

The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania
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Editor's Message

Dear Readers,
For those who missed the September pilgrimage at St. Michael's Lutheran church in Sellersville, it was a very interesting presentation. Most impressive was the "Ripples in the Pond" quilt along with its making and descriptions of the various images on the quilt. Information about the quilt is on page 2.

Immanuel Lutheran church is hosting our Fall pilgrimage. I am looking forward to this pilgrimage in which they are celebrating the 80th anniversary of several beautiful murals that were painted in the 1930's by renowned Philadelphia artist Mirian Tindall Smith. Hope to see you there! More information and photos are on the LHSEPA website

Sincerely,
Jim Garcia

St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Sellersville, PA Receives LHSEPA Congregational History Award for 2019

St. Michael's Lutheran church was presented with the LHSEPA Congregational History Award for 2019 at the September Fall Pilgrimage. The award was received for their beautiful quilt titled "Ripples in the Pond." See page 2 for a photo and short description about the quilt.

Next Pilgrimage: 10:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019

Our next Pilgrimage scheduled will be at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norwood, PA (Photo to the right).



Did You Know?

LHSEPA has a Annual Award for Congregation History Project. St. Michael's Lutheran church received this award for 2019. See page 2

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.

Letters to the Editor are Welcome

Your comments on information provided in this newsletter are welcome. 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.

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Fall Pilgrimage

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
501 Chester Pike
Norwood, PA 19074

Saturday, 10:00 AM
November 16, 2019

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St. Michael's Receives Congregational History Award for "Ripples in the Pond" Quilt

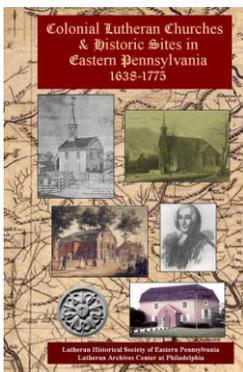


A hymn "The Spirit Sends Us Forth", a pastor's turn of a phrase "ripples in the font", and the ELCA Day of Service motto "God's Work. Our Hands.", sparked the creation and design of a 150th Anniversary Quilt for St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Church in Sellersville. Created by Carol Nase, the quilt features 16 hand-painted images by artist Nancy Zola sewn onto colorful background fabric that begins with the brown of the earth, becomes the lighter blue of the pond, and as the waters get deeper, the color becomes darker, ultimately becoming the deep blue/black of outer space. The central image is a representation of the stained glass cross in St. Michael's Chapel, to which is added the words from Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." The ripples (quilting) spread out from the cross, flowing toward other images depicting the Sacraments, the

founding missionary Pastor, the Rev. Ferdinand Berkemeyer, and many of the mission endeavors of the congregation past and present. Special attention is given to inclusiveness across ages, races, nations, genders, and lifestyles. St. Michael's Pastor, the Rev. Julie Bergdahl, says "I just love how this quilt embraces our rich history of faith, celebrates our ever-widening mission, and invites us to live into God's promised future of abundant life for all people." Submitted by Rev. Julie Bergdahl, St. Michael's Lutheran church, Sellersville, PA.

Did You Know (continued from page 1)

The Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania has inaugurated the annual award in order to encourage congregations to develop, undertake and complete projects dealing with their histories and ministries. It is anticipated that the projects will also indicate the present status of the congregations and its hoped-for future. For more information about applying for this award, contact Mary Redline, Committee Chair, by email at: discerepa@aol.com



The LHSEPA has published *Colonial Lutheran Churches & Historic Sites...*

Book provides information of Lutheran Churches from 1638-1775. Order your copy (\$15.00) today. Contact Joshua Fink, Treasurer: finkyx@aol.com.

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