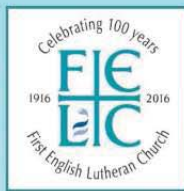


THIS DATE IN FELC HISTORY - 2010-2016 His Faithfulness to All Generations

2010

- In 2010, a group of First English members joined Thrivent Financial employees to create MannaPacks™ meal pouches for an organization called *Feed My Starving Children*. In July 2010, FELC held its own event in the Activity Center at the North Site. With 500 volunteers and a budget of \$19,000, our goal was to pack 100,000 meals in two days. The following years, several area churches joined FELC to sponsor the event.
- In September, the congregation voted to extend a call to Pastor Jeff Tengesdal to serve as Senior Pastor. He accepted the call and was installed in February 2011.



- Pastor Bryan Schmidt was called to serve as Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry in July. He accepted the call and was installed in September.



- In Fall, a new mission statement was brought forth: *Love Jesus. Live your call.*

2013

- *Unbinding Your Heart*, a congregation-wide small group study began during the Lenten season.
- The North Site's beautiful altar and music platforms were built by congregation members over the summer and completed in time for Rally Sunday in September.
- A congregation-wide worship service was held on Sunday, Nov. 3 in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel.

2014

- Sunday, May 4, services included a dedication of the hearing loop that was installed in the Downtown Site.

2015

- Life groups, an opportunity for people of all ages to get to know one another and feel more connected to the congregation began to meet in January.
- Ordination anniversaries were celebrated in June for the Rev. Robert Herder (60 years) and the Rev. Gerald Anderson (55 years).
- Stewardship receptions were held in members' homes and at both sites in September and October. They were special times of fellowship, reflection, and giving thanks to God for 100 years of faith and blessings at First English.

2016

- We celebrate 100 years. First English Lutheran Church's Centennial Celebrations occur in May and June.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. -Psalm 100:5

2011

- The Stephen Ministry, named in honor of St. Stephen who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need, was implemented at First English. Today, our Stephen Ministers provide a one-on-one ministry of listening and being with people who are facing a crisis or challenge in their life.

2012

- Construction began on the *Seeds of Grace Learning Garden*. The idea for a church-sponsored community garden began with the 2011 summer interns.

