

## SELECTED MILESTONES

### *The First Fifty Years: 1958-2008*

**July 2, 1958**

Groundbreaking for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**September 7, 1958**

Laying of cornerstone.

**September 14, 1958**

First worship service; held outdoors  
First Sunday School

**November 24, 1958**

Good Shepherd formally established

**December 7, 1958**

Pastor Palmer Russeth installed; last service September 1965 (deceased April 28, 2003)

**December 14, 1958**

First Baptism

**May 17, 1959**

First Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

**June 21, 1959**

Dedication of sanctuary and west wing. Sovik, Mathre & Associates, Architect, Northfield, MN; Stoltz Construction Co., New Hampton, IA

**October 17, 1965**

Pastor David R. Berg installed; last service June 16, 1974

**July 1967-July 1999**

Quilt shows for Nordic Fest, first at Good Shepherd, later at the high school

**1971**

Installation of first wooden pews

**August 18, 1974**

Pastor Paul M. Hasvold installed; last service July 1, 1998 (deceased January 19, 2015)

**November 19, 1978**

Dedication of Fuehrer organ (built 1968 in Bremen, Germany)

**November 20, 1988**

Dedication of the present sanctuary, offices, fellowship hall and educational spaces.  
Architectural Design Group, Rochester; Finholt Construction, Decorah

**April 25, 1993**

Property sold to Weston Noble for \$50,000; congregation voted to establish an endowment with the funds and then loan the principal of the endowment to pay off a portion of the mortgage

**January 23, 1994**

Good Shepherd Endowment Fund approved at the Annual Meeting

**August 28, 1994**

Weavings by John Skare dedicated, located on front wall of sanctuary

**December 1994**

Five new church pews built by Gunder Church Furniture placed in sanctuary

**October 1995**

“Handicapped Access Lot” completed on west side of church building

**1998-1999**

Interim Pastor Daniel David Wee (deceased November 11, 2011)

**May 16, 1999-2014**

Pastor Joan A. Mau installed; last service September 1, 2014 (deceased May 24, 2015)

**July 2000**

Krumkake sales for Nordic Fest replacing the quilt shows

**January 21, 2007**

Certified as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation (RIC)

**November 23, 2008**

*Celebration of 50 years of worship, ministry, and community*

*THE LAST TEN YEARS: 2008-2018*

**PASTORS and DIRECTORS**

**September 1, 2014**

Pastor Joan M. Mau’s last service

**November 9, 2014 – July 26, 2015**

Interim Pastor April Ulring Larson

**September 13, 2015**

Pastor Amy Zalk Larson installed  
**January 2015**  
Brooke Joyce, Director of Music, hired  
**February 1, 2017**  
Assistant Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson installed  
**July 8, 2018**  
Kathryn Thompson, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, installed

## **OUTREACH**

**September 2010**  
First Welcome Friends and Neighbors Picnic  
**June 2013**  
Launch of present Good Shepherd website <http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org>  
**October 2014**  
Launch of online *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Family Directory*

## **MUSIC**

**October 25, 2009**  
Dedication of Hook and Hastings Opus 1193 Organ  
**May 2015**  
Donation of Estey baby grand piano  
**January 2016**  
Purchase of handbells

## **LITURGICAL FURNISHINGS**

**Altar and pulpit paraments**  
**June 1, 2009** - green  
**December 24, 2011** - white  
**February 12, 2013** - purple  
**May 9, 2013** - red  
**May 29, 2015** - blue  
**May 22, 2016**  
Dedication of green, white, purple, red and blue pastor's stoles  
**May 14, 2017**  
Dedication of Processional Cross  
**November 4, 2018**  
Dedication of Alleluia Banner

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**2013**  
Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Certification  
**April 2016**  
LED lights installed throughout building  
**June 2017**  
Solar panels installed on the Annex roof

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **September 2017**

Recognized as an AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities) Welcoming Congregation

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **March 2015**

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) installed in corridor

### **April-May 2015**

Narthex and corridor to Fellowship Hall painted; new furniture installed in Narthex; cabinets, cubbies and counter built in corridor

### **June 2015**

New roof installed on Annex

### **June 2016**

Good Shepherd sign repaired and reinstalled

### **June-August 2016**

Annex exterior painted; annex interior readied for use as Youth Forum space, annex porch rebuilt

### **February 11, 2017**

Welcome sign installed in main entry

### **October 2017**

Reformation Grove planted

### **June-July 2018**

Exterior of church building painted

### **July-September, 2018**

Sanctuary renovated

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **November 23, 2008**

*Celebration of 50 years of Worship, Ministry, and Community*

### **November 17, 2013**

*A Celebration Of Gathering: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Expansion of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Building and Mission*

### **November 25, 2018**

*Celebrating 60 Years of Connecting, Growing and Empowering: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1958-2018*

