

## **Lutheran Hospital of Indiana**

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Founded: 1903

Location: Ninde Homestead on Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne (1903- ), additions built (1906, 1928, 1956 and 1975), 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd. (Lutheran Hospital Medical Park, 1992- )

Beginning in 1878, members of St. Paul's and Emmaus Lutheran churches combined resources to purchase several vacant lots on South Wayne and Packard avenues to create a ministry to care for the sick. After a few years, the churches sold the property and used the proceeds to support Hope Hospital, which was at the corner of Washington and Barr streets. Eventually, the hospital became overcrowded, and the decision was made to build a new one. The "old Ninde Homestead" was selected as the site in August 1903, and on Thanksgiving Day, 1904, the doors to Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne, a 25-bed facility, officially opened.

The hospital outgrew its capacity in the first six months, so the cornerstone for a new addition was laid on June 25, 1905, and the addition was dedicated in August 1906. In 1913, Lutheran Hospital purchased adjoining property and expanded to add 125 beds. In 1928, a four-story wing was added to the existing hospital, adding another 90 beds, and in 1956, the hospital dedicated a \$3 million, five-story expansion, adding 105 beds. In 1975, another 63,300 square feet was added to expand existing medical services.

In 1981, Lutheran Hospital acquired 40 acres of land southwest of Fort Wayne near I-69 and U.S. 24 West to be used as the future site of the Lutheran Hospital Medical Park. It wasn't until 1992, however, that Lutheran Hospital officially relocated from its Fairfield Avenue location to its current site at 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd. in southwest Fort Wayne.

In July 1985, Lutheran Hospital performed the region's first heart transplant, becoming one of only a handful of hospitals nationwide and only the second in the state of Indiana to offer the procedure. Today, Lutheran remains the only heart transplant facility in northeastern Indiana, and its transplant team of physicians, nurses and technicians has earned Lutheran national and world recognition.

Lutheran Children's Hospital opened in 1999 to bring specialized pediatric care to Fort Wayne, and in 2003, the hospital expanded and renovated its emergency department. In 2004, Lutheran became the region's first and the state's second accredited Chest Pain Center, and the hospital opened its 19,000-square-foot Heart Pavilion, which allowed for the centralization of all cardiac care services. That same year, the hospital added Lutheran Air, a BK-117 helicopter, to its critical care transport team to help improve outcomes for patients needing immediate, advanced medical care. In December 2005, Lutheran was designated a Magnet facility, the most prestigious nursing recognition a hospital can receive.

In January 2006, Lutheran opened its 77-bed, 114,000 square-foot Musculoskeletal Center, consolidating orthopedic, neurological and spine services. And in May 2006, the hospital was awarded Primary Stroke Center certification.

In May 2007, the Lutheran Cancer Center received accreditation as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center, an accreditation awarded to centers that meet national standards established to ensure cancer patients receive the best possible care at the local level. In June 2007, the first kidney transplant in the region was performed at the newly opened Lutheran Kidney Transplant Center in a surgery and procurement that took approximately five hours. In September 2007, the Lutheran Cancer Center celebrated the

grand opening of its relocation to a new physician-owned facility on the Lutheran Hospital campus.