in the Lutheran faith in Bellamane church, married April 3, 1871, to Reuben M. Strunk, by the Rev. E. Augustus Pauli, which union was blessed with two sons and one daughter, of whom one son, together with his father, preced-

ed his mother to eternity. She died at the home of her daughter in N. Heidelberg township, March 20, 1903, aged 68 years, 1 month and 10 days.

BECKER.—Willoughby, son of John and Caroline Becker, was born March 10, 1836, died at Millbach, Lebanon county, April 29, 1903, aged 67 years, 1 month and 19 days.

MOSER.—Charles L., son of John S. and Rebecca Moser, was born December 29, 1885, in N. Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized March 11, 1886, by the Rev. A. Finfrock, confirmed in St. Daniel's congregation, 1901, by the Rev. W. W. Kramlich, died of diphtheria June 10, 1903, aged 17 years, 5 months and 11 days.

LIGHTNER.—Ellen Fietta, daughter of Philip and Eliza Gruber, was born August 18, 1855, baptized May 7, 1857, by the Rev. Jno. M. Salen, confirmed in the Lutheran faith, May 4, 1872, by the Rev. A. Finfrock, who also united her in marriage, October 30, 1876, with Nathan F. Lightner, who remains with one daughter, the fruit of their union, to mourn her departure, which took place at Reading, June 26, 1903, aged 47 years, 10 months and 8 days.

BAUM.—Sarah Ann, nee Frederick, was born in 1816, baptized in infancy, confirmed in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Long's congregation, 1832, by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich, united in marriage, February 4, 1855, by the Rev. L. G. Eggers, to Isaac Baum, who preceded her to eternity 43 years ago. Two sons also preceded her to eternity. Survived by a son and daughter, she died, September 6, 1903, at the house of the latter, Mrs. John Gerhard, at Wernersville, aged 87 years.

BOLLOCK.—Herbert Edward, son of John Bollock, deceased, and his wife, Lillie, was born October 10, 1897, in Lebanon, Pa., and died at the same place, without baptism, September 27, 1903, aged 6 years, 11 months and 17 days.

ZION, WOMELSDORF.

MOYER.—Percival H., son of William Moyer and his wife, Hannah, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., February 10, 1831, baptized April 3, 1831, by the Rev. Herman, confirmed in youth as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, married first to Eliza Bellman, which union was blessed with two sons, of whom one preceded his father to eternity. He was married a second time to Malinda Heberling, which union was blessed with three daughters, who remain with their mother and a son to mourn his departure, which took place at Reading, Pa., March 15, 1903, aged 72 years, 1 month and 5 days.

COX.—Charles, son of Charles Cox and his wife, Ellen, was born December 7, 1833, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized December 25, 1833, by the Rev. Leinbach, confirmed in youth as a member of the Lutheran church, was married first to Leah Hauser, which union was blessed with four sons and four daughters, of whom one daughter is deceased, and was later married to Hannah Doneck, who remains to mourn his departure, which took place after protracted suffering from rheumatism, March 17, 1903, aged 69 years, 3 months and 10 days.

STARTZER.—Lena Edna, daughter of Henry J. and Annie Startzer, was born at Robeson, Pa., March 30, 1893, baptized in infancy by the Rev. W. W. Kramlich, died at the house of John Bierman at Robeson, Pa., May 7, 1903, aged 10 years, 1 month and 8 days.

LASCH.—Isaac Riley Lasch was born October 13, 1818, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pa., baptized December 6, of the year of his birth, and died May 14, 1903, aged 84 years, 7 months and 1 day.

MENTZER.—Sallie E., daughter of John and Sarah Hill, was born at Sheridan, Pa., October 8, 1874, baptized by the Rev. George Wolf, D.D., June 7, 1875, confirmed in Zion Reformed congregation, Womelsdorf, by the Rev. L. D. Stambaugh,

married by the same to Dr. Even W. Mentzer, May 21, 1903, died at her parents' home, July 23, 1903, aged 28 years, 9 months and 16 days.

ST. JOHN'S, HOST.

KAUFFMAN.—Emma, daughter of Harry and Maria Batdorf, was born January 1, 1871, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized in infancy by the Rev. A. Finfrock, confirmed in youth in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in St. John's congregation, Host, by the Rev. A. Finfrock, married to Mr. Kauffman, died, November 21, 1902, at Canton, O., of heart disease, aged 31 years, 10 months and 21 days. Because of the illness of the pastor, the funeral was in charge of the Rev. T. C. Leinbach.

BECKE.—George, a son of John Franz Becke and his wife, Catharine, was born November 17, 1823, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized December 25, 1823, confirmed in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg, by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich. He died November 29, 1902, of old age, aged 79 years and 12 days, survived by one sister.

STUPP.—Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of George Snyder and his wife, Rebecca, was born March 26, 1833, in Bethel township, Berks county, Pa., baptized June 9, 1833. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith in 1847 at Rehrersburg by the Rev. Daniel Ulrich, who also united her in marriage, April 17, 1852, with Harrison Stupp, which union was blessed with three sons and three daughters, of whom one son and two daughters, with their father, preceded her to eternity. She died April 4, 1903, of cancer, aged 70 years and 25 days.

OCHSENRIIDER.—Adam, son of John and Sarah Ochsenrider, was born June 29, 1831, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized in infancy by Rev. Hinkel, confirmed in youth in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the Rev. Thomas Yeager, which pastor

also united him in marriage, November 5, 1853, with Rebecca Schoener, who remains with three sons and one daughter, the fruit of their union, to mourn his death, which took place with his son, William, in Jefferson township, August 13, 1903, aged 72 years, 1 month and 14 days. A son and a daughter preceded him to eternity.

ZION, STRAUSSTOWN.

BARE.—Harriet, daughter of Francis Ruth and his wife, Magdalene, was born April 4, 1844, baptized November 24, 1844, by the Rev. C. Weiler, confirmed at St. Daniel's church, Robesonia, by the Rev. Thomas T. Jaeger, married September 3, 1861, to John G. Bare, who with five sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, mother and 11 brothers and sisters remain to mourn her departure, which took place March 11, 1903, aged 58 years, 11 months and 7 days.

FEICK.—Charles Milton, son of Monroe Feick and his wife, Susannah, was born December 28, 1869, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, Pa., baptized April 3, 1870, by the Rev. A. Finfrock, confirmed in Zion church, Strausstown, by the Rev. A. Finfrock, married March 10, 1894, to Alice K. Strauss, by Rev. W. W. Kramlich, which union was blessed with one son and three daughters, who remain with their mother to mourn his departure which took place April 8, 1903, aged 33 years, 3 months and 10 days.

LONG.—Hannah, daughter of John Strauss and his wife, Catharine, nee Seeman, was born May 31, 1821, baptized July 15, 1821, confirmed in youth in the Lutheran faith in Zion congregation, Strausstown, Pa., married April 9, 1842, to Joseph Long, which union was blessed with three sons and six daughters, of whom one son and two daughters, with their father, preceded her to eternity. She died April 15, 1903, aged 81 years, 10 months and 18 days.

KAYSER.—William, son of Nicholas and Maria Kayser, was born October 29,


1827, in Greenwich township, Berks county, Pa., baptized in infancy, confirmed April 25, 1885, in Zion congregation, Strausstown, married November 18, 1851, to Elizabeth Gehret, who preceded him five years ago, the mother of five sons and five daughters, all of whom survived their father, who died April 21, 1903, aged 75 years, 5 months and 22 days.

WERTMAN.—Maria, daughter of John and Catharine Strauss, was born May 30, 1824, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized July 11, 1824, by the Rev. Minnig, confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Zion congregation, Strausstown, married in 1845 to Jesse Wertman, deceased, which union was blessed with three sons and two daughters, of whom the two daughters are deceased. She died September 7, 1903, near Strausstown, aged 79 years, 3 months and 7 days.

DIETRICH.—William Albert, son of Joel L. and Catharine Dietrich, was born February 24, 1866, in Upper Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized June 24, 1866, the parents being sponsors, by the Rev. A. Finfrock, who also confirmed him in the Lutheran faith, April 16, 1881, in Zion congregation, Strausstown. April 30, 1892, he was united in marriage by the Rev. D. D. Trexler with Sallie M. Potteiger, who remains with his parents, brothers and sisters, to mourn his decease, which took place September 9, 1903, at the age of 37 years, 6 months and 15 days.

STRAUSS.—Samuel, son of John and Catharine Strauss, was born September 8, 1819, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Pa., baptized October 16, 1819, by the Rev. Herman, confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Zion congregation, Strausstown, married in 1842, to Susan Miller, who died 1881. This union was blessed with five sons and seven daughters, of whom three daughters also preceded him to eternity. He died September 30, 1903, at the home of his son at Summit Station, Schuylkill county, Pa., aged 84 years and 22 days.

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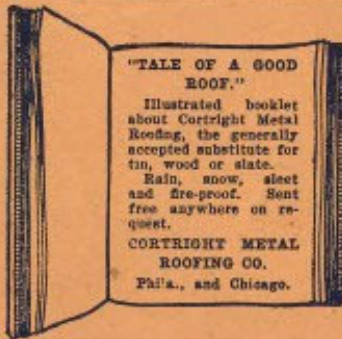


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ZION, WOMELSDORF.		March 7, 2 p. m. German.
Jan. 10, 10 a. m. English.		" 14, 7.35 p. m. *English.
" 10, 7 p. m. English.		" 21, 10 a. m. German.
" 24, 7 p. m. English.		" 28, 7.35 p. m. *English.
Feb. 7, 10 a. m. German.	April 4, 2 p. m. English.	
" 7, 7 p. m. English.		Easter.
" 21, 7 p. m. English.		" 11, 7.35 p. m. *English.
March 7, 10 a. m. English.		" 17, 2 p. m. Preparat'y Service.
" 7, 7 p. m. English.		" 18, 9 a. m. Ger. Communion.
" 21, 7 p. m. English.		" 25, 7.35 p. m. *English.
April 3, 7 p. m. Preparat'y Service.	May 2, 2 p. m. German.	
" 4, 10 a. m. Ger. Communion.	" 9, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 4, 7 p. m. Eng. Communion.	" 16, 10 a. m. English.	
" 18, 7.30 p. m. English.	" 23, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
May 2, 10 a. m. English.		Pentecost.
" 2, 7.30 p. m. English.		" 30, 2 p. m. German.
" 16, 7.30 p. m. English.	June 6, Vacant Synod in Session.	
Pentecost.	" 13, 10 a. m. German.	
" 30, 10 a. m. German.	" 20, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 30, 7.30 p. m. English.	" 27, 2 p. m. English.	
June 13, 7.30 p. m. English.	July 3, 7.35 p. m. *Prepar'y Service.	
" 26, 7.30 p. m. Preparat'y Service.	" 4, 7.35 p. m. *Eng. Communion.	
" 27, 10 a. m. Ger. Communion.	" 11, 10 a. m. German.	
" 27, 7.30 p. m. Eng. Communion.	" 18, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
July 11, 7.30 p. m. English.	" 25, 2 p. m. German.	
" 25, 10 a. m. English.	August 1, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 25, 7.30 p. m. English.	" 8, 10 a. m. English.	
August 8, 7.30 p. m. English.	" 15, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 22, 10 a. m. German.	" 22, 2 p. m. German.	
" 22, 7.30 p. m. English.	" 29, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
Sept. 5, 7.30 p. m. English.	Sept. 5, 10 a. m. German.	
" 19, 10 a. m. Ger. Har. Home.	" 12, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 19, 7 p. m. Eng. Har. Home.	" 19, 2 p. m. English.	
Oct. 3, 7 p. m. English.	" 26, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 16, 7 p. m. Preparat'y Service.	Oct. 3, 10 a. m. Ger. Har. Home.	
" 17, 10 a. m. Ger. Communion.	" 10, 7.35 p. m. *Eng. Har. Home.	
" 17, 7 p. m. Eng. Communion.	" 17, 2 p. m. German.	
" 31, 7 p. m. Reforma. Festival.	" 24, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
Nov. 14, 10 a. m. English.	" 30, 2 p. m. Preparat'y Service.	
" 14, 7 p. m. English.	" 31, 9 a. m. Ger. Communion.	
" 28, 7 p. m. English.	Nov. 7, 7.35 p. m. *Refor. Service.	
Dec. 11, 7 p. m. Preparat'y Service.	" 14, 2 p. m. English.	
" 12, 10 a. m. Ger. Communion.	" 21, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 12, 7 p. m. Eng. Communion.	" 28, 10 a. m. German.	
" 26, 7 p. m. English.	Dec. 5, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
ST. DANIEL'S, ROBESONIA.	" 12, 2 p. m. German.	
Jan. 2, 7.35 p. m. *Prepar'y Service.	" 19, 7.35 p. m. *English.	
" 3, 7.35 p. m. *Eng. Communion.	" 26, 10 a. m. English.	
" 10, 2 p. m. German.		<small>*Services in Robesonia Chapel.</small>
" 17, 7.35 p. m. *English.	ST. JOHN'S, HOST.	
" 24, 10 a. m. German.	Jan. 17, 2 p. m. German.	
" 31, 7.35 p. m. *English.	Feb. 14, 9.30 a. m. English.	
Feb. 7, 2 p. m. English.	March 14, 2 p. m. German.	
" 14, 7.35 p. m. *English.	April 10, 2 p. m. Preparat'y Service.	
" 21, 10 a. m. German.		
" 28, 7.35 p. m. *English.		

1909 schedule of services for the churches in the Womelsdorf Parish. St. Daniel's complete schedule is visible on this page. Note services in English and German. Note Harvest Home was celebrated in October.

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At its quarterly meeting, October 12, 1912, the Church Council of St. Daniel's congregation considered the language question, and decided that, beginning with January 1, 1913, the services held in the afternoons are always to be conducted in the English language as a slight concession to the younger portion of the membership, as well as a matter of uniformity easily to be remembered, viz., morning services in German, and afternoon and evening services in English. The younger portion of the membership should show great appreciation of its being favored by three-fourths of the services of the congregation being conducted in the English language, by very regular attendance.

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Excerpt from the 1912 Parish Record regarding services in German and English.