

Creative Giving Seminar Scheduled

A special "Creative Giving" seminar has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th. This seminar will be held in the school gym and will start at 7:00 pm. During this time, a brief video will be shown and workbook distributed and reviewed which explores the many different and very beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our church and campaign.

Topics covered include the methods and benefits of giving cash, securities, personal property, real estate, life insurance policies, and retirement savings to our campaign and church. We will discuss how to

minimize or avoid taxes and generate income through your gifts. Various types of trust arrangements and life-income plans will be covered, along with a panel discussion with a group of experts in financial planning, accounting and law.

We look forward to seeing you at the Creative Giving Seminar on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 pm in St. John's School gym. Please call the campaign office at 414-541-5881 to confirm your attendance.



Campaign Kick-Off Event Is Next Week

A special event to formally Kick-Off our Creating Connections Campaign is scheduled for next week on Sunday, February 11th. The event will be held in the school gym and will start at 7:00 pm. All church members are cordially invited to attend.

The event will feature light refreshments and fellowship. Information about our project and campaign will be distributed and displayed and a special video presentation will be shown. Church and campaign leaders will also be on hand to

answer any questions that you may have. Gifts **will not** be solicited at this special event. Rather, the gathering of gifts will commence on another day, after the Kick-Off event. Please plan to attend this very special event if you can. We really look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events

Campaign Kick-Off Event
Feb. 11th * 7 pm * St. John's Gym

Creative Giving Seminar
Feb. 13th * 7 pm *

Commitment Weekend
March 11th

Celebration Weekend
April 15th

Volunteer News

Names in bold are new volunteers who recently joined our ranks.

Alex Alonte

Jim and Vicki Bartol

Cliff and Lois Bartsch

Ken and Gail Breitenfeldt

Thomas and Linda Cottreau

Bob Cutting

Sharon Dobrzynski

George and Cindy Elleseg

Rev. Eric Goldschmidt

Kevin and Tammy Hablewitz

Gwen Huth

Tom Kassulke

Terry and Sue Krause

Herbert and Esther Lichtenberg

Dawn Martin

Mike Meyer

Ed and Evelyn Nimmer

Ray and Deborah Oelke

Eric and Kim Pearson

Raymond and Joy Plutschack

Glenn and Marcia Quigley

Jennifer Romero

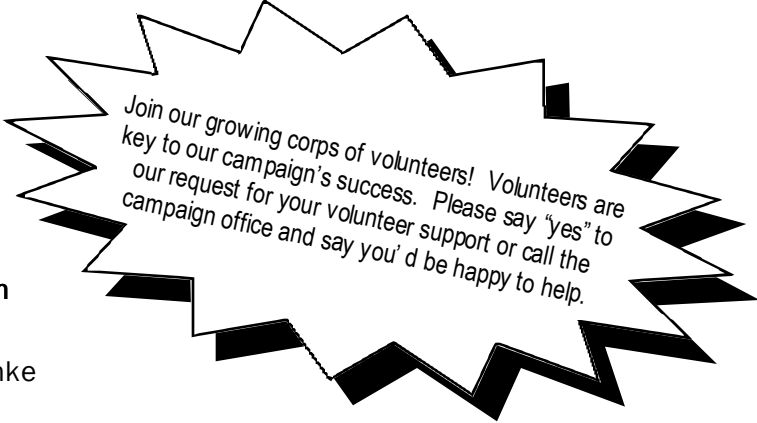
Don Schaewe

Rev. Martin
Schulz

**Jerry and Pat
Vanden Boom**

Kris Waters

Barry Wierschke



Join our growing corps of volunteers! Volunteers are key to our campaign's success. Please say "yes" to our request for your volunteer support or call the campaign office and say you'd be happy to help.

Questions and Answers

Question:

Not everyone in our church agrees with the fund raising campaign and the church addition. So why are we going forward with this project?

Answer:

It is impossible to have everyone on board on a fund raising and building program. Everyone is different and entitled to his or her opinion. When we did our last fund raising campaign in 2002 to 2005 we had over 55% of our potential givers participate in our fund raising program. Those 55% committed to over \$800,000. With that money we were able to pay off our church debt, refurbish the interior of our church, pave our parking lots and fix our church roof. All without having to borrow money. Imagine what we could have accomplished if 60% or more of our members committed to the campaign?



If you have a question about the campaign, please fill out a Question Card and drop it in the box located in the church. You can also contact the parish for more information or questions on the campaign.

Campaign Purpose and Goals

Our aim with this important effort is to raise the funds required to build a new addition of a welcoming center. Our minimum goal is \$1,000,000 - which will enable us to complete the proposed project. A miracle goal of \$1,500,000 has also been set which, if met, will enable us to address some other critical

space needs like adding church office spaces and an adult classroom/meeting room. While these plans have not been fully developed or voted on, if we are blessed with enough generous commitments we would like to pursue this option.

Minimum Goal
\$ 1,000,000

Miracle Goal
\$ 1,500,000



Chart of Gifts Needed

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this chart of gifts illustrates:

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have: God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”

Hebrews 13:16



Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum	Given	Total Pledged
\$150,000 or more	1	\$150,000	0	\$0
\$75,000–149,999	2	\$150,000	1	100,000
\$50,000–74,999	2	\$100,000	0	\$0
\$25,000–49,999	4	\$100,000	0	\$0
\$10,000–24,999	10	\$100,000	0	\$0
\$5,000–9,999	20	\$100,000	3	\$18,200
\$2,000–4,999	50	\$100,000	3	\$3,600
\$1,999 or less	211	\$100,000	1	\$1,000
TOTAL	300	\$1,000,000	8	\$127,800

Gift Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. And there are a variety of ways that gifts can be made.

Pledges

Pledges payable over 3 years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright and are therefore essential to meeting our goal. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward your total pledge is also encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider gifts "in kind" such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry and antiques.

Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another option you may wish to consider. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now, but will not be received until later, and include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and gifts in trust.

Gift Opportunities

There are also several, specific gift opportunities that exist and give donors of qualifying gift amounts the unique chance to designate their gift to a particular portion of the project and dedicate it in honor or memory of those they choose. These special gift opportunities include:

Welcoming Center	\$ 200,000
Gathering Space	\$ 100,000
Outdoor Gathering Space	\$ 75,000
Covered Drop-off	\$ 75,000
Small Group Meeting Space	\$ 50,000
Kitchen	\$ 40,000
Glass Link	\$ 40,000
Sitting Area	\$ 40,000
Mother's/ Bride's Room	\$ 40,000
Restrooms (3 available)	\$ 30,000
Mechanical Room	\$ 25,000

** Prices of the stated items are not necessarily reflective of the component's cost. Rather they are based on the prominence of the item and the gift abilities of our community. Although payments for these gifts may be made over the entire pledge period, recognition will not be received until the gift is paid in full.*



Focus On Giving... Tangible Property

A gift of tangible property is a creative way to make a significant impact on our campaign. Property such as antiques, artwork, jewelry, and automobiles—to name a few—could allow you:

- An income tax charitable deduction.
- A reduction of your taxable estate.
- The ability to make a generous gift to our campaign.

Contact us to facilitate the transaction and to help make sure you realize the proper tax benefits.