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## Happy 100th Birthday Thelma Thalgott Pearson Walter!



Thelma Thalgott Pearson Walter is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on October 17<sup>th</sup>. She's from Ellwood City, Branch 32. She's been an ATS member for 82 years (since 1941)!



The next regular  
ATS Bowling League Session  
is hosted by  
Cleveland East Br. 33  
Sunday, October 29  
start 11:30 am  
North Woods Lanes  
10435 Valley View Rd  
Macedonia Ohio 44056  
NO MEAL  
Any questions,  
call Wayne Suts  
(440) 279-3330

### BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

September went by in the blink of an eye! Branch 33's meeting was held September 9th and we were pleased to have ATS President Denise Crawford in attendance. President Crawford updated our group on the 2024 trip to Romania, and other national activities.

We hosted our first Clambake on September 30 – many Branch members and Messiah Lutheran members attended. Thanks to Cindy Schneider who did tons of work getting reservations, payments, and making tickets. Thanks to Mike Bretz, Jeff Krestel, and Nick Ziegler - did most of the cooking. Thanks to all who brought dessert to share. Thanks to all Branch 33 Sisters (and our new friend Rich!) who worked in the kitchen. Thanks to Messiah Lutheran for use of the facility. So many to thank, but teamwork made the Clambake a success! Our Branch is hosting the next regular ATS Bowling session, October 29, 11:30 a.m., at North Woods Lanes in Macedonia. Stop by if you can and share some Gemütlichkeit!

We send greetings to members unable to attend meetings and events – too many, including Don and Nancy Mahter, Joan Blaha, Inge, Mahn, Dorothy and Jean Schneider, Evelyn Keefer. Please keep Kathie Brusk in your prayers, recently hospitalized. We miss Kathie's energy and companionship! Austin Bonnett has been serving in the military helping at the U.S. southern border, but we were very

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford  
ATS Nat'l President



I cannot believe that it is October already! It seems like the Heimattag in New Castle was just a couple of weeks ago. However, my ATS Date Log book on my desk clearly says October. I now have only five more columns to write this year, after I finish this one. Yikes! Christmas will be here before we know it. ATS activities start to slow down during the fall, with just the TSBA bowling league and the ATS Open Bowling Tournament on the national schedule. Local Branch activities seem to increase, however. Membership banquets, Halloween parties, and Christmas parties are on the local schedules. One important event coming up at the local level is the Branch Officer elections. These local Offices are important positions. Some positions take more time than other ones, and depends on whether your Branch has a clubhouse or not. I am asking everyone to consider doing a little bit more to help your Branch. If someone asks you to consider taking an Office, please take time to consider it and don't just automatically say no. Better yet, volunteer to take an Office.

This is a reminder for any of the Branches who filed for an extension in May for their Form 990 Tax filing for the 2022 year-end. Your extended return is due on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Once you have filed your return, please send a copy of it to the ATS Home Office for our files. Thank you.

Speaking of the Form 990 tax return, did you know that there are 29 different types of 501 (c) organizations? A 501 (c) organization is a nonprofit or tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). IRC Section 501 relates to the exemption from Federal Income Tax, while Sections 503 through 505 set out the requirements for obtaining such exemptions. Many states refer to Section 501 (c) for definitions of being exempt from State Income Tax as well.

The 29 different "C" organizations include C4 – Civic leagues, social welfare organizations and employee associations. C5 is for a labor, agricultural and horticultural organizations. C6 includes Business Leagues and Chambers of Commerce. C13 is for cemetery companies, while C14 includes State Credit Unions. C21 is for Black Lung Benefit Trusts and C23 is for Veterans Organizations. The most common number, however, is 501 (c) 3 – religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes. When an organization has a 501 (c) status, donors can take a charitable deduction on their tax return for any donation given (subject to tax rules). Certain contributions to other "C" organizations could be tax deductible if the funds are to be used exclusively for a charitable or educational purpose within that organization.

A 501 (c) 8 organization is a Fraternal Benefit Society. The Society must have members of a similar calling, recreation or profession, or members who work together to accomplish a worthy goal. The members have associated themselves in order to help each other and to promote a common cause. The Society must have written documentation of its eligibility stan-

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donations to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

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dards for membership, a process of admission, and rights and privileges of members. The members must have a common bond, which may be based on religious beliefs, gender, occupation, ethnicity, or shared values. The Society must have a supreme governing body and subordinate lodges into which members are elected, initiated, or admitted in accordance with its laws. This supreme governing body should be composed of delegates elected directly by members. The Society must offer benefits to members, which may include life insurance, scholarships, educational programs, and travel opportunities, as well as other benefits. Revenue generated from providing benefits to non-members must be insubstantial to the Society and could be taxable as unrelated business income. Fraternal Benefit Societies trace their lineage back through mutual benefit societies, friendly societies, and eventually back to medieval guilds. Many were founded to serve the needs of immigrants and other under-served groups who shared common bonds of religion, ethnicity, gender, occupation or shared values. Does all of this 501 (c) 8 information sound familiar? If so, that is because the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is exactly that – a Fraternal Benefit Society. We have our Branches or Lodges that are spread across five states. The ATS provides many benefits for our members, including life insurance, annuity benefits, scholarships, cultural and youth programs, etc. At the local Branch or Lodge, extra benefits may be available to its members. In addition to the tax-exempt status of the ATS, each of our Local Branches or Lodges, enjoy that same 501 (c) 8 tax-exempt status on the local level.

The ATS welcomes new members to join and share in our cultural and social events, as well as benefit from our insurance and annuity plans. Please invite your relatives and friends to join our Fraternal Family so that they can benefit from belonging to organization that has so much to offer.

Until next time....

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?  
Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

HELP WANTED

Part Time Office Assistant

The ATS Home office is looking for a candidate with excellent customer service skills, general office knowledge, and experience in billing, mail distribution and data entry.

Candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word, Outlook, and be detailed oriented and able to multi-task.

We can offer a competitive salary and flexible schedule. Please email inquiries to office@atsaxons.com



"No, but if someone does turn in your mojo..."



Cleveland East Br. 33



YOUNGSTOWN  
SAXON RETIREES  
By Ro Dundon

We met on September 14th again at Bob Evans in Austintown for our meeting/luncheon. I will say again it is so good to be together and find out the comings and goings in our life.

The 300 Draw Down Dinner was a huge success. Everyone had a great time - the food was exceptional, and of course the prize winners were delighted.

We had a few absent from our gathering. Rosemary is still recuperating. We hope she will be soon back in the groove. We are wishing Lisa a speedy recovery. Neither Bev or Barb made it. Sorry Bev, we didn't get to wish (and sing???) you Happy Birthday to you. We hope you had a wonderful day.

The Fall season has begun. The air is beginning to be crisp and the leaves are starting to change colors. Each night gets a little more chilly - I've already got the sweats out.

Our next meeting will again be held at Bob Evans in Austintown. Our President, Diana will call everyone if anything changes. Time for the meeting will be 11:30. Hope everyone can make it.

Everyone be careful, stay safe and healthy and stay warm.

Till we meet again, as usual it's Ro.

ASK ...  
ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW  
A CERTIFICATE OF  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATS  
CAN HELP YOU TO SAVE!





FRATERNAL CALENDAR

BRANCH 8,  
ALLIANCE  
By Lesley Reed

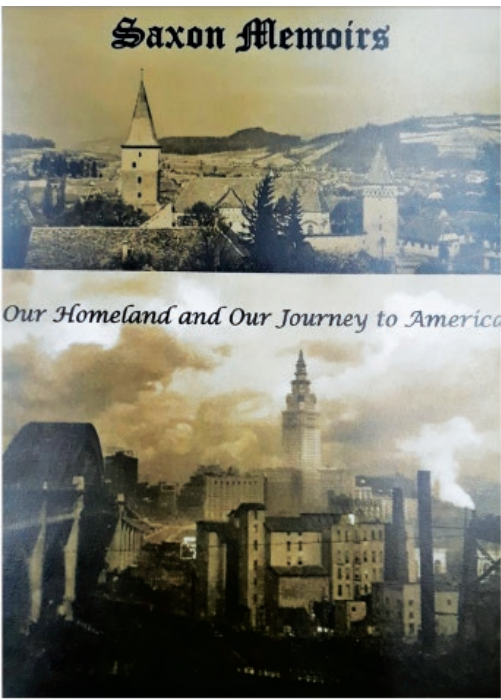
NATIONAL EVENTS

- October 21 - 22, 2023  
ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Host : Merrillville, IN
- October 29, 2023  
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland East
- November 19, 2023  
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland West
- December 3, 2023  
TSBA Bowling - Lorain
- January 14, 2024  
TSBA Bowling - New Castle
- February 18, 2024  
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland East
- March 17, 2024  
TSBA Bowling - Youngstown
- April 6 - 7, 2024  
TSBA Season End Tournament - New Castle
- May 18 - 19, 2024  
ATS Convention  
Host: Youngstown, OH
- July 12 - 14, 2024  
North American Saxon Heimattag  
Kitchener, ON Canada
- July 27, 2024  
ATS Family Day at Waldameer

LOCAL EVENTS

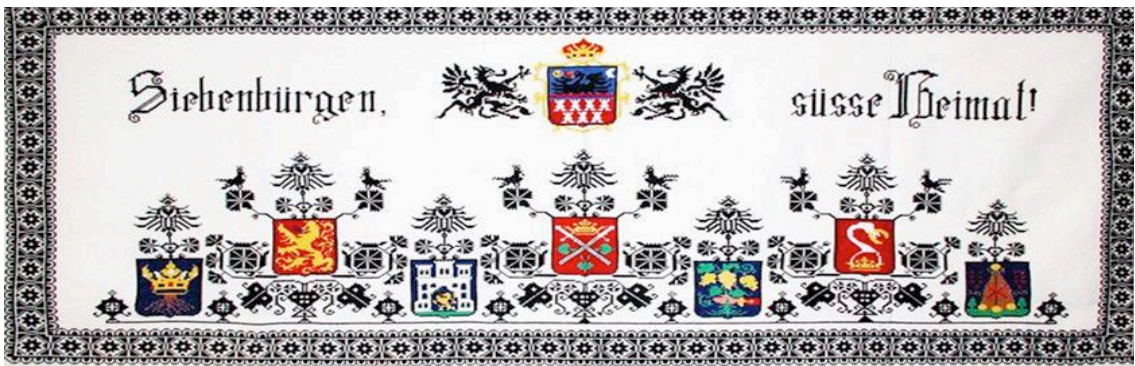
- October 21, 2023  
Youngstown Craft Show
- October 27, 2023  
Cleveland West Children’s Halloween Party
- November 12, 2023  
Cleveland West Veterans Day Dinner
- December 2, 2023  
Cleveland West Sausage Sale  
Cleveland East Sausage Making and Sale
- December 3, 2023  
Youngstown Children’s Christmas Party
- December 10, 2023  
Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party  
Berwick Party House 1 - 4 p.m.  
Youngstown Christmas Party
- December 16, 2023  
Cleveland West Children’s Christmas Party
- December 17, 2023  
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party

This past August 19<sup>th</sup>, our Branch 3 Men’s lodge president John Aeling and his family hosted both of our clubs for a picnic. We’d like to thank them for an enjoyable afternoon along with providing some delicious smoked pork! The other potluck goodies were delicious as well. It was a beautiful day and a nice turn out of members. Our first meeting, after taking a break for summer, was held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We started out with some social time, enjoying a meal of pizza and dessert provided by the Esterlys. We had eight ladies present, with five being excused. We recognized two recipients of scholarships for the Spring ‘23 college semester, Evan Hertel and Sadie Zeedrich. Helen Aeling and Barb Esterly, who assisted with the Traun event in July, spoke about their experience and how impressed they were by it. Barb also spoke to us about her participation as a poll worker for the recent August statewide election. Lastly, upcoming reminders concerning our lodge schedule were discussed. These include the next formal meeting to take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> where we will hold our election of officers for 2024 and our annual holiday season dinner at Hart Mansion restaurant in Minerva to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.



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Alliance Branches 3 and 8 Picnic





## CHURCHES



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**10:00 Service**  
**Nursery**  
**Coffee following service**  
**Senior Circle**

*The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it.*

*Chinese proverb*

## Cleveland East Br. 33 Cont'd from Page 1

excited to hear he should be home in November.

George Adam, Br. 33 member since 1956, passed away September 9th. I would like to share some items from his obituary: George's life journey began in Romania, but he eventually made his way to Völkmarkt, Austria, where he spent his youthful years. In 1956, he immigrated to the United States with his friend Michael Thellmann and chose Cleveland, OH, as his new home. An avid skier, George found great pleasure on the slopes and became the ski instructor at first ski area in Northeast Ohio, Mount Chalet. In 1968, he co-founded the Edelweiss Ski Club. He and his family spent many winters skiing at Cockaigne, creating cherished memories on

the powdery slopes. George showcased his competitive spirit as a ski racer in the Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council, also participating in NASTAR racing competitions as a finalist. He was an accomplished machine tool builder, dedicating 31 years of his life to Lucas Machine. Later, George opened his own machine tool repair business, G&M Machine. Proud of his heritage, George actively participated in cultural organizations, including the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center and the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. He was also a founding member of the Jugendgruppe along with his wife. George's love for music was expressed through his skills as a Glockenspiel player in Blaskapelle.

He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed playing soccer as well as being part of the Keglers and Wurstmacher. George is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Maria Adam (Weber), daughters Anita Kalkhof, Adrea Adamik, and Annamarie Kowalczyk.

I and many from Branch 33 attended his funeral service; when the song 'Edelweiss' was played, there was not a dry eye in the church.

The family of our Branch Sister Florence Davidson had a Memorial Celebration of Life to her honor on September 23. We know Florence loved her Saxon family, and it was an honor for us to attend.

I want to share some words from Branch Sister Bette Schmidt in Tribute to Florence Davidson. "Florence was my life long Saxon friend. I always appreciated her ever-present wit



**We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.**

### James G. Borak Age 97

Died: September 16, 2023  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH



## Youngstown Branch 30 Speck Fry



and knowledge. Both were clearly evident in my personal life and at our ATS Branch 33 meetings. She was truly THE Parliamentarian; sitting in the back of our meeting room at St. John's Church, her presence and wisdom much in evidence. When I was Vice President of Br. 33, I often sought out Florence's expertise. At any social gathering or meeting, she made it a point to circulate and speak with everyone. On a personal note, I remember with great fondness our monthly Pinochle games with my husband, Karl, Florence and Myron 'Chick' Davidson, Marie and Bill Spann, and Thelma and Jim Toth. We rotated among our houses and after playing several rounds, ate the delicious refreshments served by the evening's host/hostess. Karl and I celebrated many wedding anniversaries with Florence and Chick at Howah's Reastaurant in Beachwood. Good times; Good memories! Now a few words from my daughter, Karyn....." "I recall that Florence was often asked, or volunteered to be the nominating chairperson for the annual officers' election of our Branch. She readily agreed... then would add, 'I am sure my good friend Karyn Schmidt will serve with me.' It was her gently persuasive way of including 'younger' members in Branch activities. Florence was always kind, supportive, attentive, and interested in what I was doing in my life. I sure appreciated her, and Mr. D's, friendship. Much love to both of them; and to her children, Laurie & Bill, and their families, our condolences." Well said Sisters.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11 at Messiah Lutheran Church, starting with a Halloween pizza party at 7 p.m.



**BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS**  
By Donald Blum

**MONTHLY MEETING**

HICKORY HOUSE  
550 Officenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
November 20, 2023  
Time 12:00 Noon

Our meetings are the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month.

We would like to discuss meeting alternatives on November 20th.

**Remember to bring a canned good item, household product or other food item.**

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

**PRAYERS**

Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus. Paul has said that a highlight for him is to continue reading news and stories about various Saxon activities in the Volksblatt.

**SAXON MEMOIRS**

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**CELEBRATIONS**

Please join me in wishing Susi Mueller (October 5) a very Happy Birthday. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

**HUMOR**

The Sunday School teacher asks the children to draw Christmas pictures. She goes over to one student and sees he's drawn a picture of four people on an airplane.

"What is this?" she asked.

"Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus on a flight to Egypt," he says.

"Well... who's the fourth person?"

"That's Pontius, the pilot."

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

**Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10 (Facebook Group)**

Please invite people to join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy

what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
NOTICE  
YOU'RE INVITED**



**NO IT'S NOT A MILLION  
DOLLARS,  
BUT IT IS A REAL  
FUN TIME  
COLUMBUS  
SAXON CLUB**

Something is **NEW!** Our attendance at the Christmas Party has increased over the years. We are moving the festivities to the Berwick Party House to accommodate everyone that wants a Saxon Christmas.

Come join Sankt Nikolaus on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

In order to make this a fun and nice experience, we need to make sure we know how many people will be attending. We want to invite Club members, ATS members and guests.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 pm.

Join us for food, fellowship and Christmas Fun.

Please let us know your interest.

In order to get an idea of the number of attendees, we need to have you RSVP. Also, we would like to have an idea of children 12 and under. Not a commitment...just need a general headcount of people that can join us.

Respond to Sara Alzner-Brown by text or call: (614) 395-2646

**HISTORY OF MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH**

The records indicate that the Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Congregation was organized on January 2, 1927, under the leadership of Student George Schuster of the Theological Seminary of Capital University. This information is part of the minutes of the first official gathering of a group of individuals that had a desire to have a church, as well as the beneficial society,

which they had organized in its "Sachsenheim" at 323 Woodrow Avenue.

The story and history of Martin Luther Church does not really begin on January 2, 1927. The story begins almost 900 years ago. Our Transylvanian Saxons book of 1982, tells the story of how emigration began about 1150 AD. Most every Saxon knows the story of King Geza II of Hungary, called on Germans to settle in the frontier land, also described as a former wasteland along the border area of Hungary. This land was called the King's Land. This was the beginning of what would be inhabited by people who would become to be known as the 'Transylvanian Saxons.' These Transylvanian Saxons would build a community, schools, churches, governments and the Saxon way of life in small and large villages and cities. They would build fortified structures to protect their communities and Hungary from warring, neighboring countries.

So it began by these courageous Transylvanian Saxons leaving all they had in their Mother-Land of Germany and venturing to begin a new life in this foreign land that would become to be known as Transylvania. These Saxons never forgot or severed their ties and heritage to their Motherland but they created their own culture, language, traditions and way of life that is specific and uniquely Transylvanian Saxon.

This is where Martin Luther Church originated from these Transylvanian Saxons looking for a new life in Transylvania. We know from the Transylvanian Saxon Book that the first Saxon coming to America believed to be Johann Kelp in 1694. This would begin the next journey for Transylvanian Saxons from their adopted and created Mother-Land of Transylvania to what would become their new homes in North America.

Again, The Transylvanian Book tells us that the first wave of Saxons coming to America was from 1886 to 1914. This is when many

of the Saxons that started Martin Luther Church would come to America. The second wave occurs after 1918. Transylvania would officially become part of Romania. This started a wave of immigration between 1922 and 1930. These Saxons would make up the remainder of the Saxons that would be important and part of the founders of the Martin Luther Church congregation.

This is where we pick up the story of Martin Luther Church. Martin Luther Church was definitely not the first German-American Church in Central Ohio. In reading 'The Columbus Germans' by La Vern J. Rippley, 1998, we learn a lot about German History in Central Ohio. Mr. Rippley earned a PhD in German Studies from The Ohio State University. Mr. Rippley, PhD., has an extensive background and heritage in German Studies, including a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Munich, Germany. His book was a wonderful source on the background of German immigrants. Ironically, like so much history of German history in Central Ohio, there was no mention of any Transylvanian Saxons specifically in the history.

Central Ohio was a destination for many German immigrants, including Transylvanian Saxons. Many of the early churches found themselves caught up in political movements that would result in changing of names. The German Evangelical Church became the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and then into the Independent Protestant Church. Many of these churches were formed from migrations of German-speaking Lutherans from other parts of the country.

Many of the churches originated as only German speaking churches. Then some of the services introduced English into their services. These churches soon found this would threaten to squeeze out the German speaking services. Some of the important people involved in German Churches were Reverend Konrad Mees and

Professor William F. Lehman. As a Capital University Alumni, these are familiar names as Professor Lehman was great composer at Capital University. Both men were eventually honored by having buildings named after them (this was when people that had contributed to the university and not as today when people buy that designation by financial contributions). These men were influential in the creation and building of St. Paul's Church and Trinity German Evangelical and First English Lutheran Church. Both churches found themselves involved in controversy due to the German language. A small contingent left St. Paul's left and joined Germans at Trinity Lutheran Church making Reverend Lehmann their permanent pastor for an extensive time. German Professors at Capital University frequently served as pastors. We would see that this is an important fact in the creation of Martin Luther Church, too.

With the influx of continued migration of Germans to Central Ohio many different churches sprang up. Depending on the descendants homelands numerous Protestant Churches came about, along with Methodist, United Brethren, Catholics (not only a church, St. Marys, became a prominent fixture to German Village). The German-Catholics population grew so much that Josephinum orphanage was created and later Josephinum became a college for priestly education.

Another German migration of German-Jews migrated to Columbus. A familiar name to orthodox society, B'nai Jeshuren began with Simon Lazarus serving as rabbi. Upon emigrating to the U.S. from Nuremberg, Simon Lazarus founded a clothing store under what else but what would become the Lazarus Department Stores.

So, Columbus became the melting pot for Germans of many diverse backgrounds, heritage and religions.

Okay, this leads us to the heart of this story, Martin Luther Church on Moler and Ann Streets. So how did Martin Luther Church come into existence? What prompted these Transylvanian Saxons to want to start their own church.

On January 23, 1910, The Siebenbuerger Sachsen & Kranken Unterstuetzungs Verein (Seven Citizens of Saxon Singing & Sick Support Association) was founded. It was created by Transylvanian Saxons. While the heritage of Transylvanian



**Martin Luther Church**

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Saxons is traced back to Germany, Transylvanian Saxons had created their own heritage and wanted to celebrate their heritage with other Transylvanian Saxons. This club/organization/association is traced back to the first building (not much more than a garage at the time) on 323 Woodrow Avenue in the South End. This organization flourished so well that I am assuming someone got the idea that we have this strong organization, why don't we take it a step further.

A bit of historical significance is our current Saxon Club President, Mike Roth, is a direct descendent of the founding fathers of the Saxon Club. Services were conducted at the small building on Woodrow. They decided we should build our own church that celebrates the foundation of Martin Luther's teachings and our own heritage and language. George Schuster, Pastor-Student of Capital Seminary conducted services and was instrumental in the initiative to create Martin Luther Church.

Affiliation with the Joint Synod of Ohio was immediately established and the president of the Western District, Dr. H.J. Schuh, visited often and offered his help and counsel. Student George Schuster graduated from the seminary in June 1927. His installation as pastor took place in the summer of that year.

The aim of the congregation was to build a church home as soon as possible. Four lots were purchased for \$ 2,100 at the corner of Moler and Ann Streets for this purpose. Plans were drawn for an adequate church building. There was a large amount of interest and membership saw an increase.

Everything was progressing better than expected. Then, the congregation suffered a tremendous setback. Reverend Schuster received and accepted a calling to Greenville, Ohio in September 1928. Many of the 84 members wanted to disband.

This is where we pause the story for today. You will want to see what happened to the Martin Luther Church Congregation in the upcoming article.

In coming Volksblatt articles we will detail how the creation of Martin Luther Church began and how the Third Wave of Immigration of Transylvanian Saxons to America, from 1949 to 1955, affected the church.



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7:30 p.m.  
Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue**



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**We will have a Masquerade Parade for judging of costumes and awarding of prizes. Tell Mom and Dad to dress in costume - there will also be prizes awarded for the best adult costumes.**

**You can show off your artistic talents by making a ghostly craft, "Dragonfly Balloons" will entertain us with an Interactive Stage Show and Balloon Sculpting. Refreshments will be served following the entertainment.**

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