

# Plückhahn Church Records in the United States

## **Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church**

W6399 County Road O,  
Appleton, Wisconsin  
(Town of Ellington)

**[▲ This church had members from the Appleton Branch. ▲](#)**

Trinity is located near the crossroads of Highway 76 and County Road O, just northwest of Appleton.

Below is a brief history of our congregation which was prepared for the Northern Wisconsin District's celebration of our Synod's (WELS) 150th anniversary. There is also have a historical book about the congregation which was prepared for the church's 125th anniversary.

**[The History book of Trinity Lutheran Church in the Township of Ellington, Wisconsin](#)**

**[Check out their Cemetery page](#)**



**Our Lord's House for 75 years  
1898 - 1973**

## **A bit of History**

In 1873, a number of Lutheran families prevailed upon Pastor John Sprengling to conduct services. At a meeting at the Carl Herrman home on February 3, 1874, a proposed constitution was accepted. In the beginning, Trinity was a dual parish with St. John's, Town of Center. The congregation built its first church building, a simple frame building 28' by 44'.

In the summer of 1883, Trinity built its first parsonage and called its first resident pastor, Richard Siegler. Starting in 1884, Trinity shared a pastor with a sister congregation, St. Paul's, Stephenville. This arrangement has continued to this day.

In November of 1897, the members decided to build a new church. They broke ground for the church in April of 1898 and dedicated it on September 18, 1898. This is the structure that serves as the congregation's place of worship to this day.

In 1903, the congregation voted to build a new parsonage. The old parsonage was torn down and the schoolhouse next to it was moved to the west.

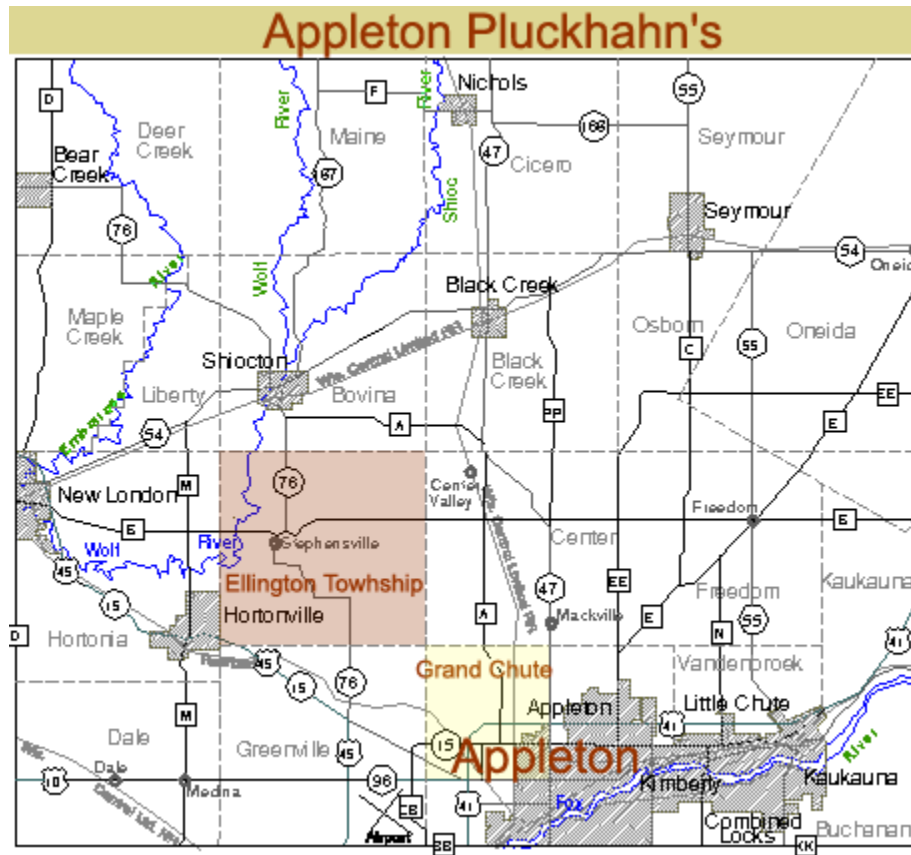
Even though only Wisconsin Synod pastors have served the congregation, it didn't officially join the Wisconsin Synod until 1945. The congregation regularly worshiped in the German language until 1941.

In 1971, the voters decided to pay tuition for any child in the congregation who wanted to attend a Lutheran Day School. In 1982, Trinity helped to support the work of Immanuel Lutheran School in Greenville by providing a teacher.

Trinity was served by the following pastors: John Sprengling (1873-1881), Martin Eickmann (1881-1883), Richard Siegler (1883-1886), August Vollbrecht (1886-1896), W.H. Kansier (1896-1912), Emil Redlin (1912-1944), Carl Henning (1944-1951), Robert Waldschmidt (1952-1956), Robert Carter (1957-1969), Donald Nimmer (1969-1976), James Gorseger (1976-1989), Paul Alliet (1989-1995), and Joel Lillo (1995-Present).

Trinity is located on a beautiful country hill about ten miles northwest of Appleton. The steeple can be seen for miles around and the beautiful interior helps to enhance any worship service that is held there. The Lord has certainly blessed the people of the congregation down through the last 125 years.

**We want to thank the church and its patrons for all its help in researching our family's past. We also say congratulations for 125 years service to the community.**



**Plückhahn Families at this church**

The Plückhahn family of the Appleton branch were members here at one time. Johann the father of this branch is burried here. Although early records of this family are found in the Greenville area, it looks like they eventually moved to Ellington.

Records found at the **Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church:**

- Baptism: Wilhelm Miller (*Müller*) July 20, 1883 (son of Wilhelmina Plückhahn)
- Death: John (*Johann*) Plückhahn Jan 27, 1885 (Father of the Appleton Branch)
- Wedding: Ida Miller (*Müller*) Dec 19, 1891 (daughter of Wilhelmina Plückhahn)
- Baptism: Ervin Miller (*Müller*) Aug 28, 1895 (grandson of Wilhelmina Plückhahn)
- Baptism: Helena Mueller (*Müller*) June 16, 1900 (granddaughter of Wilhelmina Plückhahn)

- Baptism: Elmer Mueller (*Müller*) Sept 22, 1907 (grandson of Wilhelmina Plückerhahn)

**Wilhelmina Plückerhahn was the daughter of John (*Johann*) Plückerhahn, the father of the Appleton Branch.**

**She married Johann Müller**

Johann had seven children. Only his eldest daughter Wilhelmina and her family had records at this church. Since census records show this family in the Greenville area around 1870, we will look into the church records for that township. I think the Lutheran Church for Greenville is Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Further investigation is needed.