Overview of the Collection

Creator
Faith Lutheran Church (Salem, Or.)

Title
Faith Lutheran Church, Salem, Oregon, Records

Dates
1950-2012 (inclusive)
1950 2012

Quantity
2 files

Collection Number
OPVELCA7a4_233 (collection)

Summary
Collection contains the records of Faith Lutheran Church in Salem, Oregon.

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English

Sponsor
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Historical Note

Rev. George Holmquist organized faith in the Keizer area of Salem, with a membership of 92 adults. The suggestion for the new congregation came from Rev. Getzendanner of St. Mark Lutheran in Downtown Salem. After a house-to-house survey, the first service was held on February 5, 1950. Property was purchased on River Road but services continued in rented quarters until 1959, when the first unit of the church was completed. In 1975 the educational unit was added. The church proper was completed and dedicated June 7, 1981. An eight rank organ was added in 1982. In 1981 the congregation also enlarged its kitchen facilities so that a church-sponsored Meals on Wheels program could begin. By 1984 the congregation was providing some 32,000 meals yearly. Such community service has been characteristic of Faith.

Content Description

(folder #1) This folder contains an invitation to the 9th anniversary and dedication potluck, a congregational historical record, a pamphlet outlining options for the church, a bulletin from the
dedication service 1953, two booklets from the dedication of the building, “A Plan For Our Future”
booklet, a bulletin from 1975, a booklet from their 25th anniversary, two booklets from the service of
dedication in 1981, various letters, applications for program support 1971 and 1972, ministry profiles,
program worksheet for budget 1972, an application for moratorium, extension and/or refinancing
of loan, Board of American Missions documents 1971, a copy of the approved constitution for the
congregations of the LCA.

(folder #2) This folder contains various letters, a field report form, church building excrow instructions
document 1975, a church building proposal, two newsletters, a bulletin from 1975, ministry profiles,
ministry reports, a treasurer’s report from 1976, an application for a loan, applications for program
support, Board of American Missions quarterly reports, “Partners in Mission” congregation synod
consultations, applications for moratorium, extension and/or refinancing of loan, a sheet documenting
mortgage progress. Correspondence regarding a by-law 1965, church constitution, constitution and by-
laws, installation service for Alan Carlson 1988, special service 1959, stewardship and shepherding
booklet 1986, service of dedication 1981, 35th anniversary celebration.

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Acquisition Information

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Related Materials

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Bibliography

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ELC1986
Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms:**
Lutherans--Oregon--History

**Personal Names:**
Getzendanner, David C., 1971-?
Auer, Thomas L., 1961-1964
Benson, Ronald, 1964-1971
Holmquist, George L., 1955-1961

**Corporate Names:**
St. Mark Lutheran Church (Salem, Or.)
Evangelical Lutheran Church--History
Evangelical Lutheran Church--Oregon Synod
Meals on wheels programs

**Geographical Names:**
Salem (Or.)

**Occupations:**
Clergy

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