

**Augusta County Historical Society**  
**Acc #160**  
**Bethany-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church History**  
**1772-1972**

**Size:** 1 folder

**Scope & Content**

- (1) Booklet containing 27 pages outlining the history of Bethany-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 1772-1972 written by Mrs. Karl Maier and Mrs. Edgar R. Coiner.
- (2) Copy of the commencement program "Through the Years at Bethany Lutheran School" presented June 1, 1972. Mrs. John S. Coyner wrote the program.
- (3) Commemorative medal struck by the church to celebrate its 200-year anniversary.

**Historical/Biographical Note**

Bethany-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was established in 1772. Jacob Berger is considered the patriarch of the congregation. He married Elizabeth Hedrick and their first child, Ann Margaret, born April 6, 1772 was the first entry in the baptismal records. In 1794 Jacob Berger, Casper Koiner, Nicholas Busch and Kasper Clemen built a log church—the first Lutheran church in Augusta County, Virginia.

**Organization/Arrangement**

Anniversary booklet, copy of commencement program, commemorative medal

**Miscellaneous**