

## **CELEBRATE DEKALB 175!**

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**Church: Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Date of Founding of this Church: 1955**

**Always in DeKalb: Yes**

**If possible, would you provide a listing of the ministers, pastors, priests or appropriate leaders during the church' history?**

**Pastor Karl Suhr started the church as a missionary church in 1955. He then served as minister for over forty years. He retired in February of 1996, and we hired Pastor Wayne Pourppirt to be our interim pastor. In May of 1997 of this year, we hired Reverend David Hardy from Winnipeg, Canada to be our new minister. We still have two charter members attending our church who were at the first service of the church in 1955. Pastor Suhr and his family members are still in the area and attend Redeemer Lutheran Church.**