



OVERVIEW

Donor: Marvin & Delores (Just) Meidinger

Accession Date: 12 October 2011

Collection Number: 113

Quantity: 0.5 linear feet

Summary: One snapshot, a postcard, ephemera, and five theology books; estimated dates for the collection are 1877 to 1945.

Languages: German & English

Links:

- [Inventory of the Marvin & Delores \(Just\) Meidinger Collection](#)
- [Marvin & Delores \(Just\) Meidinger photographs on the NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)
- [Wishek, North Dakota, 1898-1998](#). [F644.W57 W56 1998]

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BIOGRAPHY

Marvin Meidinger was born on May 2, 1933, in McIntosh County, North Dakota, to parents Albert and Emma (Schwind) Meidinger. In 1953, Marvin was drafted into the Army and he later served in Korea. On May 9, 1954, Marvin married Delores Just. She was born on January 5, 1934, in McIntosh County, North Dakota, to parents Gustav and Barbara (Vossler) Just. Marvin and Delores (Just) Meidinger had six children: Michele, Clyde, Verdean, Craig, Valentina, and

Michael. The couple lived, farmed, worked, and raised their family around Wishek, North Dakota.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Marvin & Delores (Just) Meidinger Collection** consists of one snapshot, a postcard, ephemera, and five theology books. The majority of the collection is undated, but one book dates to after 1877, another dates to 1916, and the postcard dates to 1945. The collection has been organized into three series: Image, Ephemera, and Book.

The [Image Series](#) contains two items: a snapshot and a postcard. The snapshot is of an unidentified man standing in a garden in front of a picket fence and a porch of a house. The postcard is to Mrs. Fred Meidinger of Wishek, North Dakota from M/M Emil Thurn & family. The postcard is dated December 20, 1945. On the front of the postcard is a print of the holy family in a stable with three sheep.

The [Ephemera Series](#) is comprised of a religious card and a worship program. The religious card has a color image of the pharaoh's daughter and Moses with German text at the bottom. The worship program has a color image of Jesus on the front. Inscribed on the bottom is "Ev. Luth. St. Lufas Gemeinde, Wishek, N.D." The inside of the program has printed text in the German language. In the program, the pastor is listed as G.C. Landgrebe.

The [Book Series](#) is the largest series in the collection and has five theology books. Four of the books are in German and the other book (2011.38.08) is in German and English. Most of the books are undated. One book (2011.38.07) is dated 1916 and another (2011.38.06) is from after 1877, but the date for the remaining books is not known. Two books in the collection, Holy Bible (2011.38.08) and Evangelische Zeugnisse der Wahrheit : zur Aufmunterung im wahren Christenthum, teils aus gewöhnlichen Sonn-, Fest- und Feiertags-Evangelien, teils aus der Passions-Geschichte unsers Erlösers. Ein Vollständigen Jahrgang Predigten (2011.38.09), contain family records. This information is reflected in the collection inventory and can be accessed at the links section of this finding aid.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
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1/2	IMAGE SERIES
	2011.38.01 Snapshot of a man in a garden
	2011.38.02 Postcard – print of the holy family in a stable

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EPHEMERA SERIES

- 2011.38.03 Religious card with a color image of the pharaoh's daughter and Moses
- 2011.38.04 Worship program from Evangelical Lutheran St. Lukas Gemeinde, Wishek, ND

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BOOK SERIES

1. Ordnung des Gottesdienstes, n.p., n.d. pages 815. [2011.38.05]
2. Kirchenbuch fuer Evangelisch Lutherische Gemeinden, Philadelphia, PA: The United Lutheran Publication House, [after 1877] pages 815. [2011.38.06]
3. Deutsches Gesangbuch Eine Auswahl geistlicher Lieder aus allen zeiten der christlichen Kirche. Cleveland, OH: Central Publishing House 1916. [2011.38.07]
4. Holy Bible, The Concordia Bilingual Edition, n.p. n.d. [2011.38.08]
5. Brastberger, Immanuel Gottlob. Evangelische Zeugnisse der Wahrheit : zur Aufmunterung im wahren Christenthum, teils aus gewöhnlichen Sonn-, Fest- und Feiertags-Evangelien, teils aus der Passions-Geschichte unsers Erlösers. Ein Vollständigen Jahrgang Predigten, Chicago, IL: Wartburg Publishing House, n.d. [18__], pages 1022 plus Register. [2011.38.09]