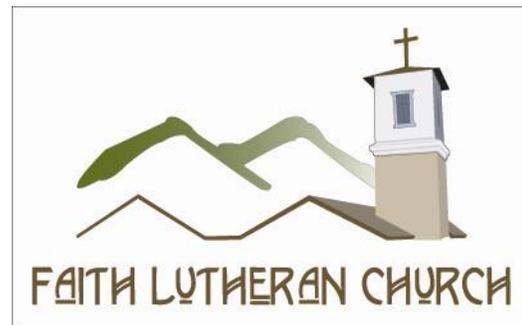


## A BRIEF HISTORY OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Lutheran Church was organized by Pastor Ray Kibler, Jr., who served as pastor until his retirement in 1986. The congregation was incorporated and built the present worship building and the office/classroom building just to the north of it in 1964.



Those buildings were in open country at the time and, as the community around it grew, Faith Lutheran Church became known as a local landmark. A tragic fire in the early 1970's was limited to the church office but destroyed some records and many books. The congregation was not discouraged, however, and re-construction was swift.

Faith Lutheran Church sold some of its property to the north and west of the existing facilities, raised \$22,000 in six months and received a grant from the American Lutheran Church to refinance and considerably reduce its debt in the late 1970's.

The congregation voted to establish a children's day care center in 1978 and opened it to the public July 16, 1979. A new building was built and then occupied in 1984 and a kindergarten added at the same time. The Faith Lutheran Church Pre-school and Day Care is one of the finest schools in the San Gabriel Valley.

Pastor David Berkedal was called to serve as the congregation's pastor in 1986. The church became one of the fastest growing churches in its synod. Its outreach ministries include multiple worship services, principle support for an active local emergency food pantry, a host of local and international relief efforts, and creative use of multi-media. It is now helping to build its second church in Tanzania, Africa.

A parish hall building with a brand new nursery and kitchen was built and then put to use in 1993. The congregation outgrew its worship space in the early 2,000's and a committee was formed to design a new building and find out what it would cost in order to help determine if the congregation was ready to start another building program.

An unexpected tornado put those plans into high gear when a tornado ripped the roof off the old church and two inches of rain dripped inside just after Christmas in 2004. The congregation responded with characteristic faith that where God had given a goal, God would be with it to provide for its completion through them. The congregation gave enough funds to get started and a new, and larger, worship facility was dedicated in June of 2008, along with two offices, a conference room, a prayer/planning/video production room, a sacristy, a cry room a rest room and storage.

Today, Faith Lutheran Church is a warm, growing church seeking new ways to meet people's real needs in the name of Jesus Christ. Visitors often tell us that they see and smell the beauty of our new worship facility and feel an energetic, God-honoring spirit as soon as they walk in the door for worship.

We have a lot to celebrate in Jesus Christ! Come and share our joy!