

# Heritage Committee

Our vision statement: "The Heritage Committee's goals are to collect, preserve and share the history of Faith Lutheran Church."

The Heritage Committee was formed in response to the very exciting and positive experience Faith Lutheran had with their Centennial Celebration in 1988. The artifacts that had been collected were used to start this committee. In 1991 several members of the Centennial Committee approached Pastor Don Fultz about forming a Heritage Committee. The information was presented to and sanctioned by the Church Council and Pastor Fultz attended our first meeting on May 16, 1991.

The area leading into the education wing became Heritage Hall. Over the years we worked on many displays throughout the church. Some cabinets were donated and some were made with the use of memorial donations. We set-up and maintained the Confirmation and Charter Members displays, many cabinet displays, the Pastor's pictures in the conference room, New Members display in the narthex and the Building Pictures display over the coat area in the narthex. With the new addition, the North Lobby became the perfect display area. The Pastors were moved above the new coat area, a new Building Collage display was added and two new displays of Faith Organists and of Sons and Daughters of Faith were also added.

In 1995, we decided to put a permanent display in one of the two glass enclosed display areas by the conference room. Warren Benoy, a professional woodworker and builder, accepted the challenge to make a scaled down replica of the altarpiece from Faith's first church. This replica, donated to the church by Warren and Eloise is now on display above the altar in the chapel.

Starting in 1996 and finishing in 1998, we put together a new church cookbook, "Cooking with Faith", to commemorate Faith's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

While putting together an anniversary display on Faith's heritage, in August of 2005, we noticed that the copy of the charter members listed in the old record book did not match with the list of charter members in the Centennial book. The record book showed an August Alm and the church history books, going back as far as 1938 when Faith celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, showed an August Olson. There never was an August Olson in the charter members. A human error while typing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book looked at the names August Alm next to Olaus Anderson and came up with August Olson. We now have pictures of August and Christine Alm in our display of charter members.

Several years ago, we made the decision to not make an anniversary book for Faith's 125<sup>th</sup> but to make a DVD. Since then we have done several videotaping sessions with members, staff, former members and former staff to use in part for the DVD but more importantly to start a video library for Faith. We

also, with the help of Jo Anderson, are working on a coloring book for the youth of Faith commemorating Faith's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We are always in need of people who are interested in history and have talents in writing, scrapbooking, artwork, photography, working on displays and computers. Our committee usually meets once a month. We have our own Heritage workroom located in the education wing so projects can be worked on at any time.

Any historical items and pictures from congregation members and committees are greatly appreciated!

If you would like more information about the Heritage Committee please contact us at [heritage@faithfl.org](mailto:heritage@faithfl.org) or Donna Peterson at [donna@ptrson.com](mailto:donna@ptrson.com).

The Heritage Committee is a very dedicated group that tries hard to preserve Faith Lutheran's rich history on "A Journey of Faith...."