

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**HEPLER LUTHERAN
CEMETERY**

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HEPLER IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CEMETERY

Located in SE cor. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 11 Twp. 28S Rge. 22E,
along the west side of the public road, which is on the half-mil line, 3 miles S
of Hepler.

We have heard this cem. referred to as the Missouri Lutheran, Hepler Lutheran and
Zion Lutheran. It was used by Lutherans from both Hepler and Brazilton originally,
but now mostly by the Hepler group. Members of Immanuel Lutheran Ch. 2 or 3 mi SE
use it, but others also use it.

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A driveway entering at the front gate along the E side (front) of the cemetery divides it into a N $\frac{1}{2}$ and a S $\frac{1}{2}$, and at the W end this turns S & exits at the SW corner.

SOUTH HALF OF CEMETERY (began at W row and copied to E)

Row 1, west end, S to N:

Wintjen Peter A. 1833-1923 Elsebe 1835-1925

Friedrich Michael Apr 1 1862 Feb 22 1897 Ellen Friedrich Jackson Jan 25 1870
Jan 5 1942.

Row 2 from W, S to N:

Monsees Edna A. 1886-19-- Theodor C. 1884-1937

(headstone) Paulus 1893-1896 (this is Knopp)

(h.) Hulda L. 1898-1919 "

Knopp

Mother Minnie 1859-1948 (Knopp) (h)

Father Henry 1858-1938 " (h)

(heart shaped) Doris Jean Knopp Oct. 3 1933 Apr 11 1934

Knopp Albert H. 1890-1946 Bertha D. 1893-1965

George Buchholz May 17 1871 Feb 27 1897

(dbl. hdst) Friedrich George 1857-1946 Sophia 1862-1907

(h) Ludwig H. Friedrich 1893-19--

(h) Emma M. Meyer 1884-1926

Row 3 from W., N to S:

(old, lamb design, broken) Matilda R. dau. of C. & M. Otten born Nov 26 1895
died June 20 189- (??)

(piece of curb between 2 small corner markers with this inscription:) H A K b 1900
d 1930

Maria dau. of A. & M. Bardenhagen died Sept 25 1906 aged 4 yrs.

(dbl. hdst) Bardenhagen Andreas 1864-1943 Marie 1868-1943

Row 4 from W, S to N:

(h) Inf. son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bollwinkel 1913

Saviour Lead Me Hier Ruhet John Georg Bollwinkel Geboren Den 11 Ten Mai 1844 in
Basdahl Deutschland Gestorben Den 14 Ten Juni 1896 in Kansas
(verses in German)

Amos W. son of H. & G. Bollwinkel born Mar 8 1888 died July 17 1904 Behold I come
quickly Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown. Bollwinkel

(dbl. hdst) Bollwinkel Mother Caroline 1846-1927 Father Henry 1847-1944

(hdst) Herman W. Beckmann 1877-1946

" Anna K. Beckmann 1898-1963

(metal mortuary marker) Emil Beckman 1907-1967 W. D. Smith Funeral Home

Mill r Henry 1851-1940 Gesina 1856-1930

(old) Tibke Koehnkeil born Oct 20 1827 died Aug 18 1893 (verse in German from
2 Corinther S.V. 1-10) Miller

Clarence son of Fred & Anna Lucke Nov 21 1899 died Dec 29 1899 Our darling baby.

Sohnlein von Richard & Katharina Hagemann Gestorben Den 2 Sept 1903
(design of dove and stump)

Lucke Anna G. E. Lucke Jan 12 1877 June 15 1913

Hagemann Katie 1879-1940 Richard 1873-1950

Row 5 from W, N to S:

Grannemann Josephine C. 1894-1927

Grannemann Dora M. Grannemann Nov 8 1861 Jan 18 1914 John C. Grannemann Aug 11
1853 Mar 14 1921

(h) Father

(h) Mother

(h) Baby

Hannah A. Cordes Asleep in Jesus Nov 24 1896 Apr 10 1900

(v) Jimmy A. Garrett 1958-1968

(v) Kinmy Lee Garrett 1957-1968

(v) Betty J. Garrett 1934-1968

(v) Robert E. Garrett 1935-1968

Harm Hess born Dec 13 1819 died May 31 1901
Sleep on dear father And take thy rest
God called thee home He thought it best

Elizabeth wife of H. Hesse died Feb 19 1892 aged 70 yrs.
(verse in German) Hesse

Row 6 from W., S to N:

(w) Cord Hinrich Koester born Dec 19 1853 died Feb 6 1898

(s) Anna M. Koester born Jan 12 1855 died Sept 23 1891 John C. Koester born Oct 5
1878 died Dec 5 1892

(heart-shaped) Henry E. Christopher Sept 5 1902 Feb 23 1903

Selle Christopher Sept 30 1859 June 25 1914 Margretha Jun 22 1864 Aug 15 1940

Selle John Fred May 17 1890 Sept 29 1918

Row 7 from W, N to S:

(v) Ellen W. Kroenke 1897-1968

4 pieces of stone with inscriptions made by hand:

Infant children of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sexton

son

son

dau.

Louise wife of H. Behrhorst born Feb 11 1867 died Nov 6 1905

A mother from us is gone A voice we love is stilled.

Her place made vacant in our home That never can be filled. Behrhorst.

Row 8 from W., S to N:

(h) Infant Daughter 1890

Behrhorst (design of American flag, and insignia of U.S. Medical Dept.)

Priv. Frederick H. Apr 24 1891 Oct 24 1918

He left his home in perfect health

He looked so young and brave

We little thought how soon he'd be

Laid in a soldier's grave.

Behrhorst Louis Aug 4 1864 June 26 1936 Anna Feb 17 1869 Aug 6 1962

Mother Ella Miller 1862-1927 Father Fred Miller 1856-1934 Miller

Miller Father Peter 1853-1932 Mother Ella 1860-1946

Row 9 from W., N to S:

Granneman Mother Katie C. 1889-19-- Married Feb 11 1909 Father Louis H. 1881-1960

(dbl. hdst) Koester Mother Sadie M. 1860-1938 Father John H. 1854-1941

Koester Johann Christian Koester Geb. 1824 Gest. AM 27 Dez. 1907

Leichentet Lug. I 29-32 Anna Margaretha Geb. Meyer

Geb AM 3, Nov 1834 Gest. AM 27, Dez 1907

Elmer R. Meyer Jan 15 1913 Aug 3 1935 I have kept the faith

(m.m.m.) William F. Meyer 1887-1968 Davis Memorial Chapel

Lueker Rev. William F. 1852-1889 Catharina M. 1861-1936

Row 10 from W, S to N:

Our baby Willie son of D. & R.

Mother Rebecca wife of J. D. Koester

Koester

Father J. D. Koester

(heart-shaped) Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stelljes born Jan 26 1909
died Feb 1 1909 (Verse in German) Our darling.

Row 11 from W., N to S:

(one stone on curbed lot:) Engel Mother Magdalena Jun 24 1849 Oct 2 1915
George May 16 1842 Mar 3 1909

(v.) George Engel 1889-1969

(v) Clara Engel 1884-1963

(v.) Chris W. Bruenjes 1892-1965

(double row here, out of line?)

Bruenjes Mother Adelheid M. 1861-1912 Father Christian 1862-1948

(w) Children of Chris & Adelheid Bruenjes

(n) Anna M. E. born Sept 14 1890 died Sept 14 1891

(s) Martin born Nov 4 1884 died Oct 31 1888

Bruenjes Mother Adelheid 1853-1931 Father Martin 1858-1937

Henry son of Martin & Adelheid Bruenjes born Jan 8 1879 died Oct 6 1888 Bruenjes

(v) Henry Bruenjes 1883-1964

Row 12, from W., S to N: (spaces)

(7' tall shaft) (w) (Verse in German)

(n) Michael Friedrich born Oct 2 1825 died Nov 23 1911

(s) Magdalena wife of Michael Friedrich born May 2 1828 died Sept 24 1909

Friedrich Leonhard Aug 3 1868 Dec 24 1941

Row 13 from W., N to S:

(v) Otto F. Miller 1885-1966

Matilda A. B. Miller wife of O.F.M. 1883-1949

Infant of O. F. & M. A. Miller Aug 11 1921

(lamb atop) Walter B. son of O. F. & M. Miller born Dec 31 1910 died Jan 7 1911
Sleep on sweet babe And take thy rest. God called thee home He thought it best
Miller

(v) Opal D. Weber 1908-1966

(m.m.m.) Theodore Bennefeld 1883-1969 W. D. Smith Funeral Home

Bennefeld Father Henry 1839-1928 Mother Gesina 1849-1933

H. Detjen born Nov 13 1820 died Jan 10 1896 Detjen

Hi r Ruhen in Gott John Miller died Sept 7 1904 aged 87 years & 3 months
Gesina wife of John Miller died Feb 18 1888 aged 70 years & 1 month.
(Verse in German) Miller

Row 14 from W., S to N:

Boettjer (lg. stone just off W side of curbed lot; curb: "Boettjer", and next 4 stones on this lot:

Baby

Wilhelm Friederich son of H. & M. C. Boettjer born May 3 1891 died Aug 3 1891
Sleep on sweet babe And take thy rest God called thee home He thought it best.

Mother Margaret 1861-1923

Father Herman 1859-1927

(lamb atop) Infant dau. of H. & E. Bollwinkle born June 22 and died June 24 1911
Sleep on sweet babe and take thy rest. Bollwinkle

Bollwinkle Hulda Jan 26 1900 Aug 6 1916 Our Daughter

(v) Herman D. Bollwinkle 1874-1957

(v) Emma W. Bollwinkle 1879-1959

Row 15 from W., N to S:

Schlichting Father John 1860-1932 Mother Meta 1874-1951

Schlichting Hugo H. son of J. & M. Schlichting 1897-1911

(h) Elizabeth Jean Nickel April 15-19 1936

Mattie wife of John Harmes born Sept 12 1861 died Sept 11 1906

(old; finger pointing up) Mary K. dau of Jno & Annie M. Harms
born Dec 30 1884 died Jan 17 1886
Sleep on sweet babe, Take thy rest in Jesus (Arms?) forever blest.

Row 16 from W., S to N:

(h) Marie Greshom 1876-1930

Infant son of H. & A. Shomaker died Feb 24 1892 (verse in German)

Shomaker Father Henry 1850-1906 Mother Anna 1851-1928

(heart-shaped) Infant Schumacher 1921 (note different spelling)

" Infant dau. of P. H. & S. M. Schumacher Jan 1 1911 Our Baby

" Infant son of P. & S. M. Schumacher ¹⁹¹⁵

Schumacher Mother Sena M. 1882-1928 Father Henry P. 1880-1951

George A. F. son of G. & A. Steffen Jan 5 1885 Jan 21 1913 (verse in German) Steffen

(matches above, large granite stones) Gustave E. son of G. & A. Steffen Aug 26 1888
May 16 1913 (verse in German) Steffen

Row 17 from W:

(lamb atop) Lily Wilma dau of Wm. & Bertha Clark born Sept 15 1911 died Oct 18 1911
Clark

NORTH HALF OF CEMETERY (began at E row & copied to W)

Row 1, East end, S to N:

(double hdst) Hamm Mother Lydia C. 1907-19-- Father Ernest W. 1898-1938

Infant son of E. W. & L. C. Hamm July 6 1927

Hamm Henry 1859-1928 Margaret his wife 1861-1946

(v) Leonard V. Hamm 1929-1952

(v) Leonard E. Goff Feb 19 1952 Feb 19 1969

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Row 2 from E, N to S:

- (v) Norman Mahnken 1921-1965
 (v) Julius Bockelman 1883-1969
 (v) Dora C. Bockelman 1889-1964

At rest Auguste dau of John & Margretha Luethje June 11 1897 Feb 3 1913

Row 3 from E. S to N: (out of line here, it appears)

(lamb atop) Lorenz J. son of J. & D. C. Bockleman Jan 19 1913 Feb 15 1913
 Sleep on sweet babe And take thy rest. God called thee home He thought it best.
 Bockleman.

- (v) John F. Mein 1878-1959

Row 4 from E, N to S:

(v.) Anna H. Bloomcamp 1879-1952

- (v) John H. Bloomcamp 1873-1952
 (v) Ella Vogts 1894-1968
 (v) Henry C. Vogts 1892-1960

(lamb atop) Oscar R. son of B. H. & E. L. Mein born & died 1913. At rest.

Infant son of Henry & Ella Vogts born Oct 21 1915

Row 5 from E, S to N:

Stolte David Stolte Oct 13 1852 Oct 8 1916 Mary Stolte July 15 1863 Oct 12 1946

- (v) Albert A. Meyer 1883-1968
 (v) Anna K. Meyer 1891-19--
 (h) Infant Mr. & Mrs. A. Weber 1936 (also h.m.m.!) Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
 Weber Wilcox Funeral Home

Grannemann Elizabeth 1915-1947 Albert 1912 ----

Grannemann Marguerite wife of Albert 1917-1958

- (h) Nedra Alberta Inft. dau. of Albert & Marguerite Grannemann 1950

Row 6 from E, N to S:

Kmiec Rudolph Kmiec 1909-1945

- (h) Carolyn Ruth Kmiec 1937-1937
 (h) Delores Ann Kmiec 1936-1936
 (v) Henry L. Behrhorst 1892-1964
 (v) Catherine Behrhorst 1896-1963

- (h) Infants daughter of H. L. & Catherine Behrhorst Apr 30 1932

Eldor H. son of H. L. & C. M. Behrhorst 1918-1921

- (h) Infant son of H. L. & Catherine Behrhorst Mar 13 1917

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Row 7 from E, S to N:

Tiedemann Friedrich 1845-1921 Margaret his wife 1851-1918

(v) Peter Tiedemann 1884-1961

(v) Adelia Tiedemann 1887-1967

Mein Mother Anna M. 1874-1933 Father Henry W. 1876-1934

Mein John H. 1898-19-- Dora A. 1901-1957

(v) Lydia M. Kroenke 1895-1954 (oval picture)

Row 8 from E., N to S:

(double hdst) Martens Karl W. 1888-19-- Sena M. 1893-1952

(h) Emma Clubb 1888-1966

Vogts Father Christopher 1866-1932 Mother Friederike 1869-1954

Row 9 from E., S to N:

Our Baby Goldie May Infant dau of Thomas & Joyce Goff July 26 1964

(double hdst) Mein Wilhelm C. 1881-1919 Mary M. 1880-1964

Troike Father William 1865-1931 Mother Louise 1872-1953

(lamb design) Allen Kroenke Jan 21 1941

Row 10 from E, N to S:

Mahnken Father Herman 1863-1935 Mother Mary 1863-1947

(v) Fred Mahnken 1890-1963

Ruth 1920-1928

Jagels Heinrich A. Jagels Geb 18 Aug 1852 Gest 9 Jan 1920 Rebecca Jagels Geb 31
Jan 1852 Gest 17, Feb 1920 (verse in German)

Kroenke Father Dick 1865-1940 Mother Minnie 1869-1959
The Lord is my Shepherd.

Row 11 from E., S to N:

(v) Harry C. H. Reith 1900-1959

Alford Hardin born Feb 12 died Feb 13 1920

(v) Louise C. Hamm 1888-1956

(triple hdst) Reith son Norbert 1914-1931 Father Claus 1863-1939 Mother Martha
1873-1949

(small hdst) Haward Elmer Reith 1936-1937

Row 12 from E, N to S:

(triple hdst) . . . Wiechert son Eldor G. 1920-1940 Father George J. 1875-1950
Mother Ernestine 1878-1958

(v) Peter Vogts 1890-1965

(h) Baby Vogts July 13 1930 July 17 1930

Mein C. W. Mein Apr 4 1857 Feb 4 1936 Lena His wife Sept 25 1857 Apr 28 1920
(verse in German)

Row 13 from E, S to N:

Von Soosten Mother Wilhelmina born Dec 26 1865 died Oct 9 1934 Nicolaus born
July 29 1861 died Feb 11 1933 Because I live ye shall live also John 14:19

(h) Son Inft. of Henry & Elma Von Soosten May 1 1922

(h) Son Paul N. Von Soosten 1926-1944

(v) Henry L. Von Soosten 1896-1967

(h) Betty Jane Martens 1930 Clara Louise Martens 1931-1939

(h) Martens Chris W. 1896-19-- Emma E. 1904-19--

Martens Father William 1855-1932 Mother Grace 1862-1932

Row 14 from E, N to S:

(v) Mathilda Gravemann 1892-1970

(v) Theodore Gravemann 1885-1968

(h) Ewald A. Boettjer 1897-1966

(h) Olaf E. H. Boettjer 1903-1958

(m,m.m.) Margaretha Boettjer 1862-1952 Kirkpatrick Funeral Home

Boettjer Henry 1857-1929 Margaretha 1862-1952

(v) Rudolf D. Meyer 1895-1965

Infant dau. of R. D. & A. E. Meyer

Row 15 from E, S to N:

(v) Anna E. Mein 1893-1957

(h) Ferdinand 1918-1934 son of Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Mein

Baby

(h) Irene dau of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mein 1916-1929

Bolte Father William H. 1864-1928 Mother Emma M. 1869-1941 The Lord is my Shepherd.

(v) Arthur F. Bolte 1894-1964

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