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Clive Church Celebrates 25 Years, Still Growing

Faith Lutheran Church has reason to celebrate this weekend. The church, located at 10395 University Avenue in Clive, is marking both the grand opening of its new education addition and its 25th anniversary as a congregation.

Building Expansion Dedication

On Saturday, October 3rd, a celebratory worship service begins at 5pm with the building dedication ceremony and presentation at 6pm. City leaders have been invited to attend both events, and the public is welcome.

Despite the rough economy last fall, the Clive congregation took a leap of faith and broke ground on a \$2.6 million 13,000 square foot addition that had been almost a decade in planning.

“Many people have poured their hearts into this project to make it a reality,” said Dave Nerdig, senior pastor. “Now that the project is completed, we have state-of-the-art classrooms to teach our kids as well as additional meeting space for residents of the western suburbs. We’ve built this space not only to meet the needs of Faith’s members, but also to be a welcoming place for the whole community.”

Local businesses played a key part in the design and construction of the church addition. Durrant, a Des Moines architectural firm, worked with leaders at the church for almost two years to design the addition. “Durrant was thrilled to be selected to work with Faith Lutheran Church’s expansion project,” said Phil Parrott, project architect. “From the very beginning we understood how important this expansion was to the educational and growth needs of the church. We know our collaborative efforts with leaders at Faith created a facility that the congregation can be proud of for many, many years.”

Pinnacle Construction Group in Urbandale acted as general contractor for the project. “Serving the community is one of our core values. It was a pleasure to work with Faith in helping them serve the community,” said Shane Madison, owner of Pinnacle Construction Group. The project was completed with all local contractors.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Faith is also celebrating 25 years as a congregation on Sunday, October 4th. Celebration worship services are scheduled for 8:45am and 10:00am, followed by an old fashioned pot luck meal at 11:00am and an anniversary program at 12:00pm.

Faith was formed in 1984 with the merger of Advent Lutheran and Messiah Lutheran churches and grew steadily over the years to 2,100 members today. The church building has a nighttime lantern effect where light streams out of the steeple over the sanctuary, making it a well recognized landmark along University Avenue.

Faith is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is best known locally for its strong music, youth, and children's education programming.