

100 Years of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church – 8th Decade (1987-1996)

On February 1986, a listing agreement was signed with Coldwell Bankers to sell the downtown church property with all the 1950's buildings. Multiple contracts were considered ranging from a County Rehab Center, Safe Space and Vero Downtown Revitalization. Sales contract of \$375,00 net to Grace was finalized in June of 1988 with Indian River County for the site of the new Main County Library. The last service in the 1950 church was held Sept. 11, 1988. For the next 10 months Sunday services were held in the VB Junior High School Auditorium. From Oct. 1988 to May 1989 the Evening Circle meetings were held in members' homes.



Downtown church building demolition on site of Main County Library.

On September 18, 1988, ground was broken with a formal ceremony for the new 12th Street Church sanctuary, fellowship hall and classrooms. Cogun Industries was contracted to develop plans, pull permits and construct the new building. A diligent Building Committee oversaw the work and represented Grace with untold hours of on-site labor and supervision. An initial dedication service was held July 1989 with a formal service on Reformation Sunday October 29, 1989. The total cost including furnishings was \$876,000. A construction loan, property mortgages and internal member loans were all paid-in-full by December 1992.



Block walls up and nave arches in place on new construction site.