

Morning Star History



Older members at apple butter boil
Russell Hepner, Homer Ryan, Byrd Moomaw, & Casper Moomaw

A Brief History of Morning Star Congregation Near Orkney Springs, Virginia.

BY REV. J. P. STIREWALT, D. D.

The building in which we are now assembled is the first one ever built in this immediate neighborhood by Lutheran people for a Lutheran Church. This neat, substantial house of worship was built during the summer of 1887, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt. It is located six miles from Orkney Springs in Shenandoah county, Virginia. And whilst the church stands in rather a mountainous country, yet it was built by and is now owned and used by a devout, liberal, and well-to-do people. Some of the first worshipers in this new church were the Hepners, Funkhousers, Millers, Ryman, Smiths, Moomaws, and others whose names might be appropriately and deservedly mentioned.

The very first sermon ever preached in this church was on Sunday, October 8, 1887, by the Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt from the text, John 10:9. The writer is of the opinion that he preached several sermons in the old Dug Road schoolhouse that stood possibly one mile south of this building. If this is correct, these sermons were preparatory to the organization of this Morning Star congregation. The writer of this sketch is sure that he did in this schoolhouse catechise some young people whom he afterwards confirmed in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion, as it is confessed, believed, and taught by our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This Morning Star congregation

This Morning Star congregation was organized on Saturday, October 28, 1887, by the Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt. The names of twenty-two members were enrolled. On this day the pastor confirmed eleven persons whom he had previously catechised. He also on this day administered baptism to three adults. The first sacramental meeting ever held in this new church was on Sunday, October 29, 1887. Confession and Absolution were held and the Lord's Supper was then administered to fifty-two communicants. The late Rev. John N. Stirewalt assisted in the administration of the sacrament and preached on Saturday and Sunday. The sermons were interesting and the congregations were appreciative and attentive.

The congregation had met at this time, October 29, 1887, for the purpose of dedicating the church, but on account of the snow and rain that fell then the dedication was postponed. Regular monthly services were held by the pastor, till the congregation met on Saturday, April 28, 1888, in the new church for the purpose of beginning the dedicatory services. The Rev. John N. Stirewalt preached the preparatory sermon from Genesis 18:27. After this the pastor confirmed eight young persons whom he had catechised. This was during the morning of that day. A most excellent dinner was then served. It was prepared by the good people of that community. It was rich and abundant.

After dinner the congregation re-

After dinner the congregation re-assembled and the Rev. P. C. Wike preached an instructive sacramental sermon from 1 Cor. 11:23-25. Confession and Absolution being held, the Holy Communion was administered to 52 persons. On this day the pastor administered baptism to two infants. On Sunday morning, April 29, 1888, a large congregation came together and the Rev. John N. Stirewalt preached the dedicatory sermon from Matthew 16:18. He then in an effort raised \$213.63 to pay off the balance due on the cost of the building. After this the church was dedicated to the service of the Triune God and the use of the Evangelical Lutheran Church under the name and title of Morning Star. The dedicatory service was performed by the pastor. The name for the new church was furnished by Mrs. Rebecca Miller, the beloved wife of the late father John D. Miller, whose family were prominent members of the congregation. The services that were held were appropriate, impressive, and churchly. The land upon which the church stands together with the cemetery was given by David Hepner, who together with his family were faithful members of our church.

To be continued.

Concluded from the last issue.
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This Morning Star congregation was admitted to membership in 1888 with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. It remained a loyal member of that memorable body until this synod was merged into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. It was, of course, a member of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod while that synod continued her existence. This congregation is now a faithful member of the Virginia Conference of the United Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. As a congregation it has always stood well in the esteem of the Synod and Conference. It has always felt an interest in the general work of the Church, and has contributed liberally to the support of that work. Its influence for the glory of God, the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, the improvement of its own section of the country, and even the betterment of the world, has been and is now recognized and appreciated. It has also done well in the entertainment of our conference and Sunday school conventions. The entertainment was always agreeable to whom it was offered.

On June 9, 1888, Mr. David I. Offman, of New Market, Va., a student of theology, preached to the congregation that came together then in this house. His text was Psa. 53:1, first part of the verse. On the second Sunday in April, 1889, the Rev. P. C. Wike preached in this church. On October 12, 1890, Rev. W. P. Cline preached here, it being on communion meeting. On Sunday morning, April 12, 1891, Rev. P. C. Wike preached a sacramental sermon and at this meeting fifty-nine communed. On Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8, 1891, Rev. M. F. Rinker, a Lutheran pastor, preached, and the Lord's Supper was administered to about fifty persons. On June 12, 1892, Rev. R. H. Cline preached in this church. At some time during the life of the congregation, by request, the late Rev. A. L. Crouse preached here a sermon in the German language.

man language.

The last sacramental meeting held here with this congregation by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt was on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, 1893. During this meeting he baptized three infants, and administered the Lord's Supper to eighty communicants. He preached on Saturday afternoon and also on Sunday morning, and after this he resigned as pastor of this interesting congregation. Thus upon a moment's reflection it will be discovered that Dr. Stirewalt served here as pastor for five years and seven months. During these years he held according to the custom of doing church work at that time two sacramental meetings each year or a total of twelve such meetings during his pastoral care of the congregation. The smallest number of communicants at any one meeting was fifty and the largest number was eighty.

and the largest number was eighty. The number of confirmations by him were as many as we had a right to expect in that thinly settled neighborhood. He baptized many of infants and adults. He preached a number of funerals. He preached regularly to the congregation once a month according to custom. He catechised regularly. The congregation had in its connection an interesting Sunday school the greater part of the time. To this day Dr. Stirewalt has much pleasure in thinking over his associations with that cherished congregation. He resigned as pastor on May 14, 1893, in favor of Rev. A. L. Boliek. After his resignation, Dr. Stirewalt preached five sermons from April 6, 1901, to August 27, 1909. The Rev. J. L. Deaton was pastor here about 1906. This Morning Star congregation is now about thirty-six years of age, and has had five pastors. This congregation has been useful. It has not existed in vain. Every day of its existence it is making history for the future historian of our Church.

And now may the grace of God be and abide with each one of you and may he crown your efforts to do his work with success. Is the prayer of your former pastor.

New Market, Va.,

Oct. 24, 1923.

Morning Star Church Rededicates Building

Morning Star Lutheran Church of the Orkney Springs Parish, the Rev. M. L. Zirkle, pastor, will rededicate their church building and have a Homecoming this Sunday, September 7th. Sunday School will be conducted at 10 a. m. The present church building was built in 1887 with the Rev. J. P. Stirewalt as pastor. The Rededication Sermon will be preached by the Rev. R. Homer Anderson, D. D., Superintendent of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia, at 11 o'clock. Dr. Anderson will rededicate the building and bless the memorials at the morning worship. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to come and spend the day together.

In the afternoon an address will be made by the Rev. Rudolf Ludwig, pastor of the Quicksburg Lutheran Parish. The quartet from St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Jerome, composed of Staylor Funkhouser, William A. Funkhouser, Arthur Bowers and Berlin Bowers, will give several selections during the day.

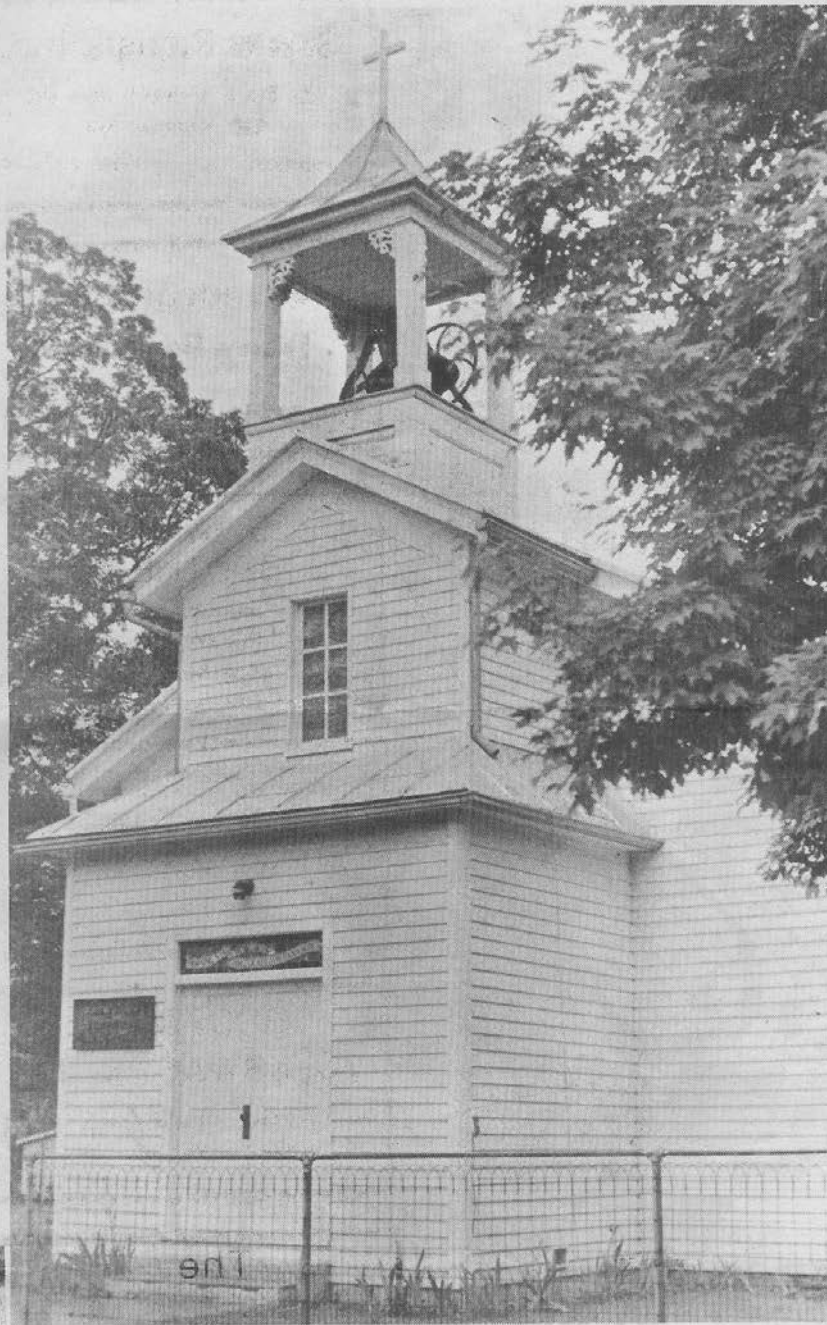
The church building has been completely renovated on the inside and outside. The vestibule has been enlarged with double doors at the entrance, which gives it a more churchly appearance. A hot air furnace has been installed in this church. A reservoir has been built which will hold several thousand gallons of water. The chancel has been elevated with a solid walnut altar placed in the church. This and the lectern were made by Mr. Albert Will, of Quicksburg. Those who have seen them say there are no finer altar or lectern in any church in this section of the country. The altar and lectern are built

with Gothic panels and finished in natural wood. Other church furnishings consist of a modernistic brass altar set composed of a 24 inch cross with "I. H. S." etched on it, and matching candlesticks and vases; paraments for the Church Year in four colors—Green, White, Purple and Red, with emblems on each color; two new solid walnut offering plates and a brass candlelighter given by the members of the church; also two flags, the United States and Christian, placed on staffs; a solid white fair linen and a pure Irish linen for the Communion. All of these have been given to the church by members of the congregation.

The following memorials have been presented; a brass altar cross by Mr. and Mrs. Miner Emswiler; candlesticks by Miss Evelyn Hepner; vases by Mr. and Mrs. Casper Moomaw; lectern by Mrs. J. L. Funkhouser and Mrs. J. C. Funkhouser; green parament by Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Hepner; white parament by Mr. and Mrs. Minor Rinker; purple parament by Mrs. Byrd Moomaw and daughter, Miss Frances Moomaw; red parament and book marks, by Mrs. Minnie Ryan and daughter, Miss Twila Ryan; the purple and white book marks are given by Miss Ada Ryman; green book marks are given by Mrs. Mark Hepner; two flags by Miss Effie Hepner and Mr. W. E. Hepner; a Bible for the lectern by Mrs. Jack Rudolf and Mr. Wayne Ryan; a brass candlelighter by the Sunday School; two solid walnut offering plates by Messrs. Medford and Stanley Moomaw.

All improvements to the church leaves the congregation free of debt.

Church of the Week



(Daily Staff Photo By Ruby S. Vann)

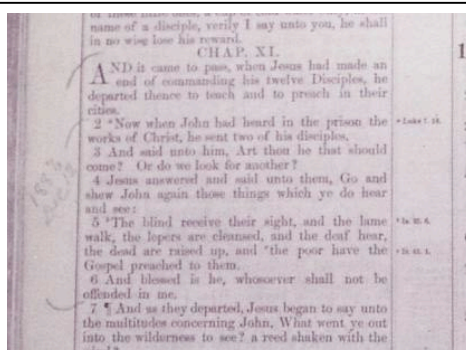
*Orkney Springs Lutheran Parish
Morning Star Lutheran Church
Walter A. Sigman, Pastor*

from Northern Virginia Daily, June 21, 1969

Morning Star Lutheran Church was organized in 1887 by members of Powder Springs living in the Hepner's area.

The first service was probably on October 9, 1887 by the organizing pastor Rev. J. P. Stirewalt with text from John 10:9. Morning Star was organized October 28, 1887. There were 26 charter members at that time. David Ryman and John Hepner were the first elders. John Miller and David Hepner were the first deacons. The first members to be confirmed were on October 18, 1887 with eight new members, of which three were baptized. The church was dedicated on April 18, 1888. The name of the church was selected by Mrs. Rebecca Miller and the land was donated by David Hepner. The Rev. J. P. Stirewalt held several services at the school house until the church was completed. Orville Hepner said that his father's sister was buried at the church before it was built. Her name was Rebecca Hepner and she died 11/13/1887.

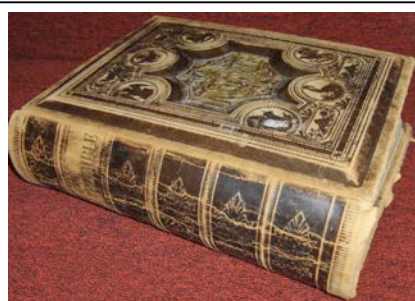
The church was built for about \$1,000 and is the current building.



Text marked for Sunday worship on Dec. 12, 1887 from Matthew 11:1-6.

In the early years when there was a communion Sunday, there was also a preparatory service on Saturday.

The Sunday school was organized in 1888 with J. J. Hepner



First Bible at Morning Star.

being the first superintendent. The session ran from the first Sunday in May until mid-November. When the Sunday school first formed, male and



Christmas program in 1997

Back row: Tim Gilbert, Kasey Tusing, Kara Tusing, Christina Delawder, Libby Biller, Kylie Biller

Middle row: Sarah & Jessica O'Connell: Harlow girls; Sydney Tusing, Harlow girl, Kullen Biller, Kevin Delawder

Front row: Jacob Armell, Caitlin O'Connell

female students had separate classes. This lasted until 1900. Verses and catechism were a part of Sunday school. The first Christmas program that was knowingly bought was in 1912. By 1933, Sunday school was held year round.

In 1890, candy was given to the kids at the end of the year. The cost was \$.74. This custom continues even today as candy and oranges are still given to all the "kids" at our annual children's Christmas program.

In 1899, we were a part of the Tennessee Synod. Pastor Boliek was the recording secretary of the synod.

In the spring of 1899, the church received a new coat of paint.

On 2/5/1903, attendance was small because of a smallpox outbreak.

In 1904, the Sunday school gave a Christmas service on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve.

On 6/20/1907, Sunday school was not held on account of measles.

In March of 1913, attendance was small with inclement weather and measles were scarce.

Hymn sings are noted as far back as 1904. On Sunday, April 20, 1913, Mr. Isaac Golliday had a hymn sing at Morning Star. The old Harmonia Sacra was used and a meal was enjoyed.

In July 1913, lightning struck Morning Star Church. It hit the steeple and went down the corner of the belfry, tearing the corner and weather boarding and entering the church. Not much damage was done inside, except for tearing some carpet in the aisle.



THE MORNING STAR SCHOOL, in the Hepner's community in the western part of Lee District, according to the placard held by the young lady on the front row, January 2, 1914. It must have been a mighty nice, rather warm day for January, if that is correct. Anyway we will accept the year as 1914. The picture was furnished through the courtesy of Mrs. Laura Hepner Meomaw, RFD 2,

Mt. Jackson. The pupils and teacher were left to right, front row, John Lamma, Luther Tusing, John Hepner, Florence Lamma, Casper Ryman, Roy Ryman; second row, Laura Frye, Edna Smith, John Craig, Mamie Tusing, Roy Estep, Millie Ryman, Herman Estep, Laura Ryman, Charles Lamma, Raymond Fryer; third row, Paul Biller, Lula Tusing, Mary Hepner, Oney Lamma, Julia

Marshall, Roy Estep, Lynn Estep, Della Hepner, Noah Ryman, Melvin Biller, Clarence Estep, Wayne Hepner, Ada Ryman; fourth row, James Smith, Russell Hepner, Hattie Tusing, Willie Tusing, Tiny Biller, Jake Frye, Laura Hepner, Walter Miller and Albert Hepner. And last but not least, the teacher, in the middle at the back in front of the shutters, Mark B. Getz.

This old picture from Morning Star school shows many of our members.

In September 1914, money was raised to improve the church. In 1914, parishioners gave apples, apple butter, peaches, and other goods to the pastor. Even today members of the parish share their harvest with the pastor.

The chancel was enlarged during the pastorate of M. L. Pence (1918-24). It was probably about 1920.

From 1927 until 1930, the pastor's salary was \$1,600. The budget for 1932 was \$400.

In 1928, there was a parish paper.

In September 1923, the parsonage was valued at \$2,000.

In December 1932, Morning Star had services the first Sunday in the morning and the third Sunday in the afternoon.

In December 1936, it was reported that there had been a fire at the parsonage and that repairs had been made.

In 1938, the budget was \$522.

In 1941, the council was increased from 4 to 6 members.

In December 1941, 36 Common Service Books and 24 Parish School Hymnals were purchased. These Sunday school books are still used today.

In 1942, it was decided to continue using bulletins and that the new pastor salary would be \$1,400.

In 1943, a communion set was bought for \$30.49.

On December 9, 1943, 156 packages of Tasty-Jell were ordered and sold with the proceeds going to altar furnishings.

In 1944, VBS was at Powder Springs church.

In September 1944, it was decided to have a Victory Day service.

In 1945, the budget was \$819.27.

In November 1945, the church caught fire one Sunday morning. Jim Biller, the janitor, had built a fire for Sunday morning. When the fire broke out, he went for help. Water had to be carried to the church. Noah Yankey helped save the church as he was the only one willing to go up through the belfry to the roof. He cut a hole in the roof to get water to the fire. Afterwards he said, "Remember a Yankey saved the church." It was repaired and work completed on digging the basement and putting in a furnace by 1947.

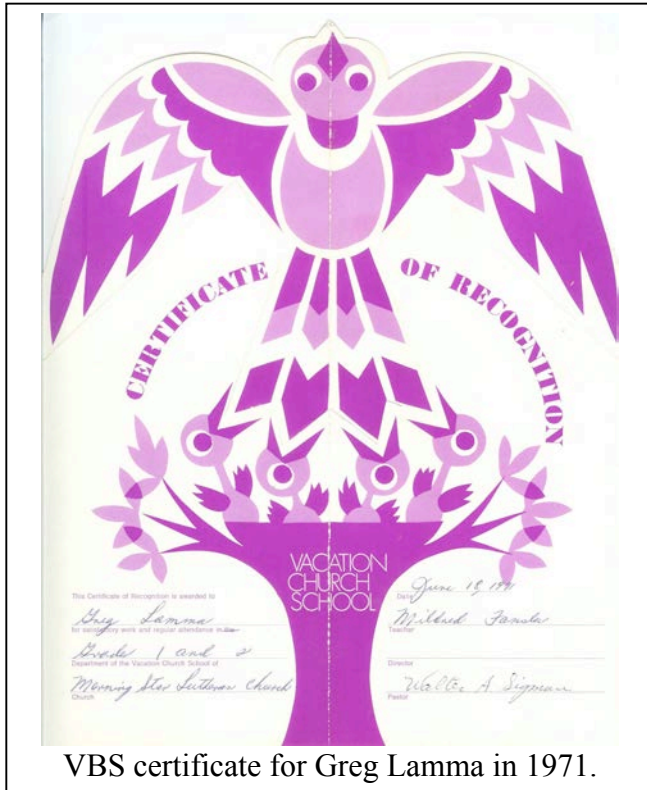
In 1946, a new memograph was bought.

In 1947, the budget was just over \$1,000. Also, the narthex and cistern were added for \$719.94. And in 1947, the church was rededicated.



VBS picture of children at play at Morning Star.

At homecoming, 9/7/1947, the following were dedicated: solid walnut altar made by Mr. Will, solid walnut lectern, brass altar cross, brass candlesticks, brass candle lighter and extinguisher, brass vases, Bible for lectern, U.S. and Christian flags, solid walnut offering plates, set of green paraments, set of red paraments with bookmarks, set of white paraments, green book markers, violet and white book markers, fair liner for altar and scarf for table.



VBS certificate for Greg Lamma in 1971.

In 1948, VBS was with Powder Springs.

In 1949, the light fixtures were bought. In 1949, the pastor's salary was \$2,800.

From the late 1940's to the early 1950's, homecoming was the third Sunday in September.

In 1950, a fence was added to the cemetery and land was bought from Raymond Frye.

In 1951, VBS was at Powder Springs.

In 1952, the pastor's salary was \$3,000.

In 1954, homecoming was the 5th Sunday in August. The following year it was the 3rd Sunday in September.

In October 1956, the stained glass windows were bought for \$675.00.

They were donated in memory and in honor of church members.

In January 1960, a new roof was put on.

The budget for 1961 was \$2,737.

In the fall of 1961, 53 Service Books and Hymnals were donated. Before this time the black service book was used. These hymnals became known as the red book.

In December 1961, the walnut Chancel chairs were given.

In September 1962, the church was painted and a new Hammond Spinet Organ was given. The organ was blessed at the 75th anniversary service on 10/7/1962. This organ is still in use today.

In 1965, a new drop ceiling was put in the church.

In 1967, a baptismal bowl was donated in memory of Rev. Leonard by the congregation.



Children's literature from Cheryl Lamma (Delawder)

In 1968, the first recorded apple butter made \$139.95. We still hold two apple butter boils on Saturdays in October. In years past, money from the boils was used to support our missionaries.



In 1970, the average attendance for Morning Star was 58 people.

In 1974, the inside of the church was painted and road signs were added. New signs were put up in 1999.

In 1975, a new Sunday school addition was added. It was dedicated on homecoming Sunday, the 4th Sunday in August. Blackboards and bookcases were made.

In 1976 a guest book and stand was donated.

In 1978, the pews were refurbished and card racks added.

In 1979, 60 Lutheran Books of Worship were purchased.

In 1981, the budget was \$11,500. Spouting was put on the church and shelves put in the basement. The belfry was painted and a dehumidifier was added to the basement. Also the cemetery stones were repaired. The paraments closet was donated.

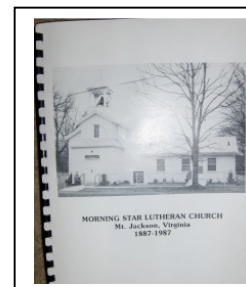
In 1983, the altar book stand was donated.

In 1984, a Sunday school ramp was added. Ceiling fans were added in the church. Also the Pascal candle stand was donated with matching baptismal font.

In 1986, it was also approved to put a kitchen in the basement. Basement closet also made. The Sunday school books were rebound. Two large print editions of the Lutheran Book of Worship were donated.

A sign was added out front to display our current pastor and worship times. There also have been donated brass offering plates, remembrance book, clock, blue paraments, Pascal candles, flower vases, and hymn board. Many banners have been donated as well as a banner stand.

During the 100th anniversary year, October 1986-87, donated items included a clergy plaque, a tree with all names of all members, and a picture directory. Also donated was a PA system for \$1,554.20. A TV and VCR were bought. A remembrance stand was donated. The narthex was remodeled, sidewalk redone with handrails, vinyl siding added, stained glass windows refurbished for \$1,500, interior painted, front doors and fence redone. There were also cabinets installed in the basement with a stove and refrigerator. There was also a dogwood tree planted and a



time capsule buried with stone marker. A new flag was bought and dedicated 6/14/1987, Flag Day. The capsule (buried 7/12/1987) is to be opened in 50 years (second Sunday in October 2037). Glad Jaspering Veater painted a 100th Anniversary picture of Morning Star which hangs in the narthex. Note cards and plates with Morning Star's picture on them were sold during this time. Pastor Zirkle began

the celebration 10/12/1986. A church stamp was purchased and a copper kettle for \$200. For the final anniversary Sunday, a surrey was rented for \$50.

In 1988, a processional cross and torches were received and dedicated Mother's Day, 5/8/1988.

On Homecoming in August 1988, Ruth Podgwaite, our missionary, was our guest speaker. Our new missionary was David Tholstrup.

The outside of the church was painted in 1989 and the Bible on cassette was purchased for \$68.

In 1989 a banner cabinet was added and the sidewalk extended from the Sunday school room to the back of the church.

Fellowship hour was started in 1990 and the back basement steps covered. Flood lights were added to back of church.

In 1991 a funeral pall, lectern Bible and 12 hymnals were donated. Also land purchased for expanding parking lot across the road. We also obtained new lights for the Sunday school room in 1991. A boy scout completed the side walk to meet objectives to become an Eagle Scout. The telephone cable was buried free of charge when the telephone company came



through the area. In October of 1991, we became Morning Star Lutheran Church, Hepner Parish to meet synod guidelines.

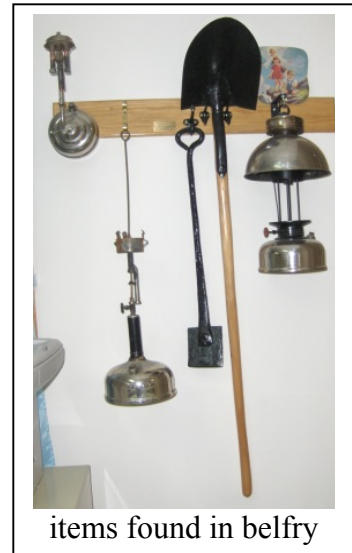
In 1992, the chancel area was changed by moving the pulpit and chairs to the side and the baptismal font was placed where the pulpit was. The bell tower was cleaned and painted. Several antique items were found, including lamps, shovel and cans. They are now displayed in the Sunday school room. Chrismons were made for Christmas.



from December 1985

In 1992, Lent began on March 4 with soup and sandwiches at 6:30pm. Software was purchased for the church. It was decided to rent the parsonage for \$350/month, but add an additional bathroom and sound proof the office. Carpet was added to the office for \$267.89. A wedding candelabra and candles were purchased for \$50. A copier was bought for \$1,395. The altar area was rearranged. Plates, bowls, and glasses were purchased to use instead of Styrofoam.

In 1993, more lights were added to the front of the church. There was a Valentine breakfast on February 14th hosted by the men of the church for the women. The lectern was moved in front of the choir. In 1993, a church phone is added and kitchen cabinets added. A new lectern Bible was purchased and 24 copies of the NRSV were also purchased.



items found in belfry



Children at Easter 2002 for egg hunt.

Back row: Amber Cox, Kevin Delawder, Kris Koerner

Middle Row: Jessica O'Connell; Christina Delawder; Caitlin O'Connell; Emily, Noah, & Bethany Lamma; Nathan Miller

Front Row: James O'Connell

In 1994, the chimney was fixed and outside light added. The pastor begins to use a communion assistant. A bulletin board was bought for the narthex. Cabinets for basement are \$850.

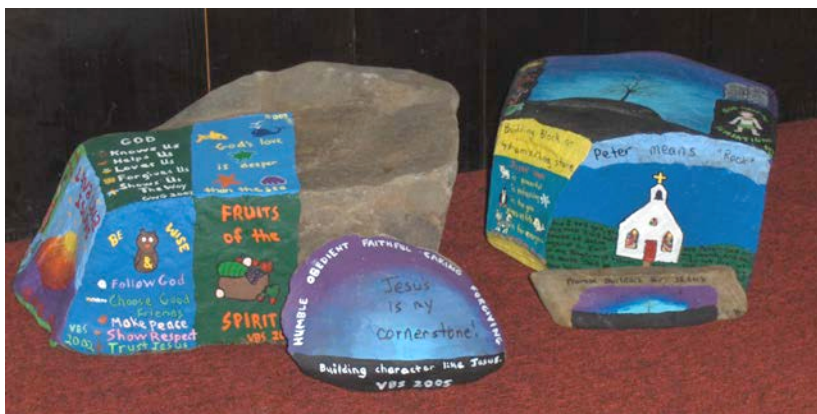
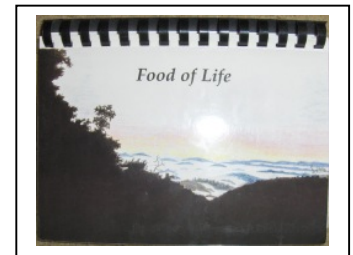
In 1995, the church belfry was fixed and roof painted. Choir robes were obtained from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church to which new collars were added. In 1995, an anonymous donor placed a crucifix in the church. In 1995, renters left the parsonage so Pastor Teves could occupy the dwelling. An answering machine was bought for the parsonage. Children's bulletins were purchased. We began using bread and not wafers for communion. Donna Miller investigated the use of supplemental hymnals.



On the first Sunday in October 1996, a donated crucifix oil painting was dedicated. It was hung in the Sunday school room. Also, more ceiling fans were placed in the church. Also in 1996, there was a traditional Passover meal on Maundy Thursday. Chris Teves had a concert on March 31. Walker Manufacturing Company donated a computer and Edgar Lamma, III donated a printer.

Recipes from members and friends were gathered in 1996 and a cookbook was created and began selling in 1997.

In 1997, Morning Star created its Mission Statement from Matthew 28:18-20. *Morning Star Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to teaching the Bible in truth and purity by serving and growing with the church and community, near and far, through our gifts and talents.*

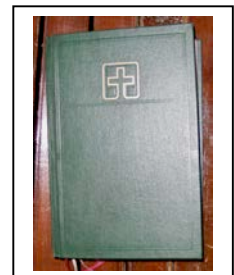


These rock contain our mission statement as well as VBS and other children lessons - painted by Cheryl Delawder.

In 1997, the congregation voted to sell the parsonage. Donna and Ronnie Miller had the highest bid. The church would rent the office space in the parsonage until other arrangements could be made. Also, the offering plates and candle lighter and extinguisher were refurbished.

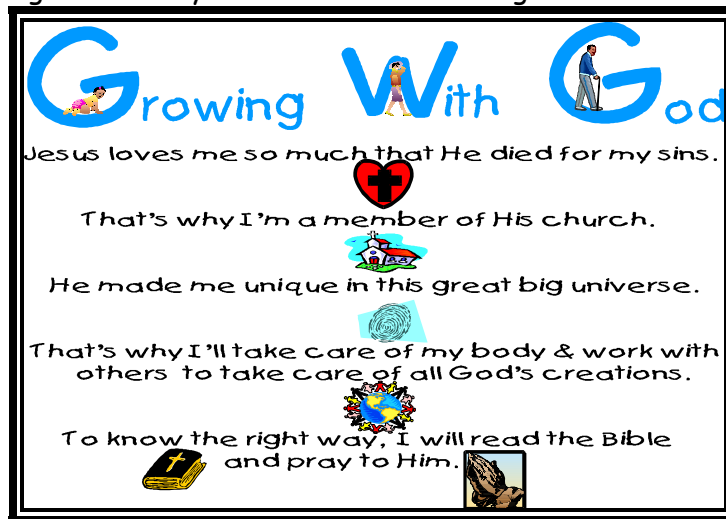
In 1998, the floors

were refinished and new carpet laid. Stained glass windows were repaired. The steeple was painted and an automatic thermostat was installed. New signs were purchased to indicate location of Morning Star. New Sunday school room curtains were also donated. Also a guest book was donated. Twenty-two new hymnals were ordered in memory or honor of someone. We yoked with St. James. In 1998, the youth raised money for Caleb



Arbaugh and his family.

In 1998, a children's summer activity called Growing with God was formed. It was a Wednesday morning Bible study time with the following theme...



In 1999 an additional children's summer activity was formed called KDO (Kids Day Out) which was a weekly field trip to area attractions.

In 1999, Bruce Dellinger donated a print he did of Morning Star. A gate was added to top of stairs in Sunday school room. Also, a Thanksgiving banner was made.

In 2000, altar oil candles were donated. We raised money for Donna Miller. A Relay for Life (Shenandoah County walk for cancer) team was formed. The stained glass windows were fixed. We purchased a computer membership data base. A playground was added with a fence around it.

In 2001, we received a new stove and refrigerator for the basement. We painted and waterproofed the basement. We again helped Caleb Arbaugh with exercise equipment. We also raised money for Randy Weaver. We began locking the Sunday school portion of the church. We installed air conditioning.



In 2002, a Lent banner was donated. We replaced the windows in the Sunday school room. The cemetery plots were surveyed. The church roof was painted and the siding was pressure washed.

In 2003, a chalice was purchased. We also purchased a new candle lighter and repaired the old one. The material was donated for red paraments.

In 2004, a Pentecost banner was donated. A new Paschal candle was purchased. A dehumidifier was purchased for the basement.

In 2005, a communion table with words In Remembrance was donated. The spouting was secured, some tombstones fixed, and trees were trimmed. Also, pictures from Fleta Lamma were placed in each bathroom in memory of her.

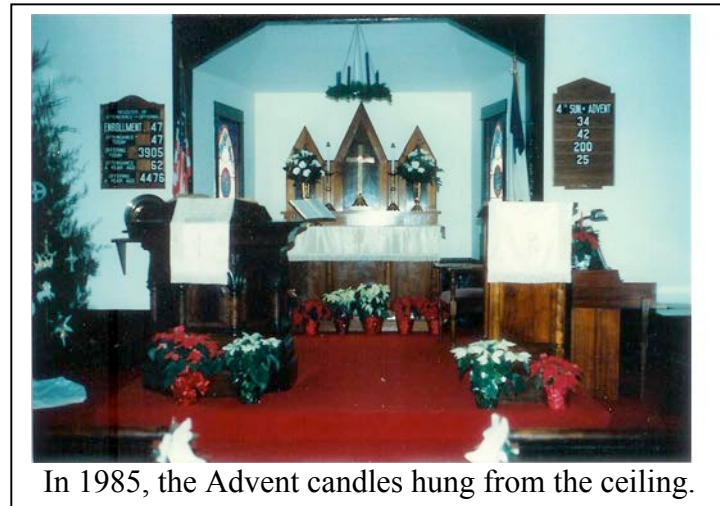
In 2006, an oil Paschal candle was donated. On March 12, was ground breaking day for the new addition called Lamma Hall. Land was donated by the family of Nina and Mark Hepner in memory of them. Donations for the addition were in memory of Edgar and Fleta Lamma, Sr. by the family and friends. A fence was added to the parking lot across the road.

In 2007, the addition was completed and meets the standards for commercial kitchen use. We obtained bronze Christmas ornaments for our 120th anniversary. Two trees fell on the property in May with one crushing the men's outhouse. An Advent candle set was donated. An outdoor flag pole and flag was donated.



In addition, there has been a donation of a pavilion to be added to Morning Star in 2008. We plan to continue to grow and serve our community.

Over the years we have continually been involved with not only raising money for Lutheran sponsored accounts but also many families in need. We have also actively raised money for SEARCH, the free clinic, and the food pantry. We continue to serve our community to meet the needs of every



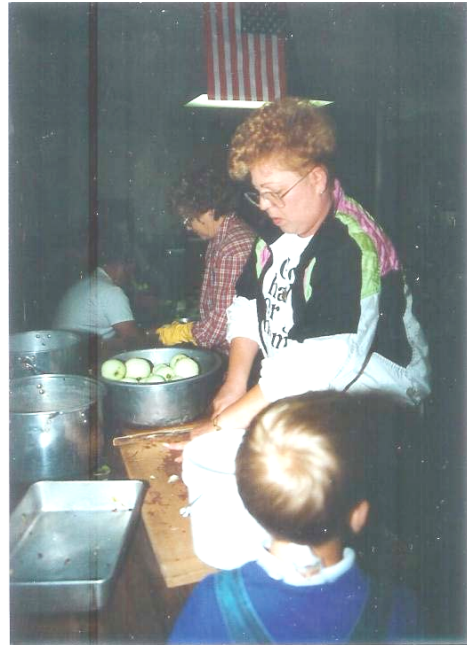
In 1985, the Advent candles hung from the ceiling.

individual. We are proud of the work we have accomplished over the years and will endeavor to serve our community in the future. After all, that is what our mission is all about.

Applebutter process



Apples to peelers (1996)



Peelers to cutters (1996)



Cutters to snitters (1996)



lots of snits (1996)



wash them (1996)



prepare the kettle (1996)



and stir



and stir



and wait



young and old



then test



and spice



and dip



and put in jars



and last
but not
least eat.
It's great
on
pumpkin
pie



Years ago,
wagons were
used to hold
food for
homecomings
and other
events.

Missionaries

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| John Cooper | 1980-83 |
| Ruth Rodgwaite | 1983-88 |
| David Tholstrup | 1988-89 |

NOTE: We have continued to associate with St Paul's and Prince of Peace churches. We still have three annual events that maintain a fellowship that we established years ago. In the spring, we have a birthday at St. Paul's in Jerome. This is a celebration of the life of each member. We sit at the months we were born and each month has its own birthday cake. We have pot pie, vegetables, and salads. We have some entertainment as well. In July, we have a fish fry at Morning Star. The fish are deep fried in a large kettle and served piping hot. The people bring many dishes of food and desserts to accompany the meal. In September, we have an ice cream social sponsored by Prince of Peace. We have hot dogs and hamburgers with many side dishes and of course home churned ice cream for desert.

I have tried to be as accurate as possible with the information that I have gathered. If you have any additions or corrections, please feel free to contact me.

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