

✚ HOLY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL OVERLOOKING ROBESONIA ✚

BICENTERQUASQUIGENARY – CELEBRATING A LEGACY OLDER THAN THE USA

Can you believe we are halfway through our year of Holy Highlights?! As we get ready to celebrate the United States of America's 250th birthday this July 4th, let's remember that St. Daniel's has already passed that milestone! Founded in 1751, our church has stood as a beacon of faith for 275 years — 25 years older than the United States itself.

As St. Daniel's Lutheran Church celebrates its 275th anniversary in 2026, we mark a milestone reached by very few congregations (or other entities, for that matter) in America. When St. Daniel's first gathered for worship, the American colonies were still under British rule, the Declaration of Independence was still 25 years away, and the nation we now call home did not yet exist. Through wars, economic hardships, technological revolutions, and countless changes in society, St. Daniel's has remained rooted in the unchanging Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our history is filled with remarkable milestones, with some interesting names:

Anniversary (Years)	St. Daniel's Year	Latin Term	Pastorate
25	1776	Quadranscentennial (Silver)	Christopher Schulze
50	1801	Semicentennial (Golden)	Christopher Schulze
75	1826	Semisesquicentennial or Demisesquicentennial (Diamond)	Daniel Ulrich
100	1851	Centennial	Daniel Ulrich
125	1876	Quasquicentennial	Aaron Finrock
150	1901	Sesquicentennial	Oscar Pflueger (*celebrated in 1903)
175	1926	Demisemiseptcentennial or Dodransbicentennial or several others	Harry Miller
200	1951	Bicentennial	Elmer Leisey
225	1976	Quasquibicentennial	James Miller
250	2001	Semiquincentennial	Wayne Heintzelman

275	2026	Bicenterquasquigenary Because Latin did not have a dedicated, single word for 275, this term was constructed in English using Latin numerical elements (meaning "two hundred and fifty plus twenty-five")	St. Daniel's congregation
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**NOTE: The 150th anniversary was celebrated in 1903 due to being without a primary pastor in 1901.*

Think about everything this congregation has witnessed:

- Colonial America
- The Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Indian Wars, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, the Cold War, Gulf War, War in Afghanistan, Iraq War, Iran War, as well as other military operations
- The formation of the United States, as well as growth from the original 13 colonies to 50 states, Washington, D.C., and 5 inhabited territories
- The Great Depression
- The space age; satellites; human spaceflight; Moon landing; deep space probes; the International Space Station; goals for human space travel to Mars
- The digital revolution; Y2K
- Epidemics and Pandemics
- Natural disasters and human-created catastrophes
- Medical advancements too numerous to mention
- Inventions, including things like the cotton gin, telegraph, radar, light bulb, phonograph, television, computer, the internet, telephone, cell phone, planes, trains, and automobiles, etc., etc., etc.
- The loss of our church to fire in 1976 and the courage and commitment to rebuild
- And much more!

Through every generation, one thing has remained constant: faithful people have gathered to worship, baptize, commune, confirm, marry, comfort the grieving, teach children, study the Bible, serve and connect with the community, and proclaim the saving love of Jesus Christ. Our 275th anniversary is about much more than longevity. It is a celebration of God's faithfulness across nearly three centuries. Every generation has built upon the sacrifices and devotion of those who came before, ensuring that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed from this place. As we celebrate our ***Bicenterquasquigenary***, we give thanks for our past and we look ahead with hope, praying that future generations will one day celebrate anniversaries we can scarcely imagine...

See you in 2051 for St. Daniel's Tricentennial (300th) Anniversary!!!

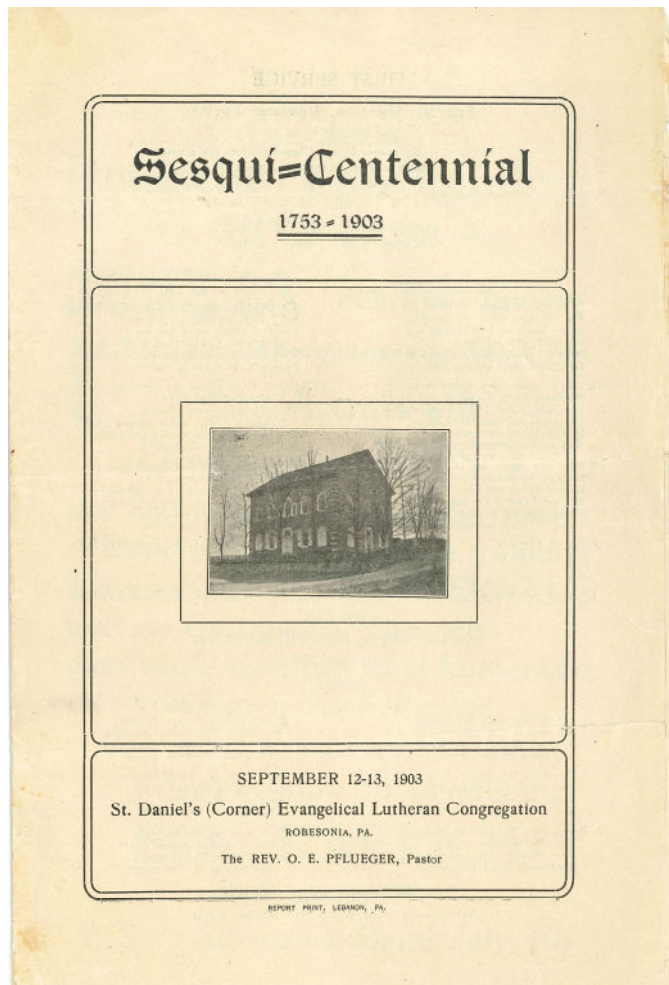
P.S. Happy 250th birthday, America!

What an amazing and enduring history we share!

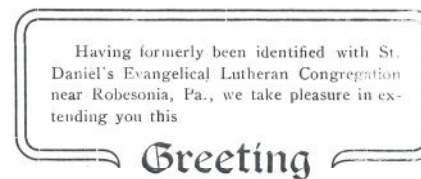
Follow this space throughout the year for snippets of St. Daniel's history from 1751 to 2026.

Historical details from Parish Records, Church Records, and Corner Church News publications as well as anniversary booklets and bulletins from the applicable years. Anniversary terms and historical facts researched on Google. Photos from St. Daniel's archives.

**#StDaniels #StDanielsLutheranChurch #EckKirche #CornerChurch
#OnTheHillOverlookingRobesonia #RobesoniaPA #1751StDaniels2026 #HolyHighlights
#History #OurHistory #ParishRecord #ChurchRecord #TheCornerChurchNews
#25thAnniversary #50thAnniversary #75thAnniversary #100thAnniversary
#125thAnniversary #150thAnniversary #175thAnniversary #200thAnniversary
#225thAnniversary #250thAnniversary #275thAnniversary #Bicenterquasquigenary
#1751to2026 #ALotHappensIn275Years**



150th Anniversary bulletin cover



Greeting

Said congregation has appointed September 12-13, 1903, for the celebration of the Anniversary of the completion and consecration of its first church edifice. Public meetings will be held in the church on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, September 12, and on the morning, afternoon and evening of Sunday, September 13. In these interesting services the pastor will be assisted by other ministers of our Church, and the occasion will be a significant one in the history of the congregation.

An interesting feature of the celebration will be a Reunion of such persons as have at any time been in any way identified with the congregation, and at the service of Sunday afternoon appropriate addresses will be delivered to them.

You are, therefore,

Cordially Invited

To be with us on this day of joy and thanksgiving, to worship again in the old church, at the altar of your fathers, to stand reverently at the graves of your departed dead, and join hands with living friends.

In the fond hope of being favored with your presence, we are

Yours in the Lord,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATION.

O. E. PFLUEGER, PASTOR.

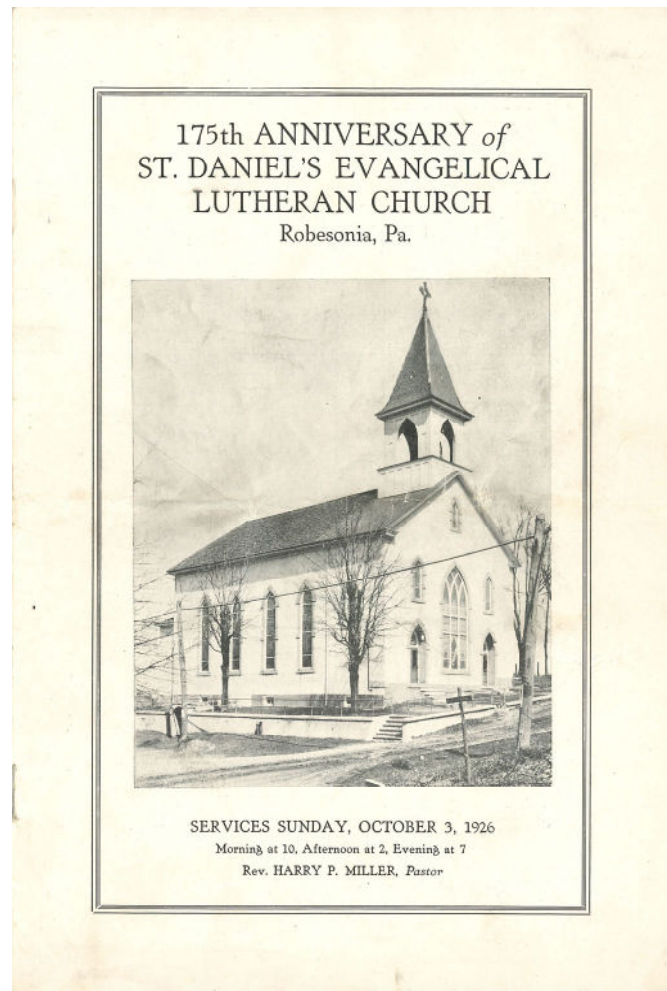
NOTE

It is especially desired that visitors should come to attend as many sessions of the celebration as possible and enjoy the pleasure of social intercourse during the intermissions. Therefore, provision will be made for the serving of lunch at the church as well as for the feeding of horses, both for nominal charges.

< Left: Invitation to the 150th Anniversary celebration

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.

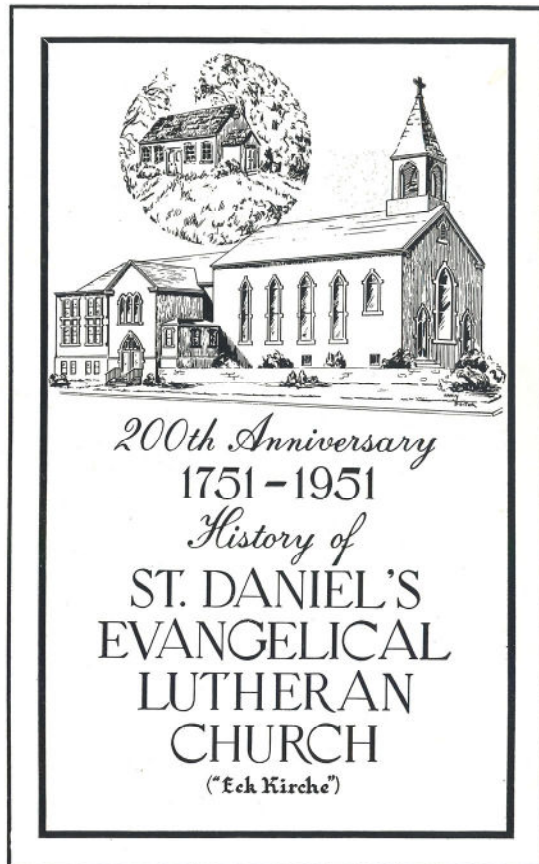
^Above: Summary of the 150th Anniversary celebration from the 1903 Parish Record



175th Anniversary bulletin cover



Summary of the 175th Anniversary celebration from the 1926 Parish Record



200th Anniversary booklet cover

THE FEATURE EVENTS OF THE 200th ANNIVERSARY



JULY 1—MEMORIAL SERVICE. Address by Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, Secretary of the United Lutheran Church

AUGUST 5—HOMECOMING. Address by Rev. Henry J. Pflum, Christ Lutheran Church of Allentown

AUGUST 19—CORNER STONE LAYING OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING. Speaker, Rev. Phillip Miller, of Catasauqua.

SEPTEMBER 23—FALL COMMUNION. Rev. Dr. Karl S. HENRY

The conclusion of the 200th Anniversary will be the dedication of the Christian Education Building and the remodeling of the Church.

200th Anniversary Schedule of Special Events

1776 — *Bicentennial Issue* — 1976



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1751 — *225th Anniversary Year* — 1976

SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL AND ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

1751 - 1976

225th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

May 30, 1976 - Memorial Day Celebration - 10:30 A.M.
Featuring "THE JONATHANS" presenting a
program of music entitled, "God and Country".

June 27, 1976 - HOMECOMING DAY SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.
Gathering of all confirmation classes confirmed
over the past years.

SPECIAL SPEAKER - The Rev. Harry L. Gruber,
a son of our congregation. He is the pastor of
St. Andrew Lutheran Church in North Carolina.

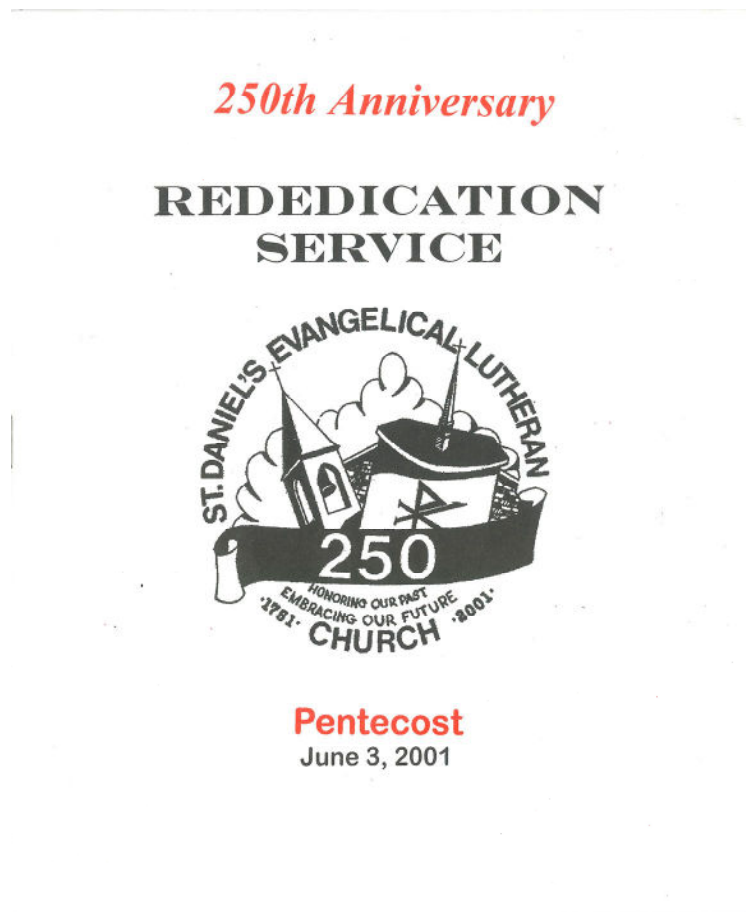
July 4, 1976 - The 200th Anniversary of our Country - 9:00 A.M.

September 12, 1976 - JOINT SERVICE of St. Daniel's and St. Paul's
U.C.C. - 7:30 P.M.
St. Daniel's 225th Anniversary
St. Paul's celebrated its 100th Anniversary Year.
A Pennsylvania Dutch Service with a guest Pastor.

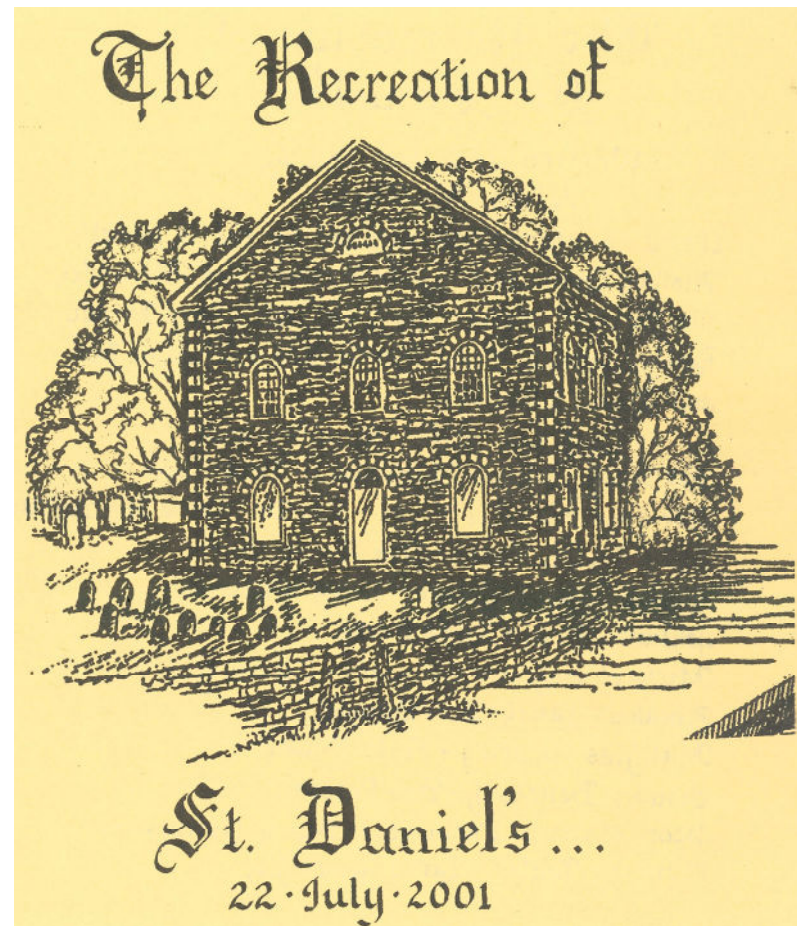
October 31, 1976 - REFORMATION SUNDAY - 10:30 A.M.
225th Anniversary Celebration
Speaker: The Rev. Harold S. Weiss
Pastor Weiss is the secretary and Assistant to the
President of our Northeastern Pa. Synod.

225th Anniversary booklet cover

225th Anniversary & USA Bicentennial
Schedule of Special Events



250th Anniversary Rededication Service bulletin cover



250th Anniversary
"Recreation of St. Daniel's" program cover



275th Anniversary graphic



January 4, 2026	Anniversary Kickoff Worship Service "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace" Special Guests: Rev. Robert & Carolyn Kramer, Rev. Shelley Miller, State Representative Eric Weaknecht, Commissioner Dante Santoni
February 8, 2026	"Love Through the Generations" Guest Pastor: Rev. Stephen Hollinger
March 8, 2026	"Foundations of Our Faith"
April 12, 2026	"Sing to the Lord – Honoring Our Music Heritage" Special Music Presentation
May 24, 2026	"Spirit-Led for 275 Years" – Pentecost Sunday Guest Pastor: Rev. Shelley Miller
June 21, 2026	"Gathering in Grace" – Church Picnic w/Fellowship and Reconnecting Entertainment by The Wyomissing Band
July 19, 2026	"Gathered in God's Creation" Guest Pastor: Rev. Stephen Hollinger
August 16, 2026	"Blessing the Journey Ahead" – Blessing of St. Daniel's and BCIU's Preschools
September 13, 2026	"Growing Together" – Intergenerational Worship Service on Grandparents Sunday
October 4, 2026	"One in the Lord" – Recognizing our Service to Others on World Communion Day Guest Pastor: Rev. Bob Kramer
November 8, 2026	"Where We've Come From" – A Look Back at our PA Dutch Heritage Special Guest: Keith Brintzenhoff
December 6, 2026	"Beyond 275 Years" Special Guests: Basic'ly Brass

275th Anniversary Schedule of Special Events