

**The
Pacific
Southwest
District
Archives**

*I remember the days of old,
I meditate on all thou hast done.*
Psalm 143:5

As we go through life, most of us like to pause at times to remember our past, and those people God gave to help us along life's path. Memory is God's wonderful gift, enabling us to recall joys and sorrows. Beneath it all, we see God's everlasting grace and love through His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Archives of the church are the preserved memories of the acts of God working through His people and graciously leading them. Such remembrance is for our appreciation and encouragement, as we continue in His work, obedient to His command.

Remembrance is one of the great themes in God's Word. As Joshua and the children of Israel were poised to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land, God told them to select one man from each of the twelve tribes to carry a stone as he crossed the dry riverbed and to arrange the stones in a mound for a monument of remembrance. When future generations asked, "What mean these stones?" they would be told of God's mighty deliverance in order to keep the memory alive for generations to come.

In like manner, our archives are established for the remembrance of God's almighty acts in our District and local congregations. In these records, we can look back to see His hand leading the District and its parishes.

Michael Doyle,
District Archivist

The District Archives

If it's information on the District and its congregations that you need, the District Archives is the place to find it. The District Archives includes the following:

District Information:

- District Records from 1930 to present
- California Nevada District Records prior to 1930
- District Convention Proceedings
- District Convention essays
- District Education Committee Minutes
- History of the District
- Mission reports
- Pictures of Conventions

Congregational Information:

- Anniversary booklets
- Dedication booklets
- Disbanded congregations
- Installation folders
- Newspaper articles
- Pictures of events in the local churches

Reference Materials:

- *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*
- *Der Lutheraner*
- *In Focus*
- *The Lutheran Witness*
- *The Lutheran Witness Reporter*
- *The Lutheran Witness Supplement*
- *This Day*
- *This Month*
- *The Lutheran Annual*
- *Statistical Yearbooks*
- Synodical Reports and Budgets in German

Special Reference Materials:

- *Concordia Pulpit*
- German books
- Rare old books
- Sermon books in English and German

Information On:

- Christ College/ Concordia University, Irvine
- LCUSA
- Lutheran High Schools in the District
- Lutheran Business Women Association
- Lutheran Laymen's League
- Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- The Federated Lutheran Women
- Walther League
- Walther League Hospice

Because the District Archives is managed on a volunteer basis and is not open every day, you can call for an appointment, in advance, to use the Archives. To arrange for an appointment, you may contact the Archivist, Michael Doyle, at (909) 985-5948.

Since the memory of each congregation is the archives of that church, we encourage each congregation to keep their history up to date and forward important information about the congregation such as: anniversary booklets, installation folders, dedication booklets, or any pictures of important events in the life of the congregation to the District Archives in care of Michael Doyle, 2085 N. Palm Ave., Upland, CA 91784.

Soli Deo Gloria!