

# A GENERATIONAL GIFT

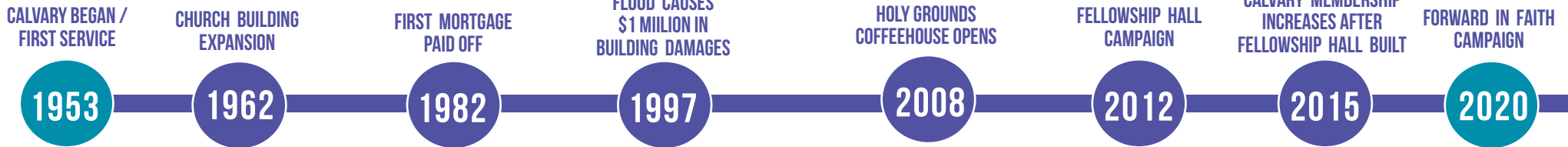
Our past has led us to our future

## 1953 - 2020 MILESTONES



The Forward in Faith campaign is equal parts related to our past, present and future. We've always been a growing place and we are still growing. Every piece of incremental growth has happened because the people of Calvary were visionaries. They weren't simply living for today, they were dreaming of tomorrow. They envisioned their kids and grandkids growing up in fellowship with other Christians. They wanted to serve and ignite others for Christ and knew that if they did that successfully, they would need to expand their walls.

We've expanded walls, added more space and now need to care for and maintain the spaces we currently have, in order to equip ourselves to live out our mission.



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
15th Avenue South and South Ninth Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota  
A FRIENDLY CHURCH SERVING CHRIST AND YOUR COMMUNITY

### 1953

#### Calvary Established/ First Service Held

Calvary Lutheran Church held its opening service on November 8, 1953 at 15th Ave., S at S. 9th St. in Grand Forks, ND. Begun as a new mission of United Lutheran and University Lutheran in South Grand Forks, Rev. Virgil Foss was assigned as mission pastor.

The slogan, "There is a place for you at Calvary" was used as a welcoming invitation for all to come and worship at Calvary.

### 1962

#### Ground Breaking Set For Sunday

The congregation is now planning the expansion of the present building which the ground breaking ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 11, 1962. The new building will be a two-story structure with a total area of 10,000 square feet. The present building is 10,000 square feet. The new building will be a two-story structure with a total area of 10,000 square feet. The present building is 10,000 square feet.



Rev. Virgil Foss, first pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, is shown in the center of the group. He is wearing a suit and glasses. The group consists of several men in suits, some in clerical attire, standing in front of a building.

### 1962

#### Building Expansion

The first building expansion project begins. The expansion included offices, classrooms, music areas and a kitchen.



### 1982

#### First Mortgage Paid Off

The first mortgage was fully paid off in November 1982.



### 1997

#### Massive Flood Damage

The flood of 97' hits Grand Forks and Calvary suffers over \$1 Million in damages.

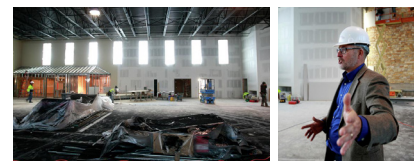
A "flood of support" came our way and congregations all over the country began sending donations and volunteers.



### 2008

#### Holy Grounds Coffeehouse

Holy Grounds Coffeehouse was added to the Narthex area in the center of the building as a place of welcome and fellowship.



### 2012

#### Fellowship Hall Campaign

Between Sept. 2012 to Dec. 2013, Calvary was able to raise \$2,348,578 to build a new Fellowship Hall.

After securing a loan for construction, we broke ground April 2014 and a year later, we were able to worship in the new sanctuary, utilize the new kitchen, and teach Sunday School in the new classrooms.



### 2015

#### Fellowship Hall Built / Membership Growth

Fellowship Hall built in time for Lent and Easter. Calvary worshiped 1928 people on Easter Sunday. Calvary experiences a 29% growth in average attendance due to the Fellowship Hall additional space.



### 2020 - 2022 Forward in Faith

After 66 years of serving and igniting people for Christ, Calvary launches campaign to support Ministry, Mortgage & Maintenance.