

To The Honourable, the Judges
of The Court of Common Pleas of Perry
County: -

The petition of the under-
signed respectfully represents: -

That they
are citizens of The Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania, associated for religious
purposes under the title of
"Christ's Lutheran Church of Duncannon, Pa",
and are desirous to acquire and enjoy
the powers and immunities of a corpora-
tion, or body politic in law, to be situated
and have its principal business transac-
ted in the said County of Perry,
that they have prepared an instrument
of writing therein specifying the objects,
articles, conditions and name, style
and title, under which they have
associated, and herewith exhibit and
present the same to this Court. They
therefore pray the Court to peruse and
examine said instrument, and if the
objects, articles and conditions, therein
set forth and contained shall appear
lawful and not injurious to the Commu-
nity, that the Court will make such
order with regard to the same as is
directed by the Act of Assembly, in such case

made and provided; and if no sufficient reason be shown to the contrary, that the Court will decree and declare that the petitioners shall, according to the articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained become and be a corporation or body politic, and have continuance by the name style and title in said instrument provided and declared. And they will ever be.

Elders { Samuel Voss
Jonathan Michener

Deacons { P. F. Michener
Eli Brangan

Trustees { Jesse White
P. F. Michener
Samuel Voss

The Court, having duly considered the premises, and the petitioners having exhibited and presented in Court an instrument in writing, therein specifying the objects, articles, conditions, and name, style and title under which they have associated and the Court having perused and examined the said instrument, and the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained appearing lawful and not injurious to the community, do order and direct that the said writing shall be filed in the office of the Prothonotary, of said Court and also direct notice to be inserted in one newspaper, printed in Perry County for at least three weeks, prior to the next Term of the Court, setting forth that an application has been made to said Court to grant such charter of incorporation.

By the Court
6 April 1865

Articles of Association.

Article 1.

This Church shall be called the "Christ's Lutheran Church of Duncan Prairie." and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all Courts of Law and Equity, to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels of whatsoever kind, value or quality which are now or shall hereafter become the property of said Church whether by gift, grant, bargain, sale conveyance and assurance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise howsoever, from any person or persons, capable in law of making the same, & the same to grant, sell or dispose of in such manner as may be provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Church & these Articles: Provided that the clear yearly income of the real and personal estate of said Church shall not at any time exceed Two-Thousand dollars.

Article 2.

The temporal affairs of said Church shall be managed and superintended by ³ Trustees to be elected from the

members and stated worshippers of said church. The said Trustees shall manage and hold it to wit for said church and shall have power from time to time to enact and enforce such By-Laws as they may deem proper for the regulation and transaction of business; Provided said By-Laws or any of them shall not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or to the Constitution of the Lutheran Church in the United States.

Article 3^d.

Said Trustees and their successors in office shall have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure, or they may use their private seals, and a majority of the Board present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 4th.

The following persons shall be Trustees to serve for the first year or until the first of May, A.D. 1865.
Jesse White, P. F. Mischen, & Saml. Aves.

The said Trustees at their first meeting shall proceed to divide their number into three classes by lot, the first of which shall hold his office one year, the second two years, and the third three years, from thenceforth as the terms of said several classes of said Trustees shall, their successors shall be elected by ballot on said first of May, each & every year, provided should the church fail to elect at the regular period herein fixed, the Trustees may appoint another day for such election, of which notice shall be given from the pulpit, the Trustees, then in office, remaining so until their successors are duly elected.

Article 5th.

Whatever is not specially provided for by these Articles shall be regulated by and according to the Constitution, form of Government, discipline, rules and regulations recommended by the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the U. S. of America.

And now, to wit^h August 10th A.D. 1865,
it appearing to the Court that notice
of the application for the said Charter
of Incorporation has been regularly by the
Prothonotary by advertisement published
in the "Perry County Freeman" a
paper printed in said County of Perry
for three weeks prior to this term, ac-
cording to law and no sufficient reason
now being shown to the contrary, the Court
do decree and declare, that the persons
so associated shall according to the
articles and conditions in this instrument
~~set forth & contained~~ become and be a
corporation or body politic, and further direct
that the said charter of Incorporation
shall be recorded in the office for the
recording of deeds of said County of Perry;
and on said instrument being so recorded,
the persons so associated or meaning
to associate shall, according to the
objects, articles and ~~conditions~~ ⁱⁿ said
instrument set forth & contained, become
and be a corporation or body politic in
law and in fact, to have continuance
by the name style & title of the St
"Christ's Lutheran Church of Dancaרון"
By the Court

No. 1416 April 1868

Christ's Lutheran

Church,

Dunsmuir, Pa.

Incorporation

Witnessed May 1868

~~Power~~

\$100

paid by
by J. M. H. H. H.



Allegheny County, Pa.
Witnessed in the office for the Recorder of Deeds
in case for said County at R. L. H. H. H.
The 3rd day of January 1872 was Received
in said Court to wit 2 pages 260 ps
Witnessed my hand and seal of said office
J. M. H. H. H.