

Risen Christ History submitted by Douglas Larson

Establishing a Family of Faith: 1985-1988

On Sunday, May 19, 1984

Land is purchased by Iowa District East for a new mission start.

District moves a modular unit onto a site at 6021 Northwest Blvd. in Davenport.



Modular unit, 1985

1985

Jan 6: Rev. Eric F. Allyn our first pastor was called and commissioned as a mission developer.



Rev. Eric Allyn, Charter Sunday, 1985



First baptism, Ray Worden with his family on Charter Sunday



August and Catherine Sorenson signing the Congregational Charter

Feb 3: 47 people attend first church service led by Pastor Allyn.

May 19: 53 individuals sign the charter and Pastor Allyn also did the first baptism.

1987

Feb 15: Pastor Allyn took a call to Grant Park, Illinois.

Rev. Clarence W. Pannier was appointed to fill the vacancy for a year and became the second pastor after he retired from Immanuel.



Pastor Arp's ordination and installation, July 31, 1988

Building A House of worship

1988-1991

1988

Pastor Pannier confirmed our



First confirmation class, 1988
Eric Worden, Pastor Pannier, Teresa West



Pastors attending Pastor Arp's installation on a very hot July 31, 1988

congregation's first two youth.

July 31: First ordination service for Rev. Wally M. Arp was ordained and installed with 150 people in attendance including 15 clergy and he became the third pastor.

Nov 1: First friendship Sunday.

1989

Oct 22: The congregation approved hiring an architect to design a house of worship it also contacted Laborers for Christ.

1990

April 15: The groundbreaking for the new sanctuary took place on Easter Sunday.



June: Work of the Lord campaign promoted faithful stewardship and support of family's financial needs as it took on paying a mortgage.

Dec 16: Chairs and other furnishings from the modular were used because the pews and alter have not been delivered.



1991

Jan 13: First baptism in the new sanctuary the baptism was done by Pastor Hafner.

The new building was dedicated on Easter Sunday.

Growing the Family of Faith 1992-1998



1992

April 26: The congregation acknowledged their commitment to one another as a family of faith by adopting the mission statement.

By the same time a second service was added to accommodate the growing congregation and in anticipation of continued growth.

1993

July: Workers were formed as a social and service organization.

1995

Oct 5: Steve Lehenbauer is installed as Parish Assistant his ministry focused on the education, youth programs, the construction of the education wing and he became the first Parish Assistant.

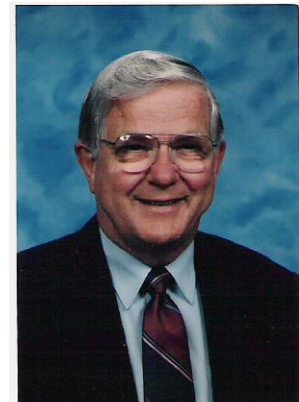


Childhood Ministries established formalized the plans for Little Blessings Daycare.

1996

January: Voters approved construction of a two-story education wing.

April 6: Groundbreaking was held on Easter Sunday.



Spring
Wednesday
Night Service
begun.

July: The
family
welcomed
another
worker
Richard Wenz

begin as Coordinator of Older Adult Ministries after he retired as the Principle of Trinity Lutheran School Dick's ministry focused on working with Day Workers and assisting shut-ins and others in need.

1997

March 30: Dedication of the education wing.

August: Little Blessing daycare began serving the community.



1998

Feb 22: The family bid farewell to Pastor Wally Arp as he accepted a call to St Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo Florida.

The Family Grows in Faith and Service 1998-2010

1998

Sep 27: Rev. Kurt R. Larson from Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst, Nebraska was installed as Pastor and became the fourth pastor with 10 clergy in attendance.

1999

March: the choir performs the first musical Calvary's love.

2000

June: Steve Lehenbauer accepted a call to St Luke's Lutheran School in Oviedo Florida.

Aug 1: Sara Pfeiffer installed as DCE.

2002

Spring the family expanded its mission focus by participating in Mission India project. With seed money \$1000 with \$10 going to each participating member the family undertook a variety of projects to raise over \$3200 for Mission India.

Sept.: Rev Doctor. Fredrick H. Schuster was installed as Assistant Pastor and he became the first assistant pastor after he retired from Holy Cross. Doctor Schuster helped shepherd the family in various ways including preaching, hospital calls and Bible studies including the Divine Drama and life light.



2005

Early 2005: Richard Wenz retires as Coordinator of Older Adult ministry.

Doctor Schuster died and was called to glory.

Oct.: the voter's assembly approved the calling of a second full-time pastor.

2006

June 10: a Saturday Night contemporary service begun.



July 16: Pastor Larson named to Senior Pastor and Rev. Stephen P. Henderson was installed as Pastor of Family Life and Youth and he became the first Pastor of Family life and youth with 11 clergy in attendance.



2007

May 1 Sara Pfeiffer Resigns as DCE her family move to Germany.



Sept.: A Burning of the mortgage took place in an October worship service.

2008

The position of Director of Music Ministries was created.

Oct.: Director of Children's ministry was approved Mrs. Becky Van Nice became the first Director of Children's. ministry.

The Family began supporting missionary Rev Patrick O'Neil and his family as they served the people of Korea.

2011

Mission Trip to Hong Kong.



Maria Klein becomes Director of Music

Ministry.

2012

May 6: groundbreaking for the new addition

Nov 18: the dedication of the new sanctuary.

2013



Nov 2: the position of Parish Assistant is filled by Pastor Larson's son Douglas Larson became Parish Assistant his ministry focus on the Saturday Night Services and became the second Parish Assistant and he assisted both Pastor Larson and Pastor Henderson.

2015

Sep 13: Pastor Steve Henderson accepts call to serve as Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crown Point, IN.

Oct.: Knighting Ceremony

Dec 3: Richard Wenz was called to glory.

2016

June 25: The first ordination service in 28 years in the new sanctuary for Rev. Isaac R. W. Johnson was ordained and installed as Pastor of Family Life and Youth and became the second Pastor of Family Life and youth with 15 clergy in attendance since 1988.

July: Becky Van Nice resigns as Director of Children's ministry.

Sept: Leslie McCoy was hired as Director of Children's ministry and became the second Director of Children's ministry.

Pastors of Risen Christ

Rev Eric F. Allyn 1985-1987

Rev Clarence W. Pannier 1987-1988

Rev Wally M. Arp 1988-1998

Rev Kurt R. Larson 1998-Present

Rev Dr Fredrick H. Schuster (Assistant Pastor) 2002-2005

Rev Stephen P. Henderson (Associate Pastor) 2006-2015

Rev Isaac R. W. Johnson (Associate Pastor) 2016-Present



