

State of Michigan }
 Calhoun County } ss. We the undersigned two of the
 members of the First Evangelical
 Lutheran Dutch Church of Zion of Marshall
 County, certify that in pursuance of a Public
 notice given according to law for the purpose of
 organizing a church, the members of said
 Society, met at their usual place of worship on
 the 23rd day of December A.D. 1855 & that at said
 meeting & that at said meeting the following
 persons were elected Trustees of the First Evangelical
 Lutheran Dutch Church of Zion of Marshall
 & the same to run for — years or until others
 shall be elected thereto viz. John Kappis, Philip
 Knechtel, Loring Walz, Peter Matz & Matthias Struble
 John Kappis & Loring Walz for one year, Philip
 Knechtel & Peter Matz for two years & Peter
 Struble for three years

Fr. Schmid } Justices
 John. Gottlieb Walz } election

State of Michigan }
 County of Calhoun } ss. On this fourth day of April
 A.D. 1856 personally appeared
 the above named Fr. Schmid & John Gottlieb Walz
 Justices & acknowledge the same to be
 their free act & deed before me

Samuel S. Lang
 Notary Public

Recorded April 5th 1856

Samuel S. Lang
 Clerk