

# *Life of Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## **A Synopsis of Significant Events**



- 1956 Students from the Lutheran Theological Seminary surveyed the Saluda Gardens area. The Reverend Virgil A. Cameron was called as Mission Developer. Land was purchased for the new church. A house/chapel was constructed.



- 1957 The following auxiliaries were formed: Sunday Church School, Lutheran Church Woman and Men and the Luther League. The congregation chose as its name Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church. The congregation was officially organized on March 24, 1957.

- 1961 Ground was broken for the church's first unit in July 1960. This unit, completed in January 1961, contained a worship area, Pastor's Study, ten classrooms, and kitchen and restrooms.



- 1962 Pastor Cameron resigned to become Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama. The Reverend Earl H. Loadholdt was called to Pastor. The church under his leadership grew and became self-supporting.
- 1969 Pastor Loadholdt resigned to become the Pastor of Advent Lutheran Church, Charleston Heights. The Reverend Dr. H. George Anderson served the congregation until the Reverend John Satterwhite was called.
- 1971 The congregation accepted the plans of the Tarlton-Tankersly Architectural Firm (Greenville) for a new sanctuary.



- 1973 The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new sanctuary was held on February 11, 1973.
- 1974 The new sanctuary was dedicated on April 7, 1974. The Reverend Herman Cauble, D.D., Bishop of the SC Lutheran Synod presided. A Zimmer Pipe Organ was dedicated on May 26, 1974.
- 1979 The Willett Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia installed faceted glass windows in the Sanctuary. These were dedicated on June 3, 1979.
- 1986 In June Pastor Satterwhite announced his retirement.
- 1987 The Reverend Gerald P. Wallace was called as Pastor and began his pastoral duties March 15, 1987.
- 1992 The congregation saw the need to up-grade its educational, kitchen, and fellowship facilities.
- 1993 The firm Architects BC, Inc. of Lexington was selected to submit plans for the needed new construction and restoration.
- 1997 The bid of the Frank D. Hall Construction Company of Batesburg was approved by the congregation on May 18, 1997. The project cost was \$1,015,623.00. A Groundbreaking Service for this project was held June 1, 1997.
- 1998 The completed construction and renovation project was turned over to the congregation in April 1998. A joyous Service of Dedication was held on May 24, 1998.



- 2004 The twenty-first century has brought about change especially in our Outreach Ministry. On April 6, 2002 the congregation sponsored a yard sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Two more such sales were held in 2003 and 2006 with all of the proceeds going toward Outreach Ministries. (The three combined yard sales brought in well over \$10,000.) This church continues to put back into the Saluda Gardens area through various ministries including school supplies, God's Helping Hands, and a monthly community free lunch. Several spiritual renewal events have been presented including a Preaching Mission with Joey Bailey and Rick Carter followed in another year with Ed Kilbourne in Concert.
- In February 2003 Julie Corbett, a recent graduate of the Lutheran Seminary with a Master of Arts in Religion degree, was called to serve as an Associate in Ministry.
- 2006 The new Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book was ordered by the congregation. It will be introduced in 2007.
- 2007 Pastor Gerald P. Wallace retired and the search for a new pastor began. Pastor Osborne Herlong served as interim through December 31, 2008. During this period Bishop Herman Yoos was elected and installed in the South Carolina Synod.
- 2009 Pastor Lance M. Henderson was ordained and installed as pastor.

*Through these last fifty years, this congregation has made a lasting impact upon the Saluda Gardens area. The Gospel has been faithfully preached and this congregation noted for its genuine ministry of love and concern for all has lived by and taken the message of Christ into the community surrounding the church.*

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