

Creating Connections

February 11th

Campaign Kick-Off Event This Weekend

We look forward to seeing you at the Creating Connections Campaign Kick-Off Event this Sunday, February 11th at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Please join us for this exciting event where we will celebrate our past success and share food, fellowship, and more information on the Creating Connections Campaign. We will also be showing the campaign video for the first time. **And remember, the Kick-Off Event is not a solicitation event.**

Even if you did not return your RSVP card, you are still very welcome to attend. We will have plenty of room and refreshments for all.

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Creative Giving Seminar Being Held This Week

Did you know that you could increase your current income by making a contribution to our church? Are you aware of the tax advantages of making charitable gifts? Would you like to explore opportunities to not only benefit our church, but also provide financial benefits to you and your family? If so, your questions will be answered at our Creative Giving Seminar, which is being held this Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

At the event, a video will be shown and a workbook will be distributed and reviewed which explores 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 also discuss how to minimize or avoid taxes and generate income through your gifts to the campaign through various giving vehicles.

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

Carol Bottoni

Ken and Gail Breitenfeldt

Ben and Megan Buschkopf

Thomas and Linda Cottreau

Bob Cutting

Sharon Dobrzynski

George and Cindy Elleseg

Rev. Eric Goldschmidt

Kevin and Tammy Hablewitz

Ann and Craig Hogan

Gwen Huth

Jim & Robin Janiszewski

Tom Kassulke

Wayne and Kathy Keller

Terry and Sue Krause

Herbert and Esther Lichtenberg

Dawn Martin

Mike Meyer

Lois Niermann

Ed and Evelyn Nimmer

Ray and
Deborah Oelke

Eric and Kim
Pearson

Raymond and Joy
Plutschack

Glenn and Marcia Quigley

Jennifer Romero

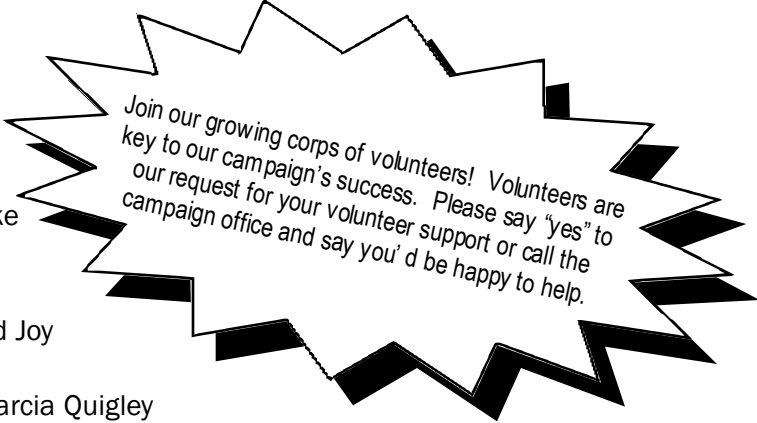
Don Schaewe

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:

Why are we using a professional fundraiser instead of doing the fund raising by ourselves? Can't we save that money and do it ourselves?

Answer:

We did do it by ourselves in the late 1990's when we conducted our GROW campaign. The GROW campaign was for the expansion of our school. We did add on to our school but we had to borrow money to pay for it because we did not raise enough money on our own. We ended up with over \$300,000 owed to the bank. That debt was paid off in full through the money raised using the James Company as our fund raising company. Professional fundraisers are an investment, not an expense. They are trained in art of fund raising and they help you reach your maximum potential. The fees that we will be paying to Walsh and Associates will be paid by the members of our Building Committee as their contribution to our fund raising program.



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



“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be... Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.”

Luke 12:32-48



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:

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	1	\$55,000
\$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	6	\$18,260
\$1,999 or less	211	\$100,000	1	\$1,000
TOTAL	300	\$1,000,000	13	\$201,060

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... Real Estate

A great way to make a generous gift to our campaign and our church is to consider gifts of real estate. Real estate gifts can be a great way to support our cause, while also taking advantage of tax and income benefits. Gifts of residences, vacation homes, rental properties, farms, ranches, commercial property and undeveloped or unimproved land could allow you:

- An income tax charitable deduction for the full market value of the property.
- The avoidance of capital gains tax.
- A reduction of your taxable estate.
- The reward of making a generous donation to our campaign.

Contact us to cover the details of the transaction.