

On August 28, 2014 tragedy struck First Lutheran Church.

The church building was on fire!

First Lutheran Church is a historic building in Lorain, OH - over 100 years old, with a one of a kind hand built pipe organ and stained glass windows on all sides. It had even survived a tornado in Lorain in the early 1900's.

The ATF determined that the fire was the result of arson.

First Lutheran Church was burned beyond repair. And in later months was torn down completely.

The congregation knows that really it is only a building. But that building not only held history, it held memories ... memories of weddings, funerals, baptism, worship services, people making life changes and committing their souls to Christ.

The lead Pastor, Pastor Jimmy Madsen, has done a wonderful job of keeping the congregation together. They now meet in a middle school. Their offices are in another downtown church. And First Lutheran continues it's outreach missions - like the mission in Ghana - and the help that they give to the local community every day.

Plans are underway to build a new building and continue First Lutheran's ministry into the future.

Due to the fire, no September 2014 Lectern (the church newspaper) was printed.

For more information, or to see photos of the church before and after the fire go to : www.FirstLutheranLorain.org