

## **Timeline of Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Summer, 1977** – Meetings were held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Liberty by a number of people who were interested in forming a new Lutheran Church in the northland.

**October, 1977** – Eighteen families were in attendance at these meetings and expressed their interest in going forward with this endeavor. Committees were established to undertake this task, with one of their first duties being to contact the Rev. John Meyer, the Director of Missions for the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

**October 23, 1977** – The Rev. John Meyer met with the interested families and explained all the procedures necessary for starting a congregation.

**December, 1977** – The first officers of our new Congregation were elected and began their duties. James Mead was elected as President, G. William Block was elected Vice-President, Elnora Funkhouser was to be the Secretary, and Charlie Kueck would be the Treasurer.

**January, 1978** – The first worship service, a "Service of Thanksgiving and Praise," was held at the Kearney Middle School. The Rev. John Meyer was the Preacher and the Rev. R.R. Krueger, Circuit Counselor and Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Platte Woods, was the Liturgist.

**May, 1978** – Approximately 5 acres of ground were purchased by the Missouri District of the LC-MS for the purpose of constructing a Church. That land would eventually be the site of our present Church building.

**March 4, 1979** – The Rev. Dirk van der Linde was installed as the first full time Pastor of our Parish in a service held at the Kearney Middle School.

**March 30, 1980** – The Ground-Breaking Service was held for the construction of a new Church building.

**October 12, 1980** – The Festival of Dedication for God's new House of Worship here in Kearney was held at 2:30.

**January, 1987** – The Rev. Dirk van der Linde, having accepted a call to serve our Church as Associate Editor for Adult Sunday School Materials for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in Saint Louis, preached his last sermon here as Pastor.

**October 11, 1987** – The Rev. Drew A. Newman is installed as the new Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Various Times Throughout 1995, 1996** – Many meetings are held to explore the feasibility of building a new Sanctuary to be attached to our present facility.

**Spring, 1997** – It's decided in a special Voters' Meeting that we will move ahead with plans for construction. Various possibilities were explored in regard to who our builder would be. Ultimately we decided on Haren & Laughlin Construction, of Lenexa, Kansas.

**May 3, 1998** – The Ground-Breaking Service was held here to signal the beginning of the construction for our new Sanctuary.

**May 4 Through March 5 & Beyond, 1999** – Construction begins when the first Earth moving equipment arrives on site, and continues throughout Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Every day God's blessings become more apparent as a beautiful House of Worship finally emerges into what you see today.

**March 6, 1999** – A catered meal is held in celebration of the completion of our new Church, with Dr. Paul Grime, Head of the LC-MS Commission on Worship, playing a recital of sacred music (for both our members and the community at large) on our new Classic Digital "Pipeless Pipe Organ" custom designed and executed by Fredrick Cool & Associates of St. Joseph, Missouri. A Reception and Open House follows the recital.

**March 7, 1999** – The Dedication Service takes place at 3:00. The Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. John Pless, of University Student Chapel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Guest Organist is the Rev. Dr. Paul Grime.

**October 11, 2009** – Due to special dedicated gifts the congregation is able to pay off its mortgage in just over 10 years! Thanks be to God!