

## **Campaign Kick-Off Event is a Great Success!**

Excitement was in the air last weekend at the Creating Connections] Campaign Kick-Off Event. The event proved to be a great success with many parishioners in attendance.

The campaign video was shown to provide further information on our effort and the group shared in wonderful deserts and fellowship. Pastor Goldschmidt closed the evening with the Campaign Prayer which is included in today's bulletin.

The Campaign Kick-Off Event served as a great springboard for the Advance Gifts Phase of our campaign.



## **Leadership Gifts Sought as Advance Gifts Phase Begins**

A group of volunteers has already been recruited and trained to conduct the Advance Gifts Phase of our campaign and secure leadership gifts to set the pace for our campaign's ultimate success. After the Campaign Kick-Off Event, these volunteers began their gift-gathering phase of the campaign.

Our Advance Gifts volunteers are seeking to secure more significant gifts toward our campaign, and within the next few weeks, they will be calling

on some of our members to explain the campaign, to answer your questions and to invite your investment.

When they do, we ask that you please open your hearts and your homes to them. Give serious consideration to this special request, and then please do your very best by way of a gift.

### **Upcoming Events**

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 and Robin Janiszewski  
**Janet Johnson**  
Tom Kassulke  
**Tim and Donna Keller**  
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  
**Erin Remschak**  
**Sue Ringe**  
Jennifer Romero  
**Nicole St. Germaine**  
Don Schaewe  
Rev. Martin Schulz  
**Andrew Spehert**  
Jerry and Pat Vanden Boom  
Kris Waters  
Barry Wierschke



## Questions and Answers

### Question:

Why can't we just put a handicap accessible bathroom in the usher's room and save all the extra money that would be spent on the addition?

### Answer:

Our church is over 150 years old with very old plumbing. It would cost a tremendous amount of money to upgrade our plumbing system to add a bathroom in the back of the church. Even if we could do this, it still would not address our need for a nursery for small children a gathering area for Christian Fellowship, a covered drop-off area and more handicap accessible parking.



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:

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	5	\$31,800
\$2,000–4,999	50	\$100,000	10	\$32,940
\$1,999 or less	211	\$100,000	1	\$1,000
TOTAL	300	\$1,000,000	18	\$220,740

*“For everything is from you, and we only give you what we have received from you.”*

1 Chronicles  
29:14



## 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.