

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Region 6 Archives

In 2017, the ELCA Region 6 Archives navigated changes in supervisor, roles within the Archives Advisory Board, and relationships with Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University—while continuing to cooperate with others to preserve, share, and outreach about Lutheran stories from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and the lower Michigan peninsula. Highlights include:

Preservation:

- Receiving 72 accessions, including congregational histories, records from closed congregations, synod files, and other Lutheran historical items
- Processing incoming collections and placing backlogged records in acid-free folders
- Shifting and better organizing archival collections for most efficient use of shelf space

Transmission:

- Answering 98 research questions
- Creating 80 new records in the PastPerfect catalog
- Inventorying the Audio-Visual Collection

Outreach:

- Answering 17 advice inquiries about records management, congregational histories, congregational archives, and other topics
- Offering congregational history help, anniversary ideas, and research as part of the Archives' annual Congregational History Campaign, as well as requesting publications from congregations celebrating major anniversaries in 2016
- Participating in the ministry fairs of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly in Mt. Pleasant, MI, the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly in Covington, KY, and the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly in Akron, OH
- Providing 6 tours of the ELCA Region 6 Archives
- Presenting "Your Congregation's Story, Our Lutheran Heritage: What to Keep, How to Keep It, and How to Share It" at First Lutheran Church, Galion, OH, during the Northwestern Ohio Synod's Reformation 500 Crawl in July and October
- Participating in a Trinity Lutheran Seminary I-Group Play Date scavenger hunt by hosting students and professors for an 1800s German-language baptism record research activity
- Submitting information about the ELCA Region 6 Archives for the Society of Ohio Archivists' Ohio Archives Passport, which helped raise awareness about archives in Ohio:
http://www.ohioarchivists.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/SOAOhioArchivesPassport_10-2017_update.pdf
- Sharing information via website: www.tlsohio.edu/elca-region-6-archives and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ELCARegion6Archives/>

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