

**The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania  
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**Editor's Message**

Dear Readers,

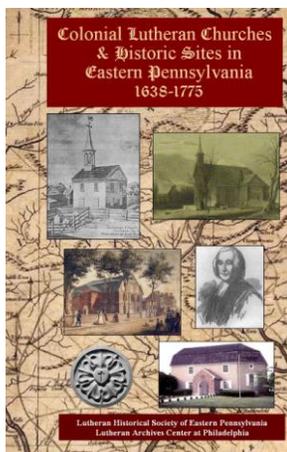
**Great news! We now have our own website!** Here you will find ordering information for our publication "The Periodical," membership application, upcoming "Pilgrimages," and more.

In addition, I have agreed to serve as the Society's newsletter editor. I look forward to providing news and information about what's happening during the year.

Sincerely,  
Jim Garcia

**Did You Know?**

The LHSEPA has published **Colonial Lutheran Churches & Historic Sites...** Which provides information of Lutheran Churches from 1638-1775. Order your copy (\$15.00) today. Contact Joshua Fink, Treasurer: [finkyx@aol.com](mailto:finkyx@aol.com).



**Next Pilgrimage: 10 AM on Saturday, September 21, 2019**

Our next Pilgrimage scheduled will be at St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sellersville, PA. (Photo to the right). **Visit our website for updated information.**

**Pilgrimages – Churches Are Invited to Host**

Is your church celebrating a historical anniversary? If so, the LHSEPA is interested in sharing this event. Consider hosting a Pilgrimage visit by members of the society. There are many of us that are interested in the history of your church. Contact any board member on scheduling a Pilgrimage visit to your church.

**Membership Renewal Reminder**

If you have not renewed your membership, information is on page 2.

**Letters to the Editor are Welcome**

Your comments on information provided in this newsletter are welcome. Also, if your church is celebrating a historical event and wish to share this information to our membership, then send your information by email to: [JimGoboe@comcast.net](mailto:JimGoboe@comcast.net).

**President's 2018 Report**

The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania is a membership organization that focuses on congregations, institutions and events within the areas... *(continued on page 2)*

**Visit our website at:**  
[www.lhsepa.org](http://www.lhsepa.org)

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E-Newsletter**

If you wish to receive info for upcoming events and/or receive newsletter by email send request to:

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**Summer Pilgrimage**

St. Michael's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
25 E Church Street  
Sellersville, PA 18960

Saturday, 10 AM  
September 21, 2019

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION**

### **Membership Category**

**Regular \$15 Life: \$100 Institution: \$15**

**Make Check Payable to: Lutheran Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

Mail your name, address, phone and email to the address listed below:

Pr. Virginia M. Biniek, Membership Secretary

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## **The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania**

### **President's Report**

*(continued from page 1)*... of the Southeastern and Northeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the ELCA. We are your historical society and thank you for your continuing support. Our synod areas include some of the oldest Lutheran congregations and sites in the country, over 125 dating from before 1776. The society regularly sponsors pilgrimages to historic congregations and sites. Each one provides us an opportunity to visit and see a congregation, its history and ministry and how it became a presence in the community in which it is located. We also publish a "Periodical" with articles of interest to the membership. We also promote the society at the two synod assemblies in our area. Several years ago we published the guidebook "Colonial Lutheran Churches and Historic Sites in Eastern Pennsylvania 1638-1775".

Last year we arranged two pilgrimages. The first was to Trinity, Perkasie; where we learned about the history and ministry of the congregation. We also experienced splendid concert of Ancient and Reformation era music and a mini lecture on the history of the organ. Our second pilgrimage was to Christ (Christ's) UCC and Lutheran, Trumbauersville. These two congregations once shared the same building. We saw how these congregations, now separated, combine traditional and contemporary ministries. Both are served by Lutheran pastors. Today we are at St. Paul's, Catasauqua where we will experience the surrounding community and visit a neighboring Lutheran congregation, Holy Trinity.

There are nearly 500 congregations in Eastern Pennsylvania and we look forward to invitations from congregations who wish to share their story. Congregations don't have to be old or celebrating an anniversary. We also publish a scholarly "Periodical". Our current issue is still in the making. We also are launching a new a website. We have sponsored congregation heritage awards and a recent essay contest to encourage student interest.

The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania is a totally volunteer organization. All work is done by our members and our Board. I would like to thank our board for another year of faithful service. If you are interested please consider becoming a member, serving on the board or participating in our other activities. We are supported by membership dues and private contributions. Please share ideas that interest you and consider involving yourself in any special projects or activities. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Richard B. Baumann  
President

November 17, 2018