

## Nuggets of Lutheran History

Did you know?

Lutherans were in America seven years before the Pilgrims.

The first book translated into any American Indian language was Luther's small catechism.

The first "Stars and Stripes" was made by Sara Austin and the Ladies Aid Society of Glorie Dei Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. It was presented to John Paul Jones and received the first salute granted to the Star Spangled Banner" in Europe. It is in the National Museum in Washington, D.C.

Our Statue of Liberty was made by a French Lutheran, M. Frederic Bartholdi.

Washington's army at the Battle of Trenton was composed largely of Lutherans.

It was a Lutheran boy who called a Lutheran sexton to ring the Liberty Bell.

The Liberty Bell was hauled from Philadelphia to Allentown, Pa., by a Lutheran, Frederic Leiser, in 1777. Then it was hidden under the floor of Zion Lutheran Church.

The second oldest military unit in America was formed by 137 men from St. John's Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C., in 1775.

The first president of the Continental Congress was a Lutheran – John Hanson. He served until Washington was inaugurated.

**This was the first parsonage that St. Paul's Lutheran Church owned, thanks largely to the Ladies Aid Society.**

