

Faith Pastors

Now please go to the North Lobby. On the left as you enter there is a display showing pictures of all the pastors from Faith Lutheran. This display was put together in 2007. The first pastor at Faith Lutheran was A.F. Almer from 1899-1906. From 1888 until the congregation called Reverend Almer to become their first resident pastor, a Pastor Johannes Lundquist of Chisago City would preside and preach once a month with a deacon taking charge the remaining Sundays. The pictures displayed here represent all of the senior, associate and visitation pastors of Faith Lutheran. Can you figure out who was here the longest?



Faith Buildings

Move down to the end of this wall and you will find the Building Display. Work on this display started in 2006. Using some pictures we already had, some pictures from the new construction and some aerial pictures taken with the help of the Forest Lake Fire Department we assembled this display. The committee worked with a photographer, Gene Sztamburski, who took some of the new pictures and improved the old ones with his computer. The display was finished in 2008. In the center is the numbered legend explaining the pictures. All of the pictures to the left are from the older buildings

and to the right the newer buildings. The two large pictures are also on display in the education wing to show the students how the church has changed.



Faith Sons and Daughters

Just to the left of the Building display there are ten pictures. These are the Sons and Daughters of Faith Lutheran. We assembled this display in 2009. Each picture is a person who was confirmed at Faith and went on to become an ordained member of the clergy. The plaque under their picture tells you the year of their confirmation and the year of their ordination. The Heritage Committee just found out about Rev. Brian Mundt in 2015 and added him to the display. Who knows how many will be added in the future!

Thank you for touring Faith's Heritage Displays.

Faith has been blessed.

Faith Heritage Committee

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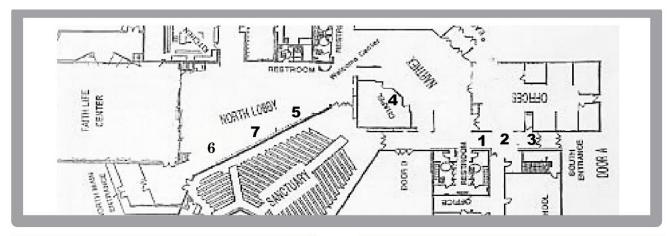
Faith Heritage Displays

The Heritage Committee was formed in 1991. Its vision statement is "To collect, preserve and share the history of Faith Lutheran Church". All of the items in the displays were collected by the committee, the original items are being preserved and the committee is sharing them by making these displays. Please enjoy them.



Founding Families

You will find this display in the Hallway toward the Education wing of the church. As you enter the hallway it will be on your left. In the front of the boards on swinging frames you will find names and pictures of the founding families. Fifteen Swedish families and one Norwegian family had settled in the Forest Lake area. They started meeting in their homes and sharing their faith. They decided to start a church and on Wednesday, August 29, 1888 they became charter members of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Parish of Forest Lake, Washington County. Today we are known as Faith Lutheran Church.





Confirmation Classes

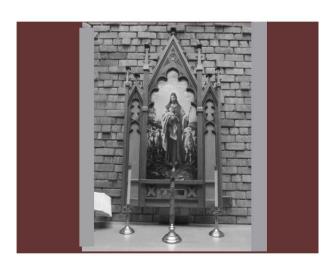
On the rest of the swinging frames you will find all of the Confirmation/ Affirmation classes of Faith Lutheran. The first Confirmation class was in 1892. Look through them as you might find someone you know. In 1991-92, this was the first big project of the newly formed Heritage Committee. Copies were made for this display and the original pictures are stored in the heritage safe. A new class picture is added every year!



Heritage Quilt

Across the hall is the framed Heritage Quilt. In 1907 this quilt was made to raise some money for the church. Each person paid 10 cents to have their name embroidered in a block. After the quilt was completed, it was raffled off and the winner was Mrs. Gus Carlson, who gave it to her son Willie and his wife Ellen. They later sold it at an auction to Mrs. Violet Bucher who wanted it because her grandfather, Frank Miller's name was on the quilt and he was the organist at Faith when the quilt was made. When Violet passed away in 1988, her husband, Alfred, gave the quilt to Gertrude Anderson to give back to Faith. It is nice to have this historical quilt to display.

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Altar Replica

Go back toward the sanctuary and enter the chapel. Above the altar is a replica of the original altarpiece from Faith's church that burned down in 1960. In 1995 this replica was hand-carved and donated to the church by Warren and Eloise Benoy. Warren accepted the challenge from the Heritage Committee and drew up blueprints using the altarpiece of a church in Taylors Falls and made this replica to scale to fit in a display case in the church. In 2006 additions were made to the church which eliminated the display case and this replica was moved into the chapel.

Faith feels blessed to have such a beautiful replica and a lasting reminder of our old church.