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Cambridge, Ont.: St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the first Protestant church in Preston, Ont. (now Cambridge) was organized in 1834 by the Rev. F.W. Bindemann, an itinerant minister who served the congregation from Berlin (now Kitchener). In 1838 the congregation received its own pastor, J. Huttner, and in 1839 its first church was consecrated. Services were held in German until the 1890's, when English services were introduced for the younger parishoners. The German-language services ceased during the 1920's.

The registers and records of the church were filmed in 1968. In 1975 a copy of the film was made for the Public Archives of Canada with the permission of Rev. Herbert Hartig, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Ont. Permission to obtain copies of the film should be sought directly from the church, although the Archives may make copies of individual entries on behalf of genealogical researchers for reference purposes.

The records include parish registers (the Kirchenbuch), 1834-1942, with a history of the church included to 1909; marriage registers, 1856-1951; and church minutes (the Protokollbuch), 1854-1955. The following list of titles specifies which volumes are to be found on each reel in the order of their appearance.

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## Reel M-3241

## KIRCHENBUCHER (Parish Registers), 1834-1942

The records were kept in German until 1914.

- Book 1 Register of baptisms, 1834-1854, confirmations, 1835-1854, marriages, 1834-1847, and burials, 1839-1855, with communion rolls of 1835 and 1853-1855.
- Book 2 Register of baptisms, 1855-1892, confirmations, 1854-1891, and burials, 1854-1892, with communion rolls, 1854-1892.
- Book 3 Register of baptisms, 1881-1908, confirmations, 1869-1909, marriages, 1882-1908, and burials, 1882-1908, with communion rolls, 1882-1908.
- Book 4 Register of baptisms, 1909-1914, confirmations, 1909-1914, marriages, 1909-1914, burials, 1909-1914, and communion rolls, 1909-1914; and a history of the church, 1834-1909.
- Book 5 Register of baptisms and confirmations, 1914-1942, marriages, 1914-1919, and burials, 1914-1942, with communion rolls, 1914-1942, a list of pastors, 1914-1919, and a list of members of the church Council 1912-1946.

## MARRIAGE REGISTERS, 1856-1951

- Book 1 Register of marriages, 1856-1892
- Book 2 ditto, 1897-1923
- Book 3 ditto, 1923-1935
- Book 4 ditto, 1935-1951

Reel M-3242

PROTOKOLLBUCHER (Minute Books), 1854-1955

The minutes for 1834-1854 have been lost. Until 1923, the minutes were kept in German. They record the meetings of the Church Council and the congregation, as well as reports of pastors and church treasurers.

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| Book 1 | Protokollbuch (Minutes), 1854-1867   |
| Book 2 | ditto, 1868-1891   |
| Book 3 | ditto, 1891-1908   |
| Book 4 | ditto, 1909-1922, with the Constitution of the church preceding the minutes of 1909. |
| Book 5 | Minute Book, 1923-1932   |
| Book 6 | ditto, 1933-1939   |
| Book 7 | ditto, 1940-1955.  |