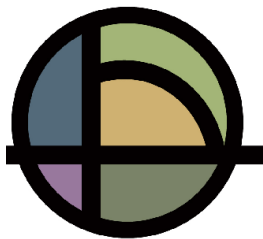


**Renewed in Christ to Serve:
150 Years of God's Grace in Action**



150th
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For 150 years, this Congregation has worshipped our gracious and loving God.

We celebrate and reflect on this, our 150th Anniversary year.

History Highlights

- *1864: First worship service is held in a log schoolhouse.*
- *1867: McFarland Lutheran Church is officially organized.*
- *1881: 1st church building (built in 1869), destroyed in tornado.*
- *1895: 2nd church building (built in 1881), destroyed by fire.*
- *1896: 3rd church built at cost of \$5017.28.*
- *1900: Sunday School begins with 35 pupils & 6 teachers.*
- *1949: Women allowed vote in church meetings.*
- *1962: Educational building constructed*
- *1975: The congregation moves into the 4th church building and the 3rd church building is vacated & demolished.*
- *1979: Preschool begins as Martin Luther Christian Day School; is re-organized in 1991 as Child Life Ministries & Rainbow Center.*
- *1997: Family Life Center, Gathering Space & Sunday School rooms added.*
- *2014: Sanctuary expanded & remodeled.*



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The Evangelical Lutheran
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2017



Celebrating 150 Years—Dates to Note

January—December 2017



150th Anniversary Kick Off:

January 7: 5:00 pm; January 8: 8:00 & 10:00 am

“Special Hymns Sunday” will occur monthly beginning with:

January 14: 5:00 pm; January 15: 8:00 & 10:00 am

“History Highlights” will occur monthly beginning with: **Feb. 18/19, all services**

Talent Show: **February 25**

Small Catechism Series March 5-April 9:

Sundays 9:15 am, Wednesdays 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking for Faith Build: **Spring**

Luther College Collegiate Chorale Concert: **April 20, 7 pm.**

Drawn to the Word: **May 7, 9:00 am (One Worship Service)**

History Highlights- Church History Walking Tour: **May 21, 9:15 am**

Historical Artifacts on display at E. D. Locke McFarland Public Library:
Month of June

Pentecost/Organ Recital: **June 4, 2 pm**

Church History Walking Tour: **July 9, 11:15 am**

Annual Meeting/Christmas in July (& Christmas Hymns): **July 23**

Church Picnic and Hymn Sing: **August 27**

Reformation – Festive Anniversary Worship & Brunch:
October 29, 9:00 am (One Worship Service)

Martin Luther’s Birthday Party/Movie: **November 10**

Archive Dedication: **November 12**