

50th Anniversary of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Dated Timeline

- 10/ 59 - Pastor E. Ray Morack arrives in Largo to establish a Lutheran church.
11/8/59- Planning meeting for 1st service held.
11/15/59– 1st Sunday service held in Largo Civic Auditorium on 4th St. NW
First baptism held at this service. Infant was Tracy Lindenmeyer
12/13/59- 1st nursery & Sunday school
12/20/59-Choir organized by Lois Flamme, Pastor Morack's daughter.
5/10/60 - Official organization of church with 120 members.
5/17/60- Church Council elected at Congregational meeting.
10/4/60 –WELCA organized
11/60 – Church group moved to American Legion Hall on 1st Ave.
12/60 – 2.1 acres of land purchased for future Sanctuary.
60's – Altar Guild formed
4/61 – We moved to warehouse directly behind the current West parking lot
4/61 – First confirmation service- Dennis Martin and Sue Briggs were the confirmands
8/5/62 – Ground broken for the first Sanctuary
12/16/62 – New sanctuary completed & dedicated by Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Yount.
6/63 – First Vacation Bible School held
12/64 – First Floor of Education Building completed and dedicated.
7/8/66 – Pastor Morack retires
7/15/67 – Pastor Bruce Fehl begins his 30 year ministry at Prince of Peace.
1970's – Feast of Lights & Good Friday Tenebrae service started.
9/70 – Ray & Kathy Markett hired as choir director and organist, respectively
10/71-Studies underway for our current sanctuary
1972 - Vicar program started
1973 – Ground broken for new Sanctuary, office and 2nd floor to the education building.
1975 – Faye Belsky becomes Sunday School coordinator
1975 – Construction of 1973 completed & dedicated
1975 – Kathy Alhstrom named Director of Christian Education
1976 – K. Markett resigned. Don Rolander on board as part-time organist.
1977 – 5:15 PM Saturday service added
1978 - Pastor William Van O'Linda (former vicar) serves as associate Pastor until 1981
1980 – Don Rolander accepts full time organist/choir director when Ray Market resigned
1981(could have been 1991) – Easter Vigil added to Holy Week services
1982- Pastor Eugene Kern called to serve as associate Pastor.
1986 – Parish Nurse Program started with Jane Corcoran, R.N
1987 – Pastor Kern's title Changed to Co-Pastor. He served until 1995
1989– Faye Belsky named Director of Christian Education
2/89 - Renovations to Nave, expansion of ED building & covered portico completed
1997 – Pastor Fehl retires
1997-1999 – Three interim pastors serving us
8/1/99 – Pastor Michael J. Glymph begins his ministry here
2000(?) – Endowment Board formed
2000 – First Children's Health & Safety Fair
2004 - Pastor Cindy Keyser - Rothgery begins her ministry
9/07– Open Arms Preschool opens
9/08 – Respite center, Ruth's Promise, opens
11/07 – Sue Mendenhall A.I.M. accepts position of Director of Faith Formation
2008 - Additional properties along 4th St. purchased for future expansion
8/09 – Pastor Cindy resigns. We say 'farewell' as family moves to Roanoke, Virginia