

# Congregation Anniversary Celebrations 2018

## 150 Years– Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

<http://www.trinitylutherancongregation.org>

Trinity Lutheran Congregation was started on April 6, 1868 by Norwegian and Danish immigrants, and has continued to be a home for immigrants throughout its 150 year history. As the only Christian congregation in Cedar-Riverside/West Bank, a neighborhood of 8,000-10,000 people, Trinity Lutheran Congregation takes seriously its mission of "Nurturing Wholeness and Holiness in Cedar-Riverside."



Our current members come from the U.S., Ethiopia and Eritrea. We worship in three languages together every Sunday. We are very engaged in our community and are pleased to work closely with the many community institutions and agencies. As a Christian minority in a predominantly Muslim neighborhood we work together with our Muslim brothers and sisters to make Cedar-Riverside a stronger community. We find ourselves both host and guest as we break down the barriers of skin color, faith, language in all that we do.

## 125 Years– Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

<http://www.glcmpls.org>

Gethsemane Lutheran Church was formed in April of 1893. Like the world and the neighborhood around us, we have undergone countless changes in the last 100+ years. In spite of the challenges, we are committed to maintaining our presence on the corner of 47th & Colfax. We currently share our building with our partner congregation from Nu Way Baptist Church, and find great joy in working together in faith to share the Gospel here in the Camden neighborhood of North Minneapolis.



## 125 Years– Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

<http://zionchurchmpls.org>

The Augustana Synod of the Lutheran Church voted in 1870 that "grassroots Congregations would be responsible for the development of new congregations. Augustana Lutheran Church, began in 1866, took this seriously. Zion was the fifth congregation started by Augustana. A public notice was posted in March of 1893 inviting Swedish immigrants in South Minneapolis to a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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On April 14, 1893, this meeting was held, and Zion Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded. The cornerstone was laid for their first building – a simple, attractive little church. As it was a time of economic depression, a chapel was built at the back of the two purchased lots at the corner of Pillsbury and 33rd Street. On July 9th, 1893, - 3 months later – they worshipped in their own building.

Sharing the love of God with all people has always been a priority, along with local and global outreach. Following the example of Augustana, Zion started a mission in Linden Hills in 1910, and in 1916, Tabor Lutheran Church was built on Chowen Ave. & 46th Street. Zion began an outreach in 1913 to start a Sunday School in the southern part of the city. Interest grew slowly and on Sunday, March 19, 1920, Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, with 30 communicants and 40 children, was organized. The Tabor Congregation merged with Mt. Olivet in 1930.

Over the years, Zion – The Little Church with A Big Heart – has continued to focus on community life together and outreach. Our Mission is “To put the love of Jesus into action by worshiping together, embracing an inclusive spirit, and building community in the Lyndale Neighborhood”. Prime examples of this: ... quilters make and give away close to 200 quilts a year, Recovery Worship is held mid-week, Lyndale Community Dinner is held every Wednesday with an average of 50-60 neighbors participating each week; we conduct a school supply drive and a hats & mitten drive every year for Lyndale Elementary School. We have a congregation of 'voting members' and an active have a cadre of “friends” who support Zion by attending, giving & praying. We partner with the Blaisdell YMCA, work with the Lyndale Neighborhood Association, collaborate with a group of small congregations (of several denominations) to do a week-long Bible Day Camp each summer, support Synod activities and a variety of social justice issues. Zion may not be large ... but we are busy in our life together and reaching out!

## 75 Years– Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale

<http://www.faithlilacway.org>

Established in 1943, Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church is a Christian community of believers. As followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to incorporate into our lives and into our church the marks of discipleship of: worshiping, serving, learning, praying, giving, encouraging and inviting. The mission of this church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is empowered by the Great Commission, put before us by our Lord Jesus Christ, and recorded in Matthew 28.

We strive to NURTURE one another by:

Gathering for worship that seeks to renew our spiritual lives; and Gathering for education and fellowship that seeks to promote life-long Christian learning, faith maturity, and mutual support.

WELCOME all people and invite them to join our Christian fellowship.

ENCOURAGE the active participation of each member in the ministries of the church and share the collective resources we possess for the strengthening of the church.

SERVE our local community, nation, and world in deeds of compassion, justice, and peace as expressions of God's reign.

EMPOWER those in our fellowship to apply Christian beliefs and perspectives in their everyday lives.



## 75 Years– Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, Minneapolis

<http://lccronpenn.org>

LCCR is a small, SW Minneapolis congregation with roots in the old conservative Norwegian traditions of the ALC. Formed as a neighborhood congregation as post- WWII housing rose around it, LCCR has become a congregation with a unique place in our synod and neighborhood.

Our mission statement reflects our movement. "We gather weekly around Christ in Word and sacrament as a servant community that is sent into this neighborhood and beyond with the gospel of mercy, justice and peace."

Though we are small, our facilities reflect our interest in art and music. We have a number of creations by Joe Larson, a mosaic made by the congregation in the entry, and furnishings designed by Pohlman. Our worship leans to the classic and we have recently installed a new pipe organ.

LCCR's main focus is on peace and justice in three major areas. LCCR ministries support affordable housing efforts in our community; a partnership with Christmas Lutheran in Bethlehem and advocacy for Christians in Palestine; and the radical welcome of immigrants, LGBTQ folks, and any who have felt excluded from the church. Because of our emphases we have become a place of refuge for many. We are "75 years gathered and sent into our community and beyond in Christ's name."



## 50 Years– Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, Chaska

<https://www.crownofglory.org>

This year we celebrate the first 50 years of Crown of Glory with various festivities, large and small, throughout the year. Our anniversary theme is: 50 Years: Giving, Growing and Grace. We are blessed with many gifts of which the first was the inspiration and enthusiasm of charter members who gave of their time, energy and faith that resulted in the creation of Crown of Glory. Beginning with 34 families, we have grown to 300 families who call Crown of Glory their church home. God's grace has been with us during this journey and we pray for continued blessings as our faith and church grow.

