



Phase 4

Growing Campaign News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



OCTOBER 1, 2
GROWING CAMPAIGN
KICKOFF

OCTOBER 8, 9
GROWING CAMPAIGN
EVENTS BEGIN

NOVEMBER 12, 13
COMMITMENT
WEEKEND

LOOK FOR THE SPECIAL
POSTCARD IN YOUR
MAIL SOON
HIGHLIGHTING THE
UPCOMING CAMPAIGN
EVENTS.

EVERY CHURCH AND
SCHOOL FAMILY IS
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND ONE OF THE
CAMPAIGN EVENTS.

CHRIST LUTHERAN MOVES FORWARD WITH PHASE 4 GROWING CAMPAIGN

In May 2011, Christ Lutheran engaged Church Development, the local stewardship organization that provided guidance for our 2008 Growing Campaign, to conduct a feasibility study. The purpose of the feasibility study was to see if the church was ready for the next phase of the master plan development.

Each Christ Lutheran household received a survey by mail. The survey was also available to take online. One hundred thirteen families returned surveys representing 185 individuals. This was a 23%

participation level which is approximately the same participation level as the 2007 feasibility study. The average participation level of a Church Development survey is between 15 and 20 percent.

The results of the current study shows overall:

➔ **Christ Lutheran is ready for a fall 2011 Growing Campaign.**

➔ **Support is strong to continue the accelerated pay down**



of the current original land and building debt

➔ **We need to provide additional space for our growing congregation.**

➔ **The 23% who responded said they would collectively give approximately \$470,000 to a new Growing Campaign.**

FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

First, I want thank everyone who participated in the feasibility study! The results of that study have brought us to where we are today in planning for Treasure Him IV.

The Senior Leadership Team, Campaign Management Team, Campaign Steering Committee and Church Leadership Team (CLT) have all been a part of this prayerful and deliberate process that has taken place over several months. Each of these teams and committees has affirmed moving forward with Phase IV of our Growing Campaign. We would not be moving forward if this

next phase (like that last one) was not directly tied to our MISSION and VISION. It is. Remember, the buildings are not the ministry or mission, but they do allow even greater ministry to take place and our mission to move forward!

That said we are fully aware that we must balance carefully between building new facilities and reducing our current long-term capital debt. It goes without saying, as we reduce debt we lessen the burden on ministry.

For those who are new to Christ Lutheran, let me explain a little of what was put forward as a covenant to the congregation

(long before I arrived as Senior Pastor): **the congregation will remain Biblically based and strategic in nature; the congregation will not take on any new long term capital debt—we will only build what we can afford; we will continue to pay off our current long-term loan as part of each building phase, so that by the time we reach the last phase, everything is paid in full!** Thank you to the leaders who put that covenant in place. That was one of the main attractions for me when accepting the Call to be your next Senior Pastor.

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FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR CONTINUED

As we move forward, we also want to make sure we remain good stewards of His blessings. To that end, we will ensure we have sufficient funds available for ongoing repairs as our facility grows and ages. Therefore, we will also restrict the first \$100,000 received in the campaign for a Capital Contingency Fund.

I expect this fund to grow in the years ahead so it matches forecasted capital repairs such as our HVAC system, etc. To note, our Business Manager, Ron Peckham, is already building a contingency fund for operating expenses as part of our spending plan. That is a fund separate from Treasure Him. I mention it to you so you can see that we are striving to be covered on all bases.

Perhaps, most important of all— as with our past campaigns—

PRAYER will be at the center of Treasure Him IV. Not a single thing is built or ministry planned unless it is first bathed in prayer. Again, to those new to Christ Lutheran, this is a PRAYING congregation!

So, my friends in Christ, I ask that you continue to pray for your congregation and the mission and vision He has set before us. There are some exciting times ahead and I can't wait for our teams to share more details with you! This much I know for now: The Spirit of our gracious God is stirring many hearts to mission. ...*The Kingdom of God is afoot!*

His Peace,



Pastor Kunze
Jeremiah 29:11

PHASE 4 PLAN AND FUND ALLOCATIONS

The Senior Leadership Team, Campaign Management Team, Campaign Steering Committee and CLT have all affirmed the following plan and allocation of funds for Phase 4.

Phase 4 will cost approximately \$4.5 million and will include the following.

- Parking
- Multipurpose room
- Kitchen
- Additional office space
- Four additional ministry classrooms/youth area
- Storage
- Renovation of lobby.

If we raise less than \$4.5 million, the Management Team and

architect will thoughtfully and prayerfully decide what is built based on the amount pledged. However, the multipurpose room and kitchen will be the priority.

The first \$100,000 given to the campaign would go to a **CAPITAL CONTINGENCY FUND** for emergency items such as roof repair, HVAC replacement, etc.

After that:

25% would go toward **DEBT REDUCTION**, and

75% would go toward **MINISTRY EXPANSION**.

TEAM LEADERS FOR CAMPAIGN

Many members of Christ Lutheran have stepped forward to serve on various teams to help with the campaign.

Prayer Team

Bart Farmer, Kelly Pomarico and Tom Pomarico.

Events Team

Alicia Bredehoeft and Janet Wells.

Thanks Team

Connie Hahs and Dale Hahs.

Youth/Children Team

Patty Crabtree and Debby Helmer.

Ambassador Team

Dave Kartheiser, Jane Kartheiser, Dave Ripp and Susan Ripp.

Communications Team

Craig Sisson.

Building Team

Ed Carlson and Pam O'Neil.

Each campaign team will meet three or four times this fall. If you would like to serve on a campaign team, please contact Brenda Guthrie at the church office at 913/345-9700 or at brenda.guthrie@clcop.org.

