

✝ HOLY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL OVERLOOKING ROBESONIA ✝

A NEW LOOK – AND A FAMILIAR RING

After the construction of the Sunday School building in 1951/1952, St. Daniel's underwent additional renovations in 1964 and 1967 under the pastorate of Rev. James Miller.

With continued growth in the Sunday School, by 1959 there was a recognized need for even more classroom space. In March 1960, the Property Planning Committee was formed to develop plans for the Sunday School basement as well as changes to the interior décor of the church and Sunday School building. Several months after that, in September 1960, church architect T. Norman Mansell was brought in. And one year after that, in October 1961, Mansell's proposals were accepted by the Committee and submitted to Church Council. It was not until a January 1963 congregational meeting that the following proposals were presented to the congregation, followed by a tour of the church and Sunday School building with architect Mansell:

1. Perform extensive renovations
2. Erect a new building (which required consideration of a location for a new structure and disposition of the existing structure)
3. Conduct only general repairs to the church and improvements to the Sunday School building

In two separate congregational votes, the decision was to conduct only general repairs. That being said, though it was not a complete overhaul, at least some of the "repairs" could probably be considered "renovations." Once the project was decided and approved in March 1964, an "Improvement Fund" campaign was undertaken, and work started on May 11th of that year. The project concluded with a celebratory "Rededication Week," held from September 27 to October 4, 1964. The project cost \$44,395.03 and included:

- New pews, arranged with a center aisle
 - Previously, in the "old time" pew arrangement, the main floor was divided into four sections by two aisles. The old pews were sold for \$150 to the Assembly of God Church in Marietta, PA.
- New carpet
- Painting of interior walls, plus decorative painting on the front of the balcony on the east wall of the church of the symbols of the four Gospel writers
- New stained glass window installations by Leonid Linauts of Mohnton, PA
- Removal of the church tower and bell, rebuilding of the tower, and reinstallation of the bell

Additionally, 8 offering plates and 2 vases were re-plated; and new green, white, violet, and red paraments, a new altar cross, a memorial book, and an organ light were purchased. Most of these items were covered by member donations.

The symbolism in the stained glass windows and the Gospel writers is described below, as recorded in the Rededication booklet.

SYMBOLISM AROUND BALCONY

SYMBOL OF SAINT MATTHEW, THE EVANGELIST: Saint Matthew is the Evangelist who points to Jesus as a True Man, therefore, he is shown as a man with wings. Saint Matthew's day is September 21st.

SYMBOL OF SAINT MARK, THE EVANGELIST: Saint Mark emphasizes the power and the miracles of the Saviour. The lion, as king of the beasts, is used as the symbol of strength. Saint Mark's day is April 25th.

In the center of the balcony we find the Alpha and Omega symbol. This signifies that Christ is the beginning and the ending. They are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The Chi Rho symbol in the center of the Alpha and Omega is the symbol for the name of Christ. The descending dove is the symbol for the Holy Spirit.

SYMBOL OF SAINT LUKE, THE EVANGELIST: The symbol of Saint Luke is the winged ox. Saint Luke emphasizes the sacrifice and the atonement of the Saviour. The biggest sacrifice was the ox. Here he is given wings to signify that it was a heavenly sacrifice. Saint Luke's day is October 18th.

SYMBOL OF SAINT JOHN, THE EVANGELIST: Saint John has the eagle for his symbol. He reaches greater heights of revelation than any other Evangelist. Saint John's day is December 27th.

SYMBOLISM IN OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Three elements of the Holy Trinity can be seen in the very front entrance to the church.

1. The hand of God, symbol of the Father as Blessor, can be seen in the transom window above the door.
2. The Cross of Triumph, symbolic of the triumph of the Gospel throughout all the earth. It also symbolizes Jesus Christ, Victor on earth. This is seen on the transom window above the door.
3. The descending dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, can be seen at the very top of the large front window.

The large front window depicts the Shepherd. This symbol, found in the catechisms, calls to mind the loving care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

The symbol to the left of the large window is that of a fish. This was a secret sign by the early Christians to designate themselves as believers in Jesus. The initial letters of the Greek words for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior", spell the Greek word for fish.

The symbol to the right of the large window is that of a pelican. The pelican is the symbol of the Atonement. The pelican was believed to draw blood from its own breast, to feed its young.

THE SIX NAVE WINDOWS

As you enter the nave of the church from the narthex, the first window to the left is that of The Cross on The Rock, from which the living water flows. This symbolizes the blessings and the gifts of God which flow constantly into the life of the believer through Word and Sacrament. On top of the window the All-seeing Eye of God looks out from the triangle of the Trinity.

The second window depicts the burning candle which symbolizes Jesus Christ as the Light of the World according to St. John 8: 12. The Chi Rho, a monogram of the first two letters Chi (X) and Rho (P) are the Greek letters for Christ. On the top of the window an ancient burning lamp can be seen, symbolizing Christian knowledge.

The third window shows the ship which is the symbol of the church. The church sails unharmed through all perils. The word "Nave" comes from the Latin word for "Ship". On the top of the window, an anchor can be seen, symbolizing faith.

The fourth window depicts the symbol of Holy Baptism and consists of a descending dove above the shell from which a stream of water flows down. Three drops of water symbolize the baptism, is effected in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On the top of the window, Luther's seal reminds us of our faith.

The fifth window symbolizes marriage. The cross, the symbol of the Saviour is green, the symbolic color for fertility, and signifies the blessings of Jesus Christ on the two rings (emblems of the plighted troth); the candles symbolize the light of the new home and the two souls of the marriage. The Ten Commandments, the laws for every human, can be seen at the top of the window.

The sixth window is the Sacrament of Holy Communion, showing a chalice with wine (the blood of Christ) and a wafer (His flesh). The heads of wheat symbolize the Bread of Life (Mark 14: 22). With clusters of grapes appropriate for the holy tables. A crown of thorns and nails, can be seen at the top of the window and symbolize our Lord's Passion.

Further work was completed in 1967, when the basement of the Sunday School building was renovated to add more classroom space and update the kitchen facilities. New parking lots were also added. The new spaces were dedicated on October 1, 1967.

On March 31, 1974, rededication services were held after a complete rebuild of the **Möller** organ (often written as **Moller** or **Moeller** in English) and the addition of a new console and some new stops. Just over 13 months later, St. Daniel's celebrated the burning of the \$21,300.00 organ debt.

These various updates covering the 10 years from 1964-1974 reflect St. Daniel's not only maintaining what we had but also preparing for future generations ahead.

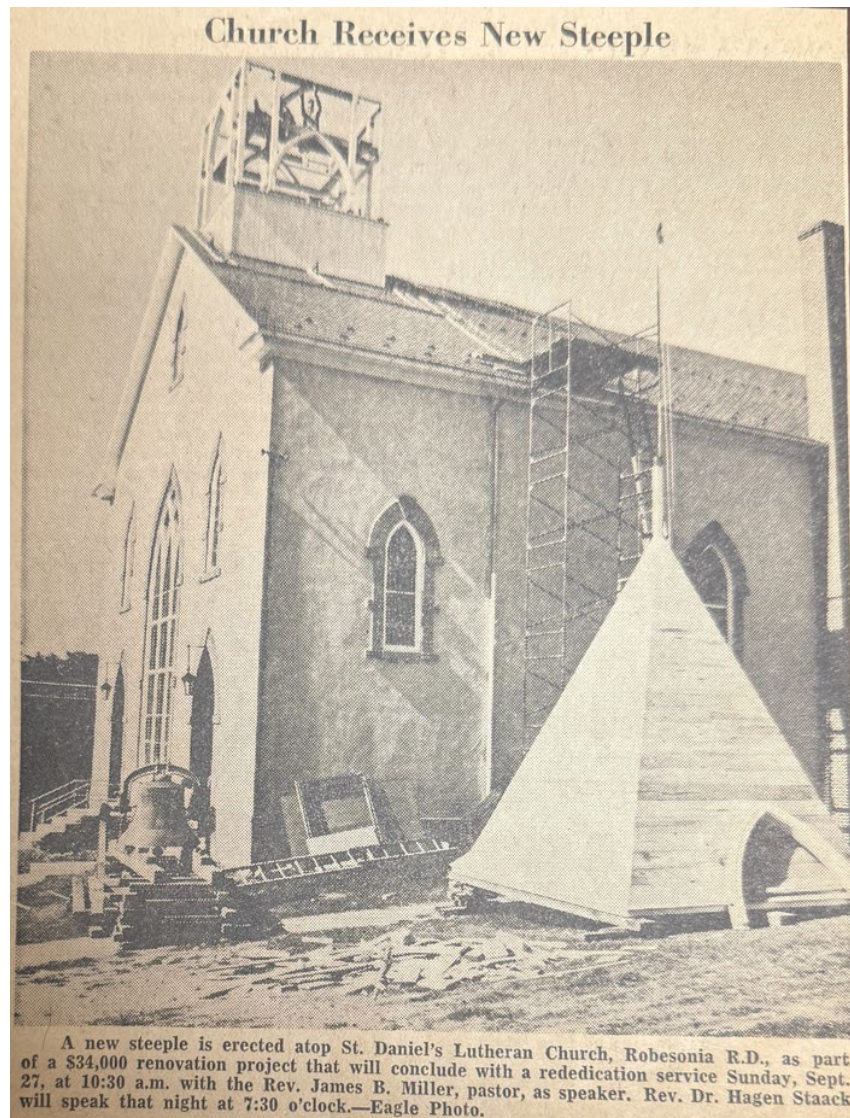
Fun facts: church attendance during 1961 when two services were held each Sunday totaled 14,686. With only one service in 1962, it totaled 15,180. Church attendance for the year 1963 was 14,776. For 1964, it was 15,114.

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 'St. 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 details regarding this topic are found in Chapter 2 – The Church Grows – Construction of the Second Church, 1814-1817 and Chapter 7 – The Organization Church – Church Finances. Additional details from Church Records and The Corner Church News from the applicable years. Photos from St. Daniel's archives or as noted.

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#RobesoniaPA #1751StDaniels2026 #275thAnniversary #HolyHighlights #History #OurHistory #1964Renovations
#1974OrganRebuild #ReverendJamesMiller #ChurchRecord #CornerChurchNews #ALotHappensIn275Years

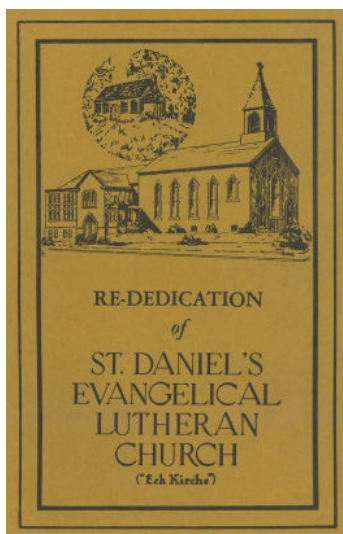


Amazing photo showing the church bell resting next to the church while the steeple is being repaired. It looks so small! - *Reading Eagle photo*



Interior of the
2nd church
building after the
1964 remodel
created a
center aisle.

Photo by B.F. Reber
Sept 24, 1964



Memorials & Special Gifts
recorded in the booklet
for the week-long
Rededication celebrations
September 27 - October 4, 1964

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

ALTAR CROSS: Presented in memory of Mrs. Mary E. Labe, by her husband Mr. Arthur J. Labe.

GREEN PARAMENTS: For Altar, Pulpit, Lectern and Clergy stole, presented by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Moyer in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Pearman Moyer.

WHITE PARAMENTS: For Altar, Pulpit, Lectern and Clergy stole, presented by Mrs. Harry Schadler, in memory of her husband Mr. Harry A. Schadler and her parents Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Putt.

VIOLET PARAMENTS: For Altar, Pulpit, Lectern and Clergy stole presented by Mrs. Annie Webber and daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Sherman, in memory of Mr. William F. Webber.

RED PARAMENTS: For Altar, Pulpit, Lectern and Clergy stole presented by Miss Minnie, Elsie, Mary and Ada Ulrich, also Mrs. Annie (Ulrich) Mountz, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin P. Ulrich, and brother Johnnie M. Ulrich.

North-East transept window over door, presented by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wolfskill.

South-East transept window over door, presented by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wolfskill and family.

Covers for Alter Paraments, presented by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Moyer.

Organ Light presented by the Senior Choir

Refinishing of Altar Vases by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Himmelberger.

Refinishing of Offering Plates by the Church Council members.

Lectern presented by Keath Planing Mill, Lititz, Pa.

HALL WINDOW on East side of church presented by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mamary, Mr. Harvey Manbeck and Mr. & Mrs. Otto L. Schnee, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Pearl Manbeck.

Dear Members of St. Daniel's:

The year nineteen hundred and sixty-four is the year that those who worship at St. Daniel's have been talking about for a long time. We have, over the years been talking about what we can do about the condition of our windows, carpet, pews, lack of adequate class room space in our church school, etc. These things and many others, have been discussed at teachers meetings and council meetings and by organizations, and at practically every meeting for several years.

At last the year 1964 is the year in which words are no longer sufficient. Action is now starting to accompany words, and with action comes the need for money. We all realize that as long as we only talk about the needs, we do not need money, but when we stop talking and start doing, this is entirely a different matter.

The action has started and the Finance Committee of your church is now very much concerned about the bills that will be coming forth.

In all churches which have either made repairs or improvements, a Fund Raising Campaign was conducted. Many of these campaigns have been held in our own locality. We too shall conduct a campaign which we have titled, "Improvement Fund Campaign". We shall be making this campaign ourselves rather than spend money to hire fund raisers. This of course will save the church quite a sum of money.

Officers for our Improvement Fund Campaign have been chosen and approved by the church council. The following will serve: Mr. Lester Ulrich, Chairman; Mrs. Richard Labe, secretary; Mr. Chester Sheetz, treasurer.

Many of the members of the congregation will be called upon to participate in conducting this drive throughout our membership. Remember when you are selected, this is your church calling you into action and we trust that you will respond to God's call favorably. The list of those who will be the visitors is printed on another page in this newsletter. Please check to see if your name is there.

If for some reason you are unable to serve as a visitor, will you kindly notify

Mr. Lester Ulrich by sending him a post card or the Pastor. Both addresses are R.D. #1, Robesonia, Pa.

A briefing session for all workers will be held on June 7th at 2 P.M., at the church. The Improvement Fund Campaign will be held the following Sunday, June 14th, between the hours of 2 to 6 p.m. We are asking that every member of the church give us just this one Sunday by staying home on the afternoon of June 14, so that the visitors will be able to complete all their calls on this one date. All visitors will have approximately 2 to 3 calls to make, so that no one person will be overburdened by a large number of calls.

Every member of the church, both active and inactive, will be contacted and asked to make their contribution toward these improvements. We trust that when you are visited you will be very receptive to the visitors who are giving of their time and very generous in your gift to the work of the Lord.

With every member of our church giving his and her fair share to His church we cannot help but reach success. However, if we look upon this campaign in a negative manner, we shall not succeed.

With God beside us as we go out into our membership in this campaign, we cannot fail. May God be with us that His church might prosper.

Sincerely yours,
Lester Ulrich, Chairman

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Campaign**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - IMPROVEMENT FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance transferred - Adam Spohn, Treas. 4/12/64	\$1,271.16
Loan - Robeson State Bank	25,000.00
Loan - General Fund (Returned)	1,000.00
In memory of Mrs. Irene Brown	5.00
In memory of Mr. Charles Stump	5.00
Sale of Old Church Pews	150.00
Money received from pledges, envelopes, donations received for paraments, windows, etc.	18,316.77
TOTAL	\$ 45,747.93

EXPENSES:

Linouts - Payment for Church Windows	\$ 1,200.00
Advertising of Old Church Pews	38.77
Marks Print - Improvement Drive Brochure	22.00
Stationery for Secretary of Improvement Fund	7.29
Solon T. Marburger - Organ Re-leather	102.00
Linouts - Payment for Church Windows	320.00
Roth Bros. - Part Payment on Church Remodeling	5,000.00
Roth Bros. - 6 Steel Posts in Church	385.00
Robeson State Bank - Interest on note	12.50
Linouts - Payment on Church Windows	1,520.00
Harpels - Stationery for Treas. Church Improvement Fund	2.25
Roth Bros. - Payment on Church Remodeling	5,000.00
Geo. Wenrich - Taking Church steeple down	480.00
Geo. Wenrich - Repair Church windows	1,318.66
Roth Bros. - Payment on Church Remodeling	5,085.00
Muthard - Repair Church School roof	216.03
Warren Dietrich - Paint Church School	477.35
Warren Dietrich - Paint Sexton's house	327.85
Geo. Wenrich - Repair windows and doors	914.11
Linouts - Payment on Church Windows	800.00
Lutheran Church Supply - Memorial Book	29.68
Warren Dietrich - Paint Sexton's garage and Church doors	87.50
Reading Bible House - Paraments	382.90
Keath Planning Mill - Jr. Choir Pews	742.00
Solon T. Marburger - Moving of organ	120.00
Roth Bros. - Payment on Church remodeling	2,249.50
Geo. Wenrich - Work on Church steeple	3,801.21
Linouts - Church Windows	2,084.99
Reading Bible House - Paraments	330.30
Robeson State Bank - Interest on Note	142.65
Reading Bible House - Cross	85.00
Creative Kitchens - Choir Robe Cabinets & Paneling	659.93
Geo. Wenrich - Window Trim & Frame Mouldings in Church	463.96
Reading Bible House - Vases & Plates refinished	55.50
Geo. Wenrich - Partial Payment on Church steeple	1,000.00
Geo. Wenrich - Payment on Church steeple	3,379.08
Reading Bible House - Rods for Paraments	10.80
Roth Bros. - Installation Jr. Choir Pews	844.06

C. C. Matthew - Work on radiators	33.48
Leinbach Elec. Co. - Light ave Jr. Choir and other work	464.59
Robeson State Bank - Payment on note	2,500.00
Robeson State Bank - Interest on note	301.46
Harold H. Haag - Balcony repairs	397.63
Loan to General Fund - Church	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 44,395.03

Chester Sheetz, Treas.

1965 Church Record showed the financial info for the 1964 renovations.