

Who are we?

LCOOR is a fellowship of faithful, Lutheran believers.

We began in 1960, with the blessings of the SD ELCA Synod and Grace Lutheran church. We began worship in the old Farmer's Market with a wood-burning heater.

Step by step, we built and worshipped in our second site on 12th Avenue, and God blessed us to outgrow that church. Twice, committees were formed to wonder whether we could serve God's mission of worship and service from a better building. On the third try, the time was right to ask God's blessing in a campaign to create this facility.

We celebrated the opening of LCOOR in its current site in the fall of 2004. This glass from the festival dinner is my reminder of what faithful people can do.



Who we are is a fellowship of people who worship faithfully, who commune in forgiveness of our sins, who feed and clothe the needy, who raise our voices in song, who educate children and adults in the teachings of Jesus, who lead worship at the lake and in nursing homes, who share God's gifts, and who groan when things get in the way of our mission, "... to make Jesus Christ known in word and deed."

When our parking lot failed, we funded a new one in less than a month.

When covid struck, we worshipped on the parking lot via FM radio and at home over the Internet. That is *who we are!*

We have always treated challenge as opportunity. Like the pioneers who settled here, we have persistently kept going, even in tough times. That is *who we are*.

God is at work here. *Who we are* is a group of believers who just ... keep ... going.

Jack Holmquest, LCOOR stewardship committee member.