

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **BY SHIRLEY SCHAPER**

**Wm. Germann passed away Sunday morning  
Funeral services were held at Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon  
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William Germann, a lifelong resident of this community, and well known in this vicinity, passed away at 9:20 Sunday morning at his home in this city. Death was due to liver trouble from which he had been a sufferer from some time.

William Germann was born on August 24, 1869, on a farm six miles northwest of State Center, the son of the late August and Caroline Germann. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church until seventeen years ago when he moved to State Center and joined the Trinity Lutheran church. He was married to Minnie Kuhlman on November 2, 1893.

Mrs. Germann survives her husband as do two children, Lorenz and Mrs. H.D. Wilkey, both of near State Center, six grandchildren, and a brother, George, of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. Mary Wengert and Miss Carrie Germann, all of Madelia, Minn., and Mrs. Geo. J. Wengert of this city, also survive.

Funeral services were held at 1:15 Tuesday afternoon from the home and at 1:30 from the Methodist church, Rev. H.C. Keopke, pastor of the Trinity Congrégation having charge of the services. Burial was in Hillside cemetery.

Shirley's note: There was a Trinity Lutheran congregation in State Center years before the present Trinity Lutheran Church was built. The members were former St. John Lutheran members who moved into town from the French Grove area. The services were usually held on Sunday afternoons at the Methodist Church. The minister at St. John Lutheran also served as minister to the Trinity Lutheran congregation.