

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CHAD

I am so glad to be a part of St. Luke at this point in our history!

A new campaign, ***“Our Mission, Our Legacy, Our Stewardship,”*** has begun and will help move us forward to paying off our debt and establishing a major maintenance fund which will give us the ability to care for major building/grounds repairs. As the major maintenance fund grows, it will eventually be able to support the entire cost of many costly aspects of building maintenance and repair. In turn, taking these steps will help free up more of the budget for growing ministries and mission outreach to the community and the world.

I hope you will be praying for the campaign and its leaders. And pray daily, “Lord, what do you want to do through me?”



Peace,
Pastor Chad

INTRODUCING THE “OUR MISSION, OUR LEGACY, OUR STEWARDSHIP” CAMPAIGN

For most of our history, St. Luke has had debt and we still had debt prior to our recent building renovation. Our most recent capital campaign ended in May, 2016. While the purpose of that campaign was to pay for the building renovation, the pledges and gifts from that campaign did not cover the full costs of the project, so the extra costs were added to our existing debt. In addition to the debt, St. Luke has very few resources set aside for major building repairs and upkeep. In the past, special fundraising appeals have been brought before the congregation whenever major repairs were needed. This reactive model is not effective, and the goal is to move to a more proactive approach by developing a major maintenance fund to provide for needed repairs and upkeep.

Additional communication about “Our Mission, Our Legacy, Our Stewardship” will be sent to you in the coming weeks and months. In March you will be asked to make your commitment to the campaign. Elsewhere in this brochure is a section on prayer to remind us to pray daily for guidance from God for St. Luke, for the campaign, and for what God wants to do through you.



DETAILS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- Our goal is to raise \$1.1 million over the three years of this campaign.
- This campaign is a three-year giving period running from April 1, 2017-March 31, 2020.
- Celebration Sunday will be March 12, 2017.
- Commitment Sunday will be March 19, 2017.



CAMPAIGN TEAM

Co-Chairs: Cindy Grant, Barb Lenz

Coordinators: Randy & Polly Briles

Lead Gifts: John Deardorff, Larry Pearson

Advance Commitments: Earl & Jackie Berdine, Ron & Margaret Kohler

Prayer: Jane Huss, Rev. Marshall Johnson, Roger Penzotti, Rev. Grant Story

Celebration: Craig Howell & Deb Smith-Howell

Gratitude: Sharon Anglemyer, Teresa Carlson, Joel & Carol Rastede, Kristi Reimers

Youth & Children: Heather Cramer, Nate Croom, Kelley Patton, Shirley Petersen, Sarah Sorensen, Whitney Vessar, Jeff Wahlgren, Louise Waszak

Connections: Dana Henricksen, Fred Olney, Jeff Wahlgren

Communication: Brian Herr, Sherrie Lindsey, Venita Watts, Kirk Winkler, Zach Woodruff

PLEASE PRAY DAILY...

Sharing Gratitude for our St. Luke Faith Community

“Faith is the certainty that God is working through others just as certainly as God is working through us for the good of all humankind.”
(Joan Chittister)

Belonging to a faith community doesn't guarantee that we will have all of our personal needs met, or that we will find our best friends here. A faith community is not a gathering of like-minded people, but rather a gathering of people who choose to be with each other in the knowledge that our lives begin and are drawn toward love.

Let us pray that as a community of faith, we will learn together—in the words of the prophet Micah—to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, welcoming all to join us on the journey.

What will be your prayer and your action today to support our faith community?



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

What a blessing St. Luke has been in transforming countless lives, including ours. This is an exciting time in the life of our church as we are enjoying the newly renovated building, the enhancements to our worship space and the sound roof over the Child Development Center.

We are presented with yet another defining moment in St. Luke's history. What will future generations know of us? At this time we have an opportunity to settle a debt that could hinder our church's ability to minister to others and to better equip us to take responsibility with the facility with which we have been blessed. For these reasons, we are compelled to support this capital campaign.

We are grateful for all that St. Luke has done for us. Let us now give back and assist in our church's financial health. Let us be prayerful for guidance as we seek to come together to give joyfully. It is not equal gifts but equal sacrifice.

Cindy Grant, Co-Chair
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