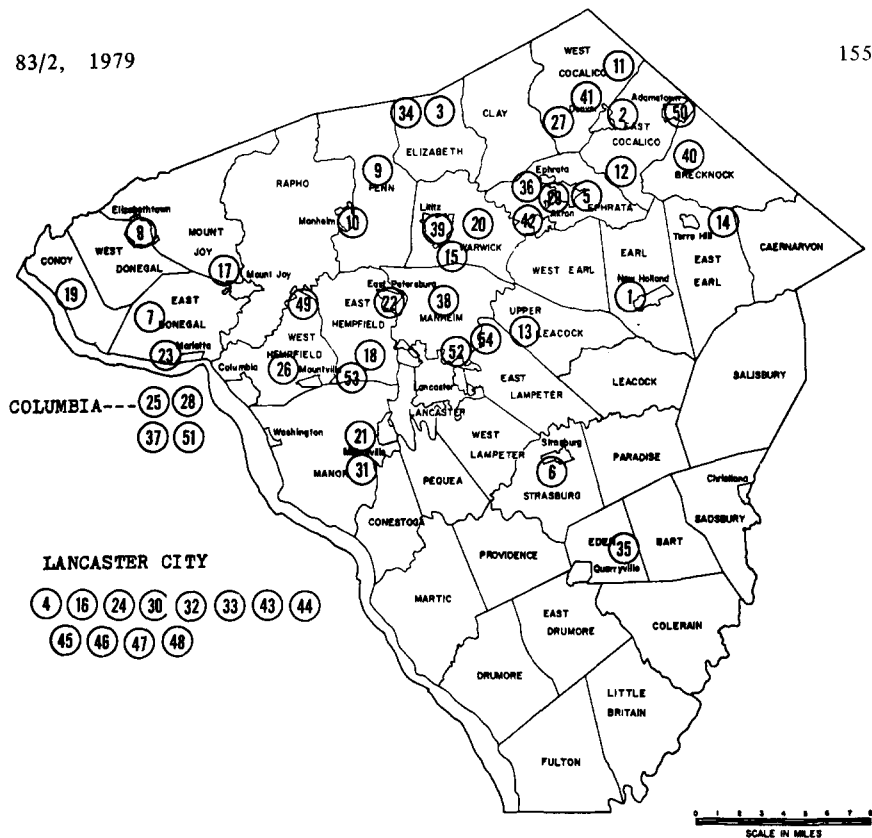


# *Development of Lutheran Congregations in Lancaster County*

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1. New Holland, Trinity, 1730
2. Denver, Muddy Creek, 1730
3. Brickerville, Emmanuel (Old Warwick), 1730
4. Lancaster, Holy Trinity, 1730
5. Ephrata, Bergstrasse, 1752
6. Strasburg, St. Michael's, 1754
7. Maytown, St. John's, 1766
8. Elizabethtown, Christ, 1771
9. Penryn, St. Paul's, 1771
10. Manheim, Zion, 1774
11. Reinholds, Swamp, 1808
12. Reamstown (Zoar), Salem, 1817
13. Leacock, Zion, 1817
14. East Earl, St. John's (Centre Church), 1819
15. Kissel Hill, Salem, 1824
16. Lancaster, Zion, 1827
17. Mount Joy, Trinity, 1827
18. Rohrerstown, Trinity, 1827 (see Holy Spirit)
19. Bainbridge, St. Luke's, 1838
20. Rothsville, Jerusalem, 1840
21. Millersville, St. Paul's, 1845
22. East Petersburg, Zion, 1847
23. Marietta, Zion, 1852
24. Lancaster, St. John's, 1853



25. Columbia, First English, 1853
26. Mountville, Concordia, 1859
27. Schoeneck, Mellinger's, 1861
28. Columbia, St. Paul's (Missouri Synod), 1862
29. Ephrata, Trinity, 1869
30. Lancaster, Christ, 1869
31. Millersville, Bethany (discontinued), 1869
32. Lancaster, Grace, 1874
33. Lancaster, St. Stephen's, 1874
34. Brickerville, St. John's, 1875
35. Quarryville, Mount Eden, 1876
36. Ephrata (Lincoln), Salem, 1879
37. Columbia, St. John's, 1881
38. Neffsville, St. Peter's, 1881
39. Lititz, St. Paul's, 1885
40. Bowmansville, St. Paul's, 1886
41. Denver, St. John's, 1890
42. Akron, Zion, 1891
43. Lancaster, Emmanuel, 1896

44. Lancaster, Advent, 1897 (see Good Shepherd)
45. Lancaster, St. Mark's, 1902 (see Good Shepherd)
46. Lancaster, Mount Calvary (Missouri Synod), 1904
47. Lancaster, Redeemer, 1908
48. Lancaster, Ascension, 1910
49. Landisville, (Salunga), Zion, 1910
50. Adamstown, St. Paul's, 1911
51. Columbia, St. James's, 1920
52. Lancaster, St. Matthew's, 1947
53. Lancaster, (East Hempfield Twp.), Holy Spirit (derived from Trinity of Rohrerstown), 1959
54. Lancaster (Manheim Twp.), Good Shepherd (merger of Advent and St. Mark's congregations), 1971

***N. B.*** Historians use various methods of determining dates of founding: some select the date missions or Sunday schools were established – a common means of creating an eventual Lutheran congregation – while others use the charter date, ignoring much earlier but undocumented activity. Most of the congregations listed were affiliated with the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania until 1953 when all (excluding the Missouri Synod churches) except Lancaster's Holy Trinity Church became members of the General Pennsylvania Synod during a realignment. Later the Lancaster church joined the CP Synod. Many of the rural congregations maintained “union churches,” that is, Lutheran and German Reformed congregations shared the church building, its name, and even, in earlier days, occasionally the same minister.

Lititz Lutherans may claim with good reason their first congregation was St. James's, begun in 1744 under the Reverend Lawrence Nyberg, a Swedish Lutheran pastor who subsequently adopted Moravian religious views and was deposed from the Lutheran Church, ending the two-year existence of St. James.

The above list does not pretend to be all-inclusive and absolutely accurate: it is the best compilation the editor could assemble from available data. Comments, corrections and additions will be welcomed.