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*This newsletter, in its title and masthead, pays homage to the American Lutheran Survey published by noted Lutheran leader, the Rev. Dr. Walton Greever. This newspaper was originally printed in the historic Eau Claire Print Building, two blocks from Seminary Ridge.*

### WHITHER GOEST THOU? OR, WHERE IS THE CRUMLEY ARCHIVES GOING?

*Dr. Susan McArver*

For more than three decades, the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives has been located on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, where it has preserved and safeguarded over 400 years of Lutheran history in the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean.

With the move of the Seminary to the campus of Lenoir Rhyne University in January 2025, the Archives has been working diligently toward finding a new home. The Board of Trustees voted early in the search process to remain in the Midlands of South Carolina if possible, as it is a centrally located point in Region 9, which stretches from Virginia to the Caribbean.

Since the spring of 2024, members of the Board have studied dozens of prospects. We have explored partnerships with Lutheran institutions, with full-communion partners of the ELCA, individual congregations, and with state and local historical organizations. In addition, we have visited dozens of potential free-standing properties. We have eval-

uated each site for its potential to house our current collection and to allow room for growth and expansion. Our hope is to find a location that will allow both for archival storage and for display space for our ever-growing collection of artifacts.

To date, we do not yet have a final recommendation of a new site, but we do have some very promising conversations that are ongoing. It is our hope to be able to announce a final recommendation soon.

Once our location is decided upon, the next steps will involve the actual physical move of the Archives and a capital campaign.

Moving the Archives will be a mammoth task. Anyone who has ever moved out of a home that has been lived in for decades, or helped a parent move, can appreciate the enormity of this undertaking. It will be quite the adventure!

In addition, the move of the Archives will be expensive. The most basic costs involved will be the new building itself, plus the cost of retrofitting it for our specific needs. In addition, the cost of the mobile shelving to actually house the collection is surprisingly high.

We will begin a capital campaign once the final decision on our move is reached, and we have specifics to share. Through your significant financial support, we will be able to enter an exciting new chapter for the Archives, and we are grateful for your continued support. Stay tuned! ♦

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*Main Building, Lowman Home*

## GATHERING FOND MEMORIES

*Shannon Smith*

I recently spent some time with a group of retired Lutherans who shared with me some of their fondest memories in the Lutheran Church. Many of these memories—and so many more—are preserved at the Crumley Archives. Here is a sample of some fond Lutheran memories:

“My confirmation, when Pr. Paul McCollough put his hands on my head, my whole body felt something like electricity, a shiver. I really felt like God was really there!” *-Marilyn Shealy*

“Because of my father’s disability and we had no car an interested neighbor took me to church. The loving nature of the pastor and members is one of my best memories of St Andrews, Hickory NC. My life continued to grow in faith from that time. My circle of friends were fellow worshipers. My love for God has continued to grow.” *-Greta Robinson*

“Being a regional coordinator with the ELCA and working with dedicated Christians in leadership positions in the church.” *-Harvey Huntley*

“My fondest memory is that of Christ Chapel, especially since LTSS has been moved to Hickory, NC. I worshipped and preached in the beautiful chapel as a student and worshipped in the chapel as a worshipping community, Christ Mission.” *-Anonymous*

“Being a pastor’s kid was a blessing in many ways. I especially remember a trip to the ULCA Convention in Toronto, Canada, when I was about 12. I realized how big the church is and got to meet Dr. Franklin Clark Fry.” *-Dot Jeffcoat*

“The moment during the 1996 Synod Assembly in Greenville when presiding Bishop George Anderson placed on my table a piece of paper that read, ‘schedule of the newly elected bishop’ before announcing to the assembly that I had been elected bishop.” *-David Dinges*

“Worshipping—as a small girl—with my dear grandmother in a very tiny town in Wisconsin.” *-Anonymous*

“Growing up in my home church and receiving the Holy Communion after confirmation, I realized I receive Christ in every communion service.” *-Henri Bishop*

“In 1957, at the age of 5, I remember being in the darkened sanctuary, standing in awe looking at the stained-glass windows. When our pastor came to greet me, I was overcome with a feeling. I had no words to describe it, but now I know it was the moment I felt called to ordained ministry.” *-Julia Shreve*

# HELP US HELP FRANKIE

Scott Reeves

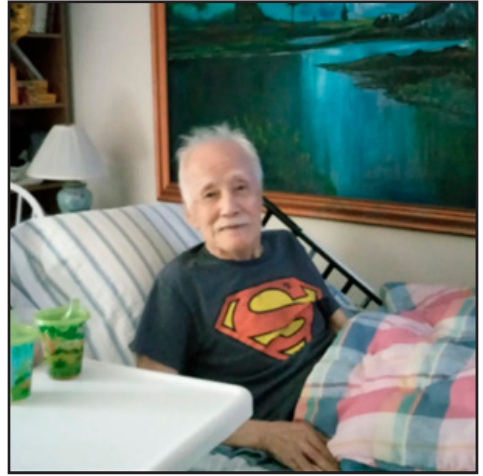
## The Legacy of Frankie San . . . an effort to help the man who served so many

Many of you know Frankie San as one of the most giving and loving people you have ever met. One prisoner who spent decades in the infamous Central Correctional Institution in Columbia, SC, where Frankie ministered for decades described Frankie as, "A man who battled darkness and hate...with a sword of love." Frankie committed his entire life to serving prisoners who the world had forgotten. Now Frankie needs our help.

He is approaching 100 years of age and is cheerfully weathering late stages of Alzheimer's.

However, constant in-home care is expensive, and Frankie is running out of money.

If you would like to help Frankie, please visit the GoFundMe page organized by Scott Reeves, who worked closely with Frankie to create the film "Prisoner By Choice". ♦



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-frankie-san-receive-the-care-he-deserves>

If you still wish to support the Frankie San film project, please visit  
[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/4943083](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/4943083)

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# IF MEMORY SERVES

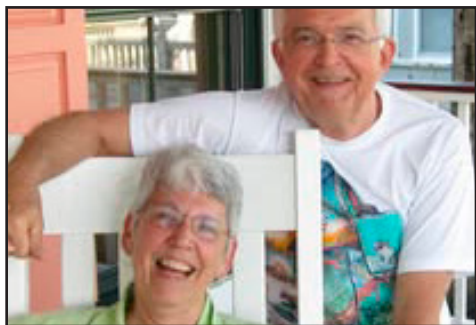
Shannon Smith

What is a memory?

A strict physiologist might tell us it is particles of gray matter rubbing together, fixating on a fact of history lodged in our brain. A psychologist might say a memory is a long-ago experience that produces an emotional response which excites us in various ways. And there are others who would maintain that the answer is found neither in science nor psychology exclusively, that a memory transcends these things. It touches on the noetic and numinous, the ever-present moment restricted by neither time nor space. A memory is a re-collection of moments, yes, but far more, a memory is re-remembering of a body of instances that educate and form who we are. And if a memory really serves us, it can re-collect itself with divine immediacy, transporting us to a different time and space where we can continue to learn and gain wisdom from things past.

If memory serves us, how do we serve memory? The Lord taught us that service must be reciprocal. To put the question even more plainly, what is our responsibility to the preservation of memories made in the Lutheran Church? At the Crumley Archives, our business is the safe-guarding of memories. As donors to the Crumley Archives, you become, in more ways than one, servants to memories that touch upon the eternal, the instances most worthy of remembrance.

As we begin to make new memories with a relocation of the Archives, we hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can serve by supporting memory-keeping in a new era.



2025 Walton H. Greever Award Recipients, Rev. Dr. "Bill"  
and Mrs. Karla Trexler

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*The Archives is incredibly grateful to Stephanie Burke for her time and talent at the SC Synod Assembly in Charleston, SC. Her generosity and artistic work raised \$700 for the Archives!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

We invite you to join us for an evening of celebrations and honor at this year's Friends of the Archives Banquet. Registration will be available soon. For more info, we invite you to contact us at [info@crumleyarchives.com](mailto:info@crumleyarchives.com).

**When:** Friday, September 12, 2025

**Where:** The Heritage at Lowman  
102 Heidelberg Cir, Chapin, SC 29036

**Honoring the ministry of:**

Rev. Dr. William Trexler and Mrs. Karla Trexler

The Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA  
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and celebrating their contributions to  
Lutheran history. ♦



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We are most grateful for the gifts received since the last edition of the Archival Survey. These gifts enable us to preserve our church's history and to assist researchers, congregations and institutions in their work. Gifts listed below arrived between **November 23, 2024, and June 16, 2025**. Please advise if your gift has been omitted. If you made an honorarium, please know that the person has been notified.

Again, **THANK YOU**, for your generosity.

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Tithe.ly is the preferred online giving provider for the ELCA. Please visit

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and designate your gift today. We thank you for  
your support!

## FINDING AIDS

The Crumley Archives is continuing to make our collections more accessible. Ashley Ragland has been creating finding aids, which are shared on our website, [www.crumleyarchives.com](http://www.crumleyarchives.com). Below is a current listing.

### Crumley Archives

Crumley Archives Archival Collections Inventory  
Crumley Archives Service Books Collection Inventory  
Crumley Archives Ready Reference and General Library Inventory

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Collection Guide to Rev. J.P. Margart  
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