

REV. WILLIAM BATZ DIES AT PARSONAGE

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After serving thirty years as pastor of the German United Evangelical Church, East avenue and Dillon street, the Rev. William Batz died last night at the parsonage, 323 South East ave- nue, in his sixty-fifth year.

While pastor of the church he mar- ried nearly 2,000 couples and baptized approximately 5,000 babies. At the time of the celebration of his twenty- fifth anniversary as pastor he had mar- ried 1,500 couples and baptized 4,300 babies. That was in 1921. Since that date he has married about 100 couples each year.

Confirmed 2,400.

Between the time of his ordination, in 1896, and the celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor here, he confirmed more than 2,400 young persons and conducted 2,300 funeral services.

Born in Buffalo, N. Y., January 10, 1862, he was educated at Elmhurst College, Chicago, from which he was graduated. He studied for the ministry at Eden Seminary, St. Louis.

Came Here 36 Years Ago.

Coming to Baltimore thirty-six years ago, his first charge was First Christ Church, Locust Point. Mr. Batz next left the city to occupy a pulpit in Scranton, Pa. He returned to Baltimore to take the pastorate of St. Peter's Ger- man Lutheran Church. He was active in the founding of the Seaman's Mis- sion at Locust Point.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Au- gusta S. Batz, and two daughters, Miss Hilda Batz and Mrs. Bertha Kestner of Newburgh, Ind.

No services will be held at the church Sunday, it was announced last night.