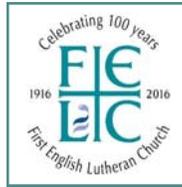


# THIS DATE IN FELC HISTORY - 1970-1979: We Make a Joyful Noise

## 1970

- Pastor Martin Bredow became our first visitation pastor, serving the congregation until 1974. Also during this year, the position of a business administrator was created.



## 1971

- The City Church Softball League Championship was won by the FELC team, under the guidance of managers Mal Johnson and Gerald Herrmann. With this winning season, the team continued a streak of championships - six in eight years.

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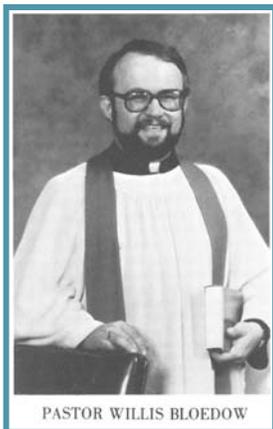
- The congregation celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new church's construction. Dr. Timothy Winch, director of the Senior Choir, and members of the Youth Group provided musical entertainment.
- Two new steam boilers were installed in September, replacing the old boilers which were original to the church. The cost of the two new boilers was \$30,000.
- Pastor Robert Herder of Oshkosh gave a slide presentation of his visit to the Holy Land at the October Men's Club meeting.

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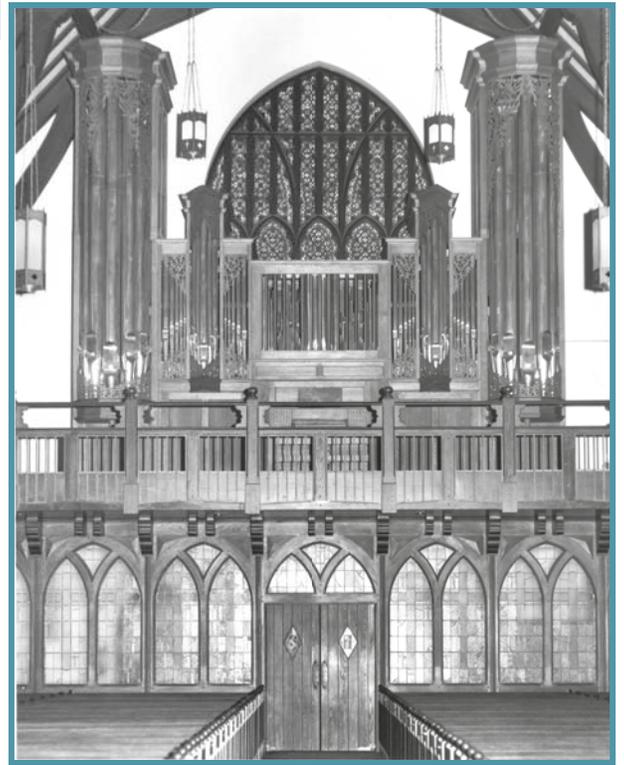
- A major change in direction took place in 1973 when we ended the internship program and the congregation voted to call a second full-time pastor along with a visitation pastor.
- The annual church picnic was held in June at Pierce Park. The weather was ideal and members of the Luther League provided music and a community sing-along. Other highlights included free rides on a London style double-decker bus, a hay wagon ride, and pony rides for the kids.

## 1974

- On Sunday Feb.10, FELC celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the congregation. Pastor Gamelin of Zion Lutheran Church was a special guest at the celebratory service. A dinner was served by the Luther League in the Fellowship Hall followed by an anniversary program.
- In April, Pastor Willis Bloedow was installed as associate pastor with primary responsibilities for youth and education. He previously served in Lake Wilson, Minnesota.



- During this time, the congregation approved plans for a new pipe organ, extending the balcony six feet to house it, and remodeling the chancel.



## 1977

- Total confirmed membership at end of 1977 was 1,821 and the total baptized souls was 2,648. The estimated value of the church properties was \$1,407,000.

## 1978

- In August, the chancel remodeling project was completed, including a free-standing altar; new pulpit, lectern, communion railing, and parquet flooring.

## 1979

- Feb. 18 was designated as "Soap Sunday" when the Women of the Church asked the congregation to bring used soap chips or new soap bars to be donated to a project of the American Lutheran Church Women.
- After several years of construction, the new pipe organ, built by Appleton native Ronald Wahl, was installed. The organ was dedicated on Sunday, June 3 at a recital performed by former First English organist Thomas Froehlich. This magnificent instrument has been played to the glory of God since that day.

*"We dedicate this organ to the cultivation of a high art; to the interpretation of the masters of music, to an appreciation of the great doxologies of the Church, and to the development of the language of praise which belongs both to heaven and earth."*

*Dedication Program*