

Plumer Settlement
August 5, 1956

Dear Friends:

This is a brief report of what has been done up to August 4 in regard to Salem Church at Plumer Settlement.

The Church Board and the Board of Cemetery Trustees have held several meetings in June and July and very capably have organized plans for immediate improvement and restoration of the property.

Actual work was begun on July 30 with the following men and boys giving their time and labor:

Charles Plumer, Jr.	Rudolph Miller
Carl Green	Walter Vorthmann
Art Burgoin	Albert Plumer
Charles Spetman	John Horn
Alfred L. Spetman	Carl H. Spetman
Al. Spetman	L. Hoff

On August 1 another crew was on hand, namely -

Walter Vorthmann	Wm. Heithoff
Alfred H. Vorthmann	Harry Heithoff
Elmer Limberg	Albert Limberg
Fred Ivers	Alfred L. Spetman
Al Spetman	Charles Spetman

During these two days the old floor and woodwork were removed from the church. The barn was dismantled and the usable lumber was cleaned up. Repair was made on the well. On July 31 Charles Plumer, Jr., Art Burgoin, Harvey Deitschler and Harold Williams pulled the pump and put it in working order. It is a real treat finally to have cold fresh water on the place. The north side of the roof was beautifully finished, and the old ceiling torn down. Sheeting was replaced on the south side and placed closer together, and roofing material laid.

On August 2 the following men worked:

Leo Hansen	Walter Vorthmann
Albert Limberg	Alfred L. Spetman
Al Spetman	Charles Spetman
Art Spetman	Carl Spetman
John Horn	Wally Green
Rollie Burch	Rudolph Miller

On August 3 the crew included the following men:

Walter Vorthmann	Wilbert Schoening
Art Spetmann	Carl Spethman
Alfred Spetman	Al Spetman
Charles Spetman	Richard Peters
Rudolph Miller	Carl Green

It will be noted that certain men were present each day helping in this hard and dirty work in the hot weather. We certainly must appreciate the work which all of these men have done during this week. R. Miller made several purchases at the Mineola church sale that will help in the repair of the church.

The next big project will be moving dirt into the excavation. This will be quite a job, as we found quite a hole under the floor. With Harry Enselmann's experienced help and a lot of other hard work we hope to get this job done right away so that the cement floor can be laid without delay. Then work on the windows, walls, and ceiling will follow. If we all get behind this project which has begun so well, we may be able to have a big reunion at Plumer Settlement this fall, and once more hold the divine Service, conducted by our Pastors Fritschel and Schwandt, and in this way consecrate this church once again with the corporate prayer of the members of the Body of Christ.

We have had so many words of appreciation for the memorial service which was conducted by Dr. Krebs brought to our attention that we plan to have this service annually in the forenoon on Memorial Day. We will always remember Dr. Krebs' interest and consideration.

You will probably be interested in the Lutheran Standard in the near future. - probably the Aug. 25 issue. Dr. Schramm, the Editor, advises us that he will print a picture and an item about our church. The Lutheran Standard has a circulation of 110,000, all over the U.S.

Considerable cash donations have already been made, but more will be needed. We are confident that all necessary funds will be coming in.

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH AUGUST 4:

\$1.00 to \$25.00 -

Charles Plumer, Jr.	R. G. Miller	John A. Grudle
Alfred Plumer	Enselmann Brothers	Byron W. Jones
W. P. Brandt	Walter Vorthmann	Rosa Timm
Art Burgoin	Carl Green	Adolph Limberg
John Horn	Chas. Plumer, Sr.	Elmer Limberg
Albert Plumer	Donald Deitchler	Mrs. Lloyd Beck
Harvey Jurgens	Edna Vorthmann	Ed. W. Kruse
Roland Burck	Carol Grudle	J. W. Kruse
Clifford Bruning	F. H. Kruse	Mr. & Mrs. Carl W. Saar
Leonard Grudle	A. R. Pischel	Mr. & Mrs. C. Mortensen
Eva Speck	Lucile E. Flammant	E. Speck
Floyd Haack	Emil H. Haman	Hilda Miller
Clarence Roenfeld	Miss Clara Hammer	Carl Plumer
Wm. C. Strobehn	John H. Niemoller	Mike Nipp
Mrs. Meta Hass	Clarence Varner	Mrs. Emma Krakau
Albert Limberg	Alfred Grudle	Agnes M. Asterman
Mrs. Geo. Hartje	Mr. & Mrs. W. Hansen	Mrs. Anna Kiersch
PFC Haack	Elmer Roenfeld	Marie Plumer Ewing
Chris H. Kruse	John Kiersch	Minnie Schoening
Ethel L. Pecant	Emma Roenfeld	Richard Vorthmann
Harry Tasto	Emma Schoening	Lloyd Wortman
L. F. Kruse	F. L. Taylor	Roy Miller
J. R. Sieck		

\$25.00 to \$100.00

Lydia Vorthmann	Marvin Wiseman	Pauline Plumer Mayhew
Bertha W. Rath	John J. Brandt	Maude Plumer Burgoin
Mrs. G. C. Plumer	Elsie Goos	J. M. Gronstal
Elmer Wiseman	Harvey Saar	

\$100.00 and more

Mrs. Emma Markel
Charles Plumer, Sr.

These gifts of money and labor are indeed gifts of love to our dear Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, because they ask nothing in return - except possibly inspiration for our children and the memorializing of our faithful departed pastors and people - but this can hardly be called a selfish motive.

We have a great deal of historical data, but also there is much that we lack. The period of the itinerant pastors - 1867 - 1872 is completely blank in our records so far.

We are looking also for old photographs of the church and parsonage and also of weddings, baptisms, confirmations, funerals, etc if there were any taken, inside or outside. John Horn has given us a rare photo of the interior of the church taken about 40 years ago.

We would like to know also who is the -
Earliest living confirmed,
Earliest living baptized,
Earliest married couple living (or one party living)
Last one baptized,