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Friedens Lutheran Church celebrates 90th anniversary

from the *Lincoln Journal Star*

Friedens Lutheran Church, Sixth and D Streets, observed its 90th anniversary this past February.

Built by German immigrants who moved to Lincoln from Russia, the church was built with memories of the Lutheran churches they had left. The church resembles closely the Lutheran church that stood in Frank, Russia.

The stately columns arrived from Kansas City on nearby railroad tracks. Men of the congregation—led by Jacob Rohrig, a local contractor and charter member of the organization—helped build the structure.

Early services were held in German; until 1963, services were in both German and English. The church had over 900 members during the days when families were large and southwest Lincoln's population thrived. During World War II, 155 young men from the congregation were in the military; seven gave their lives.

The church has changed to reflect the changes in Lincoln, said its pastor, the Rev. F. Delar Klover. In 1992, Klover became the tenth pastor in the church's history.

"Friedens" is the German word for peace.



Friedens Lutheran Church

The congregation grew to more than 1,000 members in the 1950s, then declined to a low of about 350. It now has about 400 people, and most of the newcomers are not of German-Russian background, Klover said.

The white frame church with a tall steeple is a neighborhood landmark. There have been several changes in the building over the years. A fire in 1925 destroyed one of the two domes; the one on the east side, topped by a cross, remains.

Recent remodeling lowered a high pulpit and added storm windows to protect the stained glass. Several windows destroyed in the fire have been replaced with new stained glass to match the others, Klover said.

The church no longer has regular services in German, but it retains its heritage with a German Christmas service and concert the second Sunday of December each year. Former pastor Fred Wolff returns to lead that service. ■

It's Almost Soup Time!

Our annual Lincoln Chapter AHSGR SOUP SUPPER

Friday, March 14, 1997

4:30-7:00 p.m.

WSI Hall, 1430 North 10th Street

*Tickets available from any board member or
please fill out and return with a self-addressed,
stamped envelope to:*

Ann Reitz, 4121 South 30th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502



Please reserve _____ adult tickets at \$4.50 each.
Please reserve _____ children tickets at \$2.50 each.
(Children under 12)

Make checks payable to AHSGR.

From the Editor's Desk

I pledge through my membership in AHSGR to discover, remember, and preserve my heritage. . . .

This month I'm sharing part of my heritage — a picture of my dad, Andreas Lutz, and a paragraph from his soldiers' book.

I'm sure we all have treasures such as these, and I hope you will want to share your pictures and stories in this newsletter.

See you at the soup supper. ■

Annie Settell, Editor

AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

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March 3 Pauline Heidenreich
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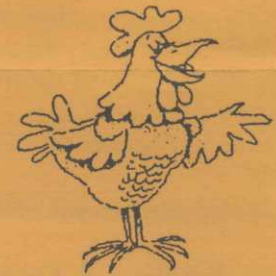
Der Jahrestag (Happy Anniversary)



Don't forget to send in your names for inclusion of the birthday, anniversary, and congratulation section each month. Send all communications to Annie Settell, 333 South 11th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 (fax 402-476-6532).

Congratulations to:

March 12 . . .
Helen and Herman Reifschneider
March 19 . . .
Betty and Wayne Pauley
March 19 . . .
Ardith and John Stuertz
March 25 . . .
Ferne and Weston Pickett, Jr.
March 31 . . .
Mary and Edward Wunder



CHICKEN CASSEROLE

1½ cups cooked chicken
1 can cream of chicken soup
½ cup milk or water
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup cooked rice
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup sliced water chestnuts
1 small can mushrooms
½ cup toasted almonds
2 tsp grated onion
season with salt and pepper

Mix all ingredients together. Put in 7 x 11 pan and cover with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until bubbly.

Serves 4-6

Coming Events

March 11, 1997

LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society); 7:00 p.m.; Dick Administration Building; (Lower Level) Union College Campus

March 14, 1997

Soup Supper; WSI Hall; 4:30-7:00 p.m.

March 15, 1997

PAF-LUG (Personal Ancestral File — Lincoln User's Group); 7:00 p.m.; Family Service Center; 3100 Old Cheney Road

April 6, 1997

General Meeting; 2:00 p.m.; "A Light in the Darkness"—video; Germans from Russia under Communist regime; Chapel, 6th and C St.

April 21, 1997

Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; 631 D

May 9, 1997

Kraut & Brei; 4:30-7:00 p.m.; WSI Hall

A Page from a Soldier's Book



Three soldiers stand at attention; the soldier at far right is Andreas Lutz, the other two are unknown.



Андрей Лутц

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именный на действительную службу прикраса сь
собственно сапоги № голенищах не короче
3-ти вершков, годные для ноши не меньше как на
6 месяцев, и блязы, копейки годные из употреблен
на один год, то по прибытии его в часть войска
реша эти могут быть вчетены в казну, а ску ушко
лены будут за эти вещи деньги. На переде времени
до 1 Января 1909 года, день назначены: за пару
сапогов 5 руб., за одну рубашку 50 коп., и
за один исподне брюки 35 коп. Вещей оных
может быть вчетены: за башку одной шапки, за
двух рубаш и двух исподних брюк. Кроме того,
если примет бюджет объявлен сь 1 Сентября по
1 Февраля, то за принесенныя сь собой годныя вещи
вещи будут уложены за полушубок 4 руб., за
рукавицы 26 коп., за наушники 11 коп., и
за суконныя портянки или, вельветы или,
шерстяные чулки или носки (последних не
меньше двух пар) по 72 коп.

Andreas Lutz

Began service: 1907 Served with: 191st reserve, Drushinski regiment

ANDREAS LUTZ Ticket #170

Ticket evidence: Lance-corporal Andreas Andresovich Lutz

191st infantry reserve, Drushinski regiment

Leave of absence for service 1907 until 1922.

Service admittance in Novouzenski district, the 4th principality; service list number 170 (received) the 8th of November 1903; began service the 1st of January 1907.

Birth: May 8, 1882

Married or single — single

Faith — Lutheran

Leave: a) province: Sashadskoi; b) district: Novouzenskaya; c) volost (small rural district): Lower Yeruslankom; d) city, village or township: Langenfeld

Ticket validated by Staff Fieldmarshal Gurrko: April 4, 1907

Notes about leaves of absence and returns from the following: Admitted for absence to the Lower Yeruslankom volost, in Novouzenskaya district, Smarskoi inlet on May 10, 1908 Pass No. 94






Gathered in stock: July 26, 1911 Pass No. 23

Gathered in stock: November 10, 1911

Notes about military sojourns in academic areas: Served in academic capacity for duty with Karst regiment from September 10th to October 8th in 1911.

If Andreas Lutz is called to active service, he must bring his own proper boots with waders not shorter than 9 ver-shoks (15¾ inches), a suitable supply of socks for not less than 6 months and suitable underwear to use for a full year. Then upon arrival part of these things may be stored in a chest, and money will be given in exchange. For the first time until January 1, 1909, the fixed prices are: 5 rubles (\$7.60) for a pair of boots; 50 kopecks (\$.76) for one shirt and 35 kopecks (\$.53) for one pair of pants. In addition, if the call to service will be from September 1 to February 1 then you will receive 4 rubles (\$6.00) for half-woolens; 26 kopecks (\$.39) for mittens, 11 kopecks (\$.17) for ear-muffs and 72 kopecks (\$1.08) for woolen socks or stockings (exchanging not more than two pair).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 LLCGS 7:00 p.m. Dick Admin. Bldg., (lower lvl.), Union Col- lege Campus	12	13	14 SOUP SUPPER 4:30-7:00 p.m. 	15 PAF-LUG 7:00 p.m. Family Service Cntr., 3100 Old Cheney Road
16	17 ST. PAT'S BOARD MEETING 7:00 p.m. 631 "D" Street 	18	19	20	21 SPRING!!! 	22
23 PALM SUNDAY 	24	25	26	27	28 GOOD FRIDAY	29
30 EASTER 	31					

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