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#### FOREWORD

The sources of information for this history are numerous and varied. Tradition or word of mouth information is one of the most interesting types of information but is not so reliable as the written record. However, the traditions have been most helpful in interpreting the records and tracing memories to a source of certainty.

Much help was obtained from the records of Rev. Miles J. Stirewalt who kept accurate data on his own work as pastor of his various charges.

The History of Indianapolis and Marion County published in 1884 gave some very valuable information as did a brief history of the church by Dr. George A. Coble.

Among the many persons who gave time and cooperation in personal interviews are Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Clara Wiley, Mrs. Ella Heath, Mrs. John Degenhart, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fink, Mr. George Hockensmith, Mrs. Esther Fox, Mrs. William Artman, Mr. Solon Stirewalt and Miss Emma Stirewalt. To them and any others who helped in any way the author is most grateful.

OLIVE PURDY.

Note:

Any additional information concerning any phase of this work will be greatly appreciated as will any corrections.

The omission of any names that should be used is purely unintentional. The incompleteness of records, inaccuracy of memories, and lack of information are likely causes of error.

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Front View of Church as Dedicated

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#### HISTORY OF SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the year 1835, the Rev. Ezra Keller of Pennsylvania was sent by a home missionary society on a journey to what at that time was called the Western States. In his report he says that he visited about twelve Lutheran families living on Little Eagle Creek, Marion County, Indiana. This is the first that can be found regarding church relations of the founders of what is now Salem Lutheran Church.

In 1836, Hopewell Evangelical Lutheran Church (first name) was organized at the home of John Klingensmith by Rev. Abraham Reck. The members of this organization were John and Susan Klingensmith, Peter and Hannah Anthony, George and Sarah Coble, Jacob Klingensmith, Joseph and Esther Klingensmith, George Klingensmith, Gelesta Klingensmith, Michael and Polly Kepple, Jacob and Elizabeth Sourwine, Isaac and Catherine Myers.

These families continued to meet at the home of John Klingensmith for a number of years (until 1840). It is said that when the weather was fit the services were held in the woods nearby. This house was made of log and stood on the old Klingensmith farm where the old lady many of us knew as Aunt Susie Klingensmith, who died a few years ago. The house is now torn away.

The first church proper was built on the site of the present cemetery in 1840. Cne acre of land was donated by Mr. John Klingensmith for a church and cemetery. The church which was built on this site was never entirely finished but services were held there until 1855. Stones from the foundation of this building are still to be found in the present cemetery. From 1855 to 1859, church was held in what was then called centre school house. This school house was on the Newton Pollard farm which is now the Ernest Wilson farm and the one directly south. The school house stood at the intersection of the Zionsville Road and 71st Street on the northwest corner.

In 1859, a new house of worship was erected at Augusta Station (New Augusta) on land donated for church purposes by Joseph Klingensmith. The site is now occupied by the machine sheds north of the New Augusta Lumber Company. The name of the congregation was changed at this time, April 29, 1859, from Hopewell Evangelical Lutheran church to Salem Evangelical Lutheran church, the name which it now bears.

There is no picture of this church but there are a few interesting stories about services and customs in the early church that are worth recording.

Then men and women sat on opposite sides of the church. Even after the present building was erected, the same custom prevailed even to the point of women entering the north door and men the south. When the church was remodelled, the main entrance through the vestibule was constructed and women were instructed to be sure to use that door.

Another custom which was common at that time was that of hanging a long black crepe on the door at the time of the funeral and leaving it there for a week or two.

#### History of Church, Continued

In the early church after a bell had been bought the custom of tolling a bell before funerals was established. At about time for the funeral a man climbed to the belfrey, hammer in hand, and as soon as the procession could be seen approaching began to strike the bell with the hammer. The bell tolled as many times as the deceased was years old.

In the old church before a lighting system was used, seeing to read and sing at night was difficult. To remedy the situation lampposts were placed at the ends of the benches every three or four rows apart. On these posts coal-oil lights were placed.

It is said that the first Sunday School was started in this old building and has remained in existence ever since. (Unless there was a short time during the World War when Sunday School was suspended.)

Transportation has always been an important factor in determining the activities of man. In his religion it played a part, too. Because ministers had such difficulty in getting around to the churches which they served, church was held every three weeks. The first meeting was on Saturday, morning—a business meeting. On Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon regular church services were held. At present there are two churches in this parish, Salem and St. Marks at Whitestown. At an earlier date Darlington was a third church in the parish.

When the size of the congregation outgrew the size of the building, plans were made to build a new church. The one which resulted from this need is the brick structure which is the present church. The old frame church is the present building occupied by Wagle's Store. It was bought by Jacob Sourwine, moved to its present location, was used for a store and has been used for that purpose by various owners ever since.

The church of today was built during the years from 1876 to 1880. A very interesting and complete record of the building procedure is owned by the church. It was kept by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt as secretary of the committee and pastor of the church.

There is not room here to give all the interesting facts about the building but these few may interest the reader.

The first meeting of the building committee (see picture for names) was May 20, 1876 at 3 P. M. with only three members present. At various times the members who reported to meetings were embarrassed and handicapped because all members were not there.

A committee went to Indianapolis to inspect various buildings to get ideas for the new church. After much looking and study they decided to employ an architect. In 1877 E. V. Enos and Son were engaged to make the plans for a consideration of \$50.00

The lot on which to build the church was secured from Valentine B. Cress and his wife, Lydia B. Cress, for \$100. The date on the deed is May 11th, 1876.

The materials for the building were contracted from church members and neighboring firms when possible. Part of the brick was bought from the Augusta Brick Yard (Old Augusta) at \$6.00 per thousand. Other bricks were bought from James Draper at \$5.00 per thousand. John Kepple was appointed to inspect these brick at the kiln before purchase.

Stone contracts were let to Lowe and Thomas, a firm south of Indianapolis. This stone included foundation stone, range stone, four door sills and one corner stone.

Sand was procured from Eagle Creek and the farms of Judge Elliott, Emsley Wright, and Quinby Boardman.

Lumber was contracted by Simon Klingensmith, Daniel Myers, and M. J. Stirewalt to be delivered at market prices.

Many families subscribed generously to the building fund. Much of the money was "worked cut," i.e. men who did work or furnished teams or material were credited with a certain amount toward the payment of their subscription.

The members of the building committee deserved much credit for insisting on excellent materials and fine workmanship. It is said that Simon Klingensmith inspected every brick as it went into the walls. If it were in anyway defective it was thrown aside. The building has stood the test of time very well and it is no doubt due largely to their diligence that the work was so well done.

One history (Marion county) states that the church cost \$5,000 and at that time was one of the finest buildings of its kind outside of Indianapolis. Official records do not indicate just how much the building cost when finished, but it does say that by July, 1878 (2 years before dedication) the total cost was \$3,312.90.

#### Miscellaneous Items

The tin-box for the corner-stone was donated by R. L. McNitt, October, 1877.

The stone-work was done by Mr. Holly from Indianapolis. He and his men were boarded free of charge by Mrs. Simon Klingensmith.

Mr. James Buchanan did the brick work.

Simon Klingensmith and Elias Klingensmith did most of the carrientry work. The railing around the chancel at that time was made on a hand lathe as were the carvings on seats being used now.

Much concern has been encountered in determining when the church was finished and dedicated, who was the preacher at the time, etc. These few facts have been found: The cornerstone was laid in 1877, probably in October. In it are a record of the early church, a Bible which belonged to Laura Coble Neidlinger, and other miscellaneous articles. The church was dedicated in the spring of 1880 and the dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. A. V. Hursh of Rochester, Indiana. Who the regular minister was is not known.

The church was remodeled in 1912. The contract for the work was let to Purdy and Darling at a cost of \$2,335.00. At this time many changes were made. No doubt it was thought, then, that that would be the last big change ever made. A study of the pictures of the church as it was when dedicated will remind you of some of the changes. The east front of the church was considerably

#### History of Church, Continued

altered by changing the doors. The stained glass windows improved the looks of the church immensely. Other additions were the Sunday School room, the pastor's study, basement and furnace. The chancel and choir loft were remodeled and the painting was exceptional.

Since 1912, the building has remained unchanged except for modernizing by putting in a plumbing system and cabinets to care for the dishes, cooking equipment, stove and sink. This work was promoted and financed by the Good Will class in 1937 or 1938.

A piece of ground just north of the church was purchased from John and Lucy Degenhart in 1923 for \$150. This added space has made possible the landscaping of the lawn and the building of a large ouside fireplace. The first landscaping on the church property was done by a committee composed of Rev. H. G. Davis, Mrs. Charles Dobson and Mrs. E. O. Asher with the help of church members who gave their time and labor. The ivy, trees and shrubs around the tuilding were planted at this time (1928-30). The north lot was planted in the fall of 1937. At the same time the oven was built under the sponsorship of the Good Will class. Mr. Z. T. Dehart donated his services as brick mason in making the oven .

It has been most interesting to the writer to collect bits of information on the attractive pieces that grace the church. To interest you and to preserve information for the future, these facts are stated.

The bell is said to have been donated by Simon Klingensmith who had it shippel from Pennsylvania.

The Bible used on the pulpit was donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Wanamaker Klingensmith.

Another Bible used by the church is a gift of Rev. Stirewalt's family.

The altar, offering stand, and lectern were made by Mr. O. C.

The gold cross which is on the altar was given in 1939 by the present members of the Coble family in memory of the deceased Coble relatives.

The Boston Ivy vine growing on the building was planted by Mrs. Minnie Bailey.

The clock on the wall was presented to the church by the Young People's class in 1912.

The gold altar vases, the hymn board, candle snuffers, and secretary used in the choir loft were gifts of the Charles C. Dobson family.

The gold candlesticks were donated by Mrs. Retta Fink Hanes. The building program now in progress (to be finished in October 1940) will be the third remodeling. A committee is responsible for the planning of the building program which is to include redecorating the main auditorium, chancel, pastor's study, and vestibule, refinishing the woodwork and floors, and carpeting. The Good Will class is furnishing the carpet. The committee is composed of Elbert Delong, chairman; Thomas McGoldrick, Mrs. Eva Gass, Mrs. Blanche Ely, Walter Cozad, Mrs. E. O. Asher, secretary, and Rev. Kleespie.

The appearance of the chancel and choir loft are being improved by replacing the present arrangement with overhead arches.

#### History of Church, Continued

The reconditioning of the vestibule and refinishing of the floors is to be financed by the Men's class. Mr. Cecil L. Good is responsible for the splendid job of plastering the vestibule with the help of men of the church.

The altar will be rebuilt, making it larger and more substantial. The pulpit and lectern are to be built into the chancel steps, making them permanent fixtures of the church.

Another item of interest and one of great importance to a church lies in the field of music. So many people have contributed services that it is difficult to attribute honor to whom honor is due. However, a few names have been recalled which should not be left out of the history. Mrs. Laura Coble Neidlinger was the first organist, who began playing when she was 11 years old. Mrs. Minnie Day Rodibaugh was another of the very early organists. Others who have played at various times are Mabel Hockensmith, Flora Klingensmith, Mrs. Eudora Day Moffett, Emma Stirewalt, Margaret Day, Louis Neidlinger, Mrs. Ella Rodibaugh Robertson, Mrs. Ellsworth Wilson, and Mrs. Emma Lee Todd who is now serving as pianist and so generously helps with music for many church affairs.

No information has been found as to how or when the first organ was acquired. We do know that there was an organ in the old church and that it was moved to the present one. The instrument, when it was no longer needed, was given to the colored church.

The first piano was acquired in 1912.

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This list has been compiled from a study of the church records (those now in existence) and from information secured from older members who associate events such as baptisms, marriages, funerals, etc., with ministers who officiated.

The first few ministers listed here are found in the History of Indianapolis and Marion County (1884). No dates are given there but the sequence may be taken as reasonably accurate. Any dates mentioned for these men are found in old records of baptisms.

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Rev. Abraham Reck	1836 (First preacher)
Rev. Ephraim Rudacil	Baptisms in 1844 and 1845
Rev. Samuel Good	Baptisms in 1846 and 1848
Rev. John P. Livengood	1858 (only date found)
Rev. Eusatius Hinkle	1861, 1863, 1864, 1865 found
Rev. Philo Ground or Groundt	1862 (only date found)
Rev. Ephraim Wesner	No dates available
Rev. A. G. or J. Fox	1867 (church record only)
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ing career.)
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Rev. W. C. L. Lauer	1879-1880
Rev. J. G. M: Hursh	1881-1882
Rev. James C. Barb	1883-1895
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt	1895-1896
(After returning from Kansas, Rev. Stirewalt took t	he Salem
pastorate and records indicate that he preached during	1896 and
possibly 1897)	

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Rev. S. P. Fryberger	1897-1899
Rev. D. L. Reese	1900-1905
Rev. C. L. Warstler	1907-1909
Rev. S. D. Myers	1910-1911
Rev. C. L. Warstler	1913-1917
Rev. B. L. Westenbarger	1919-1921
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Theodore Brosche Summer 1924	(Student)
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Laura Emery Miller (Mrs. Chas.)
Laura Klingensmith Artman (Mrs. Wm.)
Esther Myers Fox, (Mrs. D. B.)
Ella Johnson Heath (Mrs. Wm.)
Lucy Simmons Degenhart (Mrs. John)
Cora Stirewalt Hume (Mrs. Wm.)
Emma Myers Hume (Mrs. Sam)
Louis Neidlinger
Clara Coble Todd Wiley (Mrs.)
Retta Morgan King (Mrs. G. L.)
Effie Bailey Myers (Mrs.)
Emma Michael McGoldrick (Mrs. Edw.)
Frank Neidlinger
Henry J. Fink
George Hockensmith
William Daugherty (now 88 yrs. old, oldest living member)1893
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Anna Mathis Neidlinger (Mrs. L.)
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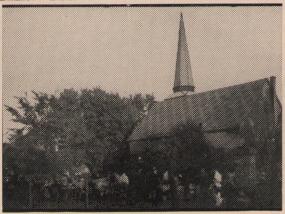
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#### SALEM LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is the church in study and therefore is for everyone.

In many places and for many years it was thought that the Sunday School was for children only. That was always a false notion, for every person needs Bible study and that is what the Sunday School offers.

"Come spend an hour with the Lord."

#### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS

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Children of the Church

#### FRIENDLY CLASS

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Ann Merritt

Harold Power Norma Roeder Maxine Simmons Betty Snyder

"我们,我们是是自己的现在分词就是不是我们,我们们不是我们,我们也会就是不少的现在时间也是我们也是没有的是不是我们

Lucille Snyder Marion Stephenson

Joe Wagle

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#### DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

is a department of the Sunday School enrolling scholars from the ages of three years to fifteen years. It operates for two weeks during the summer. With an able teaching staff the pupils enjoy handicraft, Bible study, story-telling hour, singing and worship.

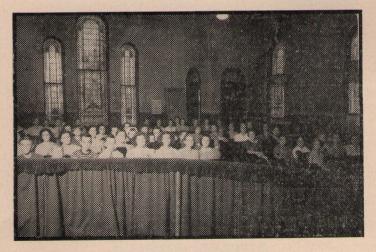
Remember, young children, Our Vacation Bible School will be held again next year and we, the teachers, are looking forward to a most successful period.

"Now therefor harken unto me, O ye Children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not."

Proverbs 8:32-33.

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Sunday School In Session

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#### CLASS PLEDGE

I pledge my loyalty to my church and to my class. I will strive at all times to be truthful, thoughtful, and loving and to be courteous and considerate to each and every one.

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1483, Nov. 10-Luther was born in Eisleben.

1497, Feb. 16-Philip Melanchthon, Luther's assistant, born.

1517, Oct. 31—Luther nailed his 95 theses on the Castle Church of Wittenberg, the birth of the Reformation.

1520, Dec. 10-Luther burns the Papal Bull at Wittenberg.

1529, May 26-Luther's Catechism is published.

1530, June 23-Augsburg confession officially adopted.

1534—Publication of Luther's Bible from Latin to the German language.

1537, Feb. 15—Smalcald Articles formally signed by theologians, princes and delegates.

1546, Feb. 18-Luther's death at Eisleben.

1564—Lutheran colony founded in Florida by Admiral Coligny.

1565—Colony in Florida destroyed by Spaniards. All colonists were slain and on a cross over the graves these words were written, "We slew you not as Frenchmen but as Lutherans."

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1576, Jan. 20—Hans Sacks, Lutheran Hymnist died at Namberg. 1619, Aug. 13—Captain Jens Munch and sixty Lutherans landed on Hudson Bay.

1619, Feb. 20—Rev. Rasmus Jensen, a Lutheran pastor landed on American soil eighteen months before the Pilgrims.

1623, July 16—Lutherans from Holland settled on Manhattan Island.

1637, Dec. 8—Swedish Lutheran colony settled on Delaware River. This colony forbid slavery, the first to do so.

1638, Mar. 15—First Lutheran Church in North America was erected at Fort Christine in Delaware.

1643, Feb. 17—Rev. John Campanius, a Lutheran pastor was sent as a missionary to the American Indians. The first Protestant to work among them.

1646—First book translated into the language of the American Indians was Luther's Small Catechism by Rev. Campanius.

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1685, Mar. 21—Johann Sebastian Bach, master musician writer of Lutheran hymns and chorales, born.

1706, July 9—Ziegenbalg and Pluetschau reached their field as first missionaries to India.

1713—First missionary to the Negroes was Rev. Christine Fisher, a Lutheran pastor, on the Island of Saint Thomas.

1734, Mar. 10—Salzburgers (Lutherans) arrived at Savannah, Georgia.

1736, April 13—First Orphanage in America established by Lutherans in Georgia.

1748, Aug. 26-First Lutheran Conference held in America.

1770, Nov. 19—Bertel Thorwoldsen, master sculptor, Lutheran,

1775, July 18—The first troops to reach Boston at the call of the Continental Congress was a company of Pennsylvania Lutherans.

1776, July 4—The sexton who rang the Liberty Bell July 4, was a Lutheran.

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#### Items continued

1777—The American flag was made by Betsy Ross, a descendent of Swedish Lutherans, and the women's society of a Lutheran church.

1777—The "Stars and Stripes" were first unfurled in battle at Oriskaney, N. Y., under General Herkimera, a Lutheran in command.

1777—Washington body guard was made up of Lutherans.

1781, Oct. 18—Congress celebrated victory over Cornwallis in Zion Lutheran church, Philadelphia.

1789—The first Speaker of the House of Representatives was Rev. F. A. Muhlenberg, a Lutheran minister.

1789—The first treasurer of the United States was the Hon.

Michael Hillegas, a Lutheran.

1799, Dec. 18—Memorial service upon the death of George Wash-

ington was held by Congress in the Zion Lutheran church, Philadelphia.

1828, Jan. 21—Rev. Theodor Fliedner started first nursing home in Germany. Florence Nightengale received her training in this home.

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1845, Mar. 12—Wittenberg College founded at Springfield, Ohio. 1849, July 14—Fliedner brings first deaconess to the Pittsburgh Synod.

1849, July 17—First American Deaconess Motherhouse opened in Fittsburgh.

1852—First deaconess consecrated by Dr. Passavant.

1879, April 12—New Augusta Lutheran church adopts the new constitution and becomes the Salem Evangelical Lutheran church of the Congregation of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

1895, Oct. 30—Luther League of America organized at Pittsburgh.

1917, May 31—Constitution for United Lutheran church in America written at Harrisburg, Pa.

1921, Feb. 13—Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church reorganized, adopting the Model Constitution of the U. L. C. A.

1923, Aug. 19—First Lutheran World Convention, Eisenach, Germany.

1935, May 22—Indiana Synod formed within the bounds of the State.

1936, May 13—Indiana Synod elected it first full time President, Dr. H. E. Turney of Indianapolis.

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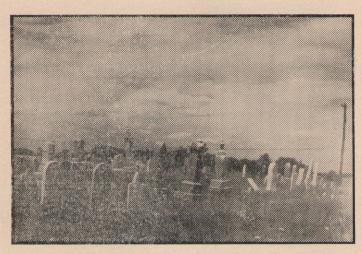
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"They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev.14:13.

#### THEY ARE NOT DEAD

I can not say, and I will not say That they are dead—They are just away! With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand They have wandered into an unknown land, And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be since they linger there. Think of them faring on, as dear In the love of There as the love of Here. Think of them still as the same, I say: They are not dead—they are just—away.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

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He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 23.

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