

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH 84TH ANNIVERSARY

JULY 19, 2020

A BRIEF HISTORY

1930's

1936	June 24	First meeting of members
	July 12	First worship service held
	July 19	Congregation organized; Pastor Fred Kern called
1937	August 30	Buy property at Whitis and 30 th
1938		Adjacent lots purchased
1939	January 22	Ground breaking ceremony
	May 7	\$7000 to install air conditioning
	September 24	Dedication of sanctuary

1940's

1942	October	Pastor Kern resigns to go into the military chaplaincy
	July	Pastor Lewis Speaker installed
1947	May	Additional lot added
1948		Brotherhood organized

1950's

1952	September 28	Parish Hall construction started
1953	May 3	Parish Hall dedicated
1956		Baptized membership hits 800
1958		Vicar Program started, Arlyn Hausman first vicar

1960's

1961	July	25 th Anniversary celebrated
1962		Parish Hall air conditioning added

1963		Pastor Speaker retires
1964	April 1	Pastor Merle Franke installed
1968		Vicar program renewed

1970's

1972		Child development center opened
1974		Pipe organ rebuilt
1977		First vicar couple: Al and Kathy Wicks

1980's

1980		Budget hits \$100,000
1982		Anna Johnson retires after 26 years as church secretary
1984	March 31	Pastor Franke resigns
	December	Pastor Robert Karli installed
1985		Sanctuary air conditioning replaced
		Vicar program renewed
1986		50 th Anniversary celebrated
1989		FELC become a Reconciling in Christ Church

1990's

Long range plan adopted for \$300,000 in improvements

Covered ramp for back entrances built

Sanctuary used for many musical events

Membership settles around 350 to 400

2000's and Beyond

2007	October	Pastor Karli retires
2008	July	Pastor Michael Coffey installed
2009		Sanctuary rewired; exterior stonework washed and tuckpointed
		First Octoberfest

2011	75 th Anniversary celebrated with year-long observance
2012	Companion Café Wednesday night dinner ministry started
2015	Church basement floods; air conditioning replaced Beginning of relationship with Dialogue Institute of the Southwest Beginning of relationship with Vision of Hope AME Church
2016	Capital campaign for building improvements Chapel of the Saints and Columbarium dedicated
2017	Hosted Refugee Council USA prayer vigil
2019	New LED lighting installed in sanctuary
2020	Outreach Strategic Plan developed COVID-19 pandemic leads to online worship only

HISTORY OF VICARS / INTERNS

2019	49	Kelsey Kresse
2016–18	48	Travis Gould (two-year, half-time internship)
2014–16		Break from vicar program
2013	47	Kwame Pitts
2012	46	Alex LaChapelle
2011	45	Peder Hinderlie
2010	44	Carolyn Albert
2009	43	Rick Fry
2008	42	Rich Gates
2007		Interim period – no vicar
2006	41	Jordan Miller
2005	40	Laila Olson Barr
2004	39	Mary Seroczynski
2003	38	Amy Becker
2002	37	Trish Madden
2001	36	Kristen Koch
2000	35	Elaine Watsky
1999	34	Jason Wahlstrom
1998	33	Scott Chinberg

1997	32	Craig Sagebiel
1996	31	Elisa Brandt
1995	30	Joan Swander
1994	29	Steve Springer
1993	28	Greg Bouvier
1992	27	Chris Jones
1991	26	Michael Coffey
1990	25	Phil Witkop
1989	24	Marsha Houtman
1988	23	John Conrad
1987	22	Mike Mackey
1986	21	Jim Oschwald
1985	20	Melinda Wagner
1984		Interim period – no vicar
1983	19	Robert Wertz
1982	18	Beth-Marie Halverson
1981	17	Bobbie Blackburn
1980	16	Daniel Carlson
1979	15	David Olson
1978	14	Alan Wicks
1977	13	Kathy Wicks
1976	12	Robert Graff
1975	11	Wayne Harrison
1974	10	Robert Neubauer
1973	9	David Swenson
1972	8	Ralph Lien
1971	7	Craig Johnson
1970	6	Stephen Youngdahl
1969	5	Lee Dyer
1968	4	Paul Hansen
1961-67		no vicars
1960	3	Kenneth Schroeder
1959	2	Terrance Michael
1958	1	Arlyn Hausman