

The 50th Anniversary of
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
1964 - 2014

Celebrating God's Blessings
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

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- The 50th Anniversary Committee for their dedication and tireless efforts in planning and executing all the arrangements for our celebration events
- A special note of thanks to all of our advertisers. We encourage you to patronize these 50th Anniversary supporters.

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church,

“This fiftieth year is sacred — it is a time of freedom and of celebration when everyone will receive back their original property, and slaves will return home to their families.”

Leviticus 25:10

In the cycles of life ... in writing our diaries ... in telling others what things happened much is ordinary. As Woody Allen once stated "90% of life is just showing up." It is true in our personal lives and it is true in the life of a church. That 10% is the special part of life — our birthdays, vacations, weddings, baptisms. Often they are special because of the people we are with but sometimes they can be special as we see a new beauty in nature and God's love for us brings a new meaning and hope to our lives.



Every 50 years the people of Israel would have a Jubilee year. It was a time to celebrate and do things you didn't do normally. But the 50 years came to be as a result of seven Sabbath years. A Sabbath year was 7 years and 7 of them totaled 49. You couldn't have a Jubilee year if you didn't first have 7 Sabbath years. The Jubilee year was the "10%" we would say — the other years were the "90%."

90% of life is predictable and can be organized by our scientists. But 10% of life enters what we as Christians call the "miraculous." You can't fully explain miracles — you have to accept them in faith and know that they are real. The older I get the more I am content with the 90% as well as the 10% in life. When I was younger I hadn't recognized many "miracles" but I have now in my own life as well as in the lives of so many of you. They are amazing as well as humbling. But I would like to share something God has made me aware of as I get older. The miracles in life are not more important than the everyday ordinary things — God is present in both. So may we take this anniversary year as an opportunity to thank God for being with us and blessing us in the extra special moments when we needed Him. but also the many moments when we both "just showed up!"

As you read and look at this booklet may you recognize God's love in Jesus. What a miraculous love — that continues to "show up" every day in our lives!

God's Love and Blessing,

The History of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church had its beginning in the hearts and faith of the Board of Missions of the Northern Illinois District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Noting the growth in Winfield and the surrounding community, the Board of Missions in April, 1963, agreed that the time had come to conduct a canvas. Rev. Wilbur Holt, a native of Elmhurst, Illinois, was commissioned to survey the area. The survey was conducted during the months of May and June, 1963. Results indicated a need to begin a new Mission Congregation in Winfield.

The Board of Missions called Rev. Donald H. Hoffmann to begin the Winfield Mission in August, 1963. The following month Rev. Hoffmann moved into a rented house at 27W760 Gary's Mill Road in Winfield with his wife, Marion, and their two children, Greg and Holly. He immediately began contacting families for prospective membership in the new congregation. Eighty-five persons attended Pastor Hoffmann's first service for the Winfield Lutheran Church held in a rented auxiliary building on the grounds of Central DuPage Hospital, Sunday, December 1, 1963.

At a meeting at the Pastor's home on January 15, 1964, a Planning Council was organized consisting of the following men:

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| Richard Caul | Howard Koop | Russell Rauschenberger | Edwin F. Wold |
| Heinz Dresch | Henry Leuenhagen | Hilbert Teske | |
| William Hansen | Walter Mueller | Theodore Vemon | |

On March 15, 1964, the Planning Council approved a Constitution and By Laws, pending acceptance by the Board of Missions.

On April 8, 1964, Winfield Lutheran Church was officially named "Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church."

On June 1, 1964, an application for Articles of Incorporation, in the State of Illinois, was made.

The Articles of Incorporation, among other things, states as follows:

"The purpose of this corporate body shall be that of a religious organization, more specifically that of a Christian Congregation, established and maintained for the express purpose of administering God's Word and Sacraments according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Book of Concord of the year 1580, A.D."

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Congregation was officially organized with a charter membership evening service on May 17, 1964. Fifty-seven persons signed the Charter and became the first Communicant Members of the Church.

In July, 1964, the Board of Missions approved the purchase of the Community Church building at Beecher and Summit Streets in Winfield from the E.U.B. Congregation, together with approval to purchase nearly five acres of land between Winfield Road and Summit Street, north of Gary's Mill Road in Winfield. This parcel offered ample space for a parsonage, church, Sunday School building, and off-the-street parking.

Missionary Pastor Donald H. Hoffmann was called by the congregation to become the first Pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and was officially installed on October 4, 1964.

In 1966 a parsonage was completed on the property on Summit Street. The Pastor and his family moved into the new parsonage just in time for Christmas.

In 1967 a Building Committee was appointed to make a preliminary survey of the potential growth of the congregation and recommend the cost of construction of a new church building. This Committee consisted of the following men: Howard Koop, Chairman; Don Lancaster, Jerry Nelson, Russell Rauschenberger, Gary Schmitt, James Walker, and Pastor Hoffmann. After diligent study and many hours conferring with the architects and Board of Missions, the Committee recommended the construction of the present edifice. The building style is contemporary with a touch of the traditional, featuring an English basement partially divided into classrooms for the Sunday School, a kitchen, and large community room for meetings and social functions. The sanctuary will seat 250 people comfortably. A new Allen organ has been presented to the congregation anonymously by a friend.

Official ground-breaking for the Church took place on Sunday, November 2, 1969, with Pastor Hoffmann, Edwin F. Wold representing the Church Council and Voters Assembly, Mrs. Henry Leuenhagen representing the ladies of the congregation, Miss Polly Lancaster representing the youth of the congregation, and Mr. Howard Koop, Chairman of Building Committee.

After many delays, due to inclement winter weather, on Sunday, May 10, 1970, following the 10:30 a.m. service, the congregation assembled at the new church site for the corner-stone laying ceremony. Two vacuum sealed copper containers with the latest church membership record; a list of all the members of the Church Council, Voting Membership, and other organizations; a copy of the State of Illinois Charter; a brief history of the Church; 1970 coins; newspaper articles; pictures; biography of Pastor Hoffmann, our Founding Pastor; and a letter from Pastor Hoffmann to the people of the future were cemented inside the corner-stone.

The congregation moved into the new church building on September 27, 1970, with a dedication service to the Glory of God and the Love of Christ Our Savior.

At that time Christ Our Savior had a baptized membership of 411 souls, a communicant membership of 250, and a Sunday school enrollment of 120 children.

Pastor Hoffmann continued as pastor of Christ Our Savior through January, 1989. His last service here was conducted on January 31, 1989. Pastor David Fleming was interim Pastor during the Call process.

Rev. Michael Trench accepted the call to be Pastor in the fall of 1989 and was installed in January of 1990. Pastor Mike, his wife, Karen, and three children, Joshua (Josh) Alexandra (Au) and Paige lived in the parsonage and Pastor Mike served as the Pastor of Christ Our Savior until October of 1995.

Pastor Bruce Beisenthal, then Pastor Dick Wertz, were interim pastors until Pastor Jim Plackner accepted our Call and was installed on June 8, 1997. Pastor Jim's wife, Elaine, died of cancer shortly after Pastor Jim's installation, which was sad for Pastor Jim as well as the entire congregation, but Pastor Jim served as pastor until his retirement on June 18, 2003. Having announced his upcoming retirement the previous fall, the Call Committee commenced work so that in July, a Call was placed to Rev. David Faulkner, who accepted the Call. During the brief interim, Pastor Donald Moll was called out of retirement (again) to be our interim pastor.

Pastor Faulkner came to Winfield with his wife, Julie, and son, Grant (age 4), and daughter, Lillie Grace (almost 2), and was installed as the pastor of Christ Our Savior on September 28, 2003.

Pastor Faulkner left in January, 2005 and Pastor W. E. Duey became our Intentional Interim pastor in February, 2005. He and his wife, Anne, lived in Yorkville but Pastor Duey spent all of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday working here, staying in the parsonage, since he was our part-time pastor. Since the one-year term for Pastor Duey was nearly over, the church council conducted interviews of possible replacements to be called as permanent Pastors in March of 2006. Pastor Duey preached his final sermon at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on May 14, 2006. He was assigned to be the Intentional Interim Pastor at Sterling, Illinois.

On Easter Sunday, April 23, 2006, our services were conducted by guest Pastor, Reverend Dr. Dennis Aubey. Since Pastor Duey had been reassigned, the Church council met with the Northern Illinois District President on May 7, 2006 to discuss the placing of a contract call to Dr. Aubey. A contract for one year was extended to Pastor Aubey. This was amended to make the contract valid for five years. The congregation later decided to call Pastor Aubey as its permanent Pastor. On July 16, 2006, Pastor Aubey was installed as the Pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. Pastor Aubey graduated from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Seminary in St. Louis in 1974. This means that as Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, Pastor Aubey is celebrating his 40th Anniversary in the Ministry.

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Christ Our Savior's first church building as a mission church in Winfield.

Vacation Bible School is a popular annual event for members and non-member children alike.



One of our most popular outreach community events is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Kay Steinam married Cary Singer on August 21, 1982. Lisa Steinam, second on right front, was a bridesmaid.



Official ground-breaking took place on Sunday, November 2, 1969, on the land purchased on Summit Drive. Church leaders Edwin Wold, Mrs. Henry Leuenhagen, Miss Polly Lancaster and Howard Koop are also shown.



Pastor Hoffmann blessed our church in the corner-stone laying ceremony in May 1970.



Dorothy Wedow, left, with Gene and Charlene Gaede.



Members and friends exercise their mind power while having fun in the 'Battle of the Minds' fundraising event.

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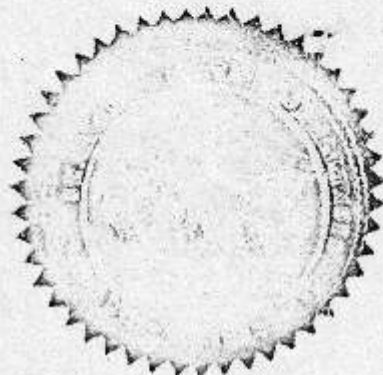
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Rev. Donald H. Hoffmann
Hilbert D. Terrell
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William F. Hansen

Incorporators

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County of DeWitt ss.

I, Clair L. Jellouec, a Notary Public do hereby certify that on the 1st day of June, 1964, Rev Hoffmann - Hilbert Terrell (Names of Incorporators) Edwin Wood - Henry Dreesch & William F. Hansen personally appeared before me and being first duly sworn by me severally acknowledged that they signed the foregoing document in the respective capacities therein set forth and declared that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.



Clair L. Jellouec
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Closing Remarks

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

I hate when it's all over! Guests come for supper and then they must leave. I look at my wife, Bea, and we decide what things we will start cleaning up and what things we will leave for tomorrow morning. It's not the cleaning up that I hate. It's the fact that I can't keep the guests and our wonderful time together forever. It is true "all good things must come to an end"!

Jesus' first disciples must have felt that way as they had experienced Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection. But now they had to get used to life without His physical presence. They loved Him and they missed Him terribly.

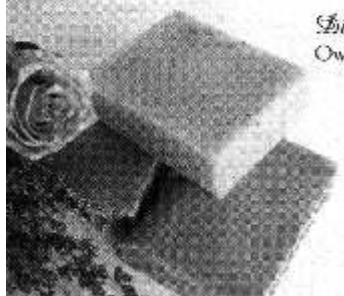
What helped them also helps me. When guests leave I must help Bea with our clean up jobs. When we are company and leave I have to concentrate on how to get back home. I have a job to do and it takes me away from the sadness of the moment. Jesus' job for His disciples was to tell others about His love.

After our anniversary celebration is done we will have that same "missing" in our hearts. We will miss old friends that came to see us. We will miss the extra planning we did with each other. But God keeps us moving forward. We have learned things that can continue to be jobs for us to do in the future. Anniversaries end but then life begins anew! Pray that God would open new doors for us to serve our community and welcome the community into our lives.

For all of us whether you are a member at Christ Our Savior or you are our company that has now left to go back home — may we all remember Jesus' words in giving us jobs yet to do — He will be with us in all those jobs to the end of our days!

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