

Why Do We Ask?

Several people have asked questions about why we are asking for gifts in the way that we are. First, asking for gifts is never an easy thing, and giving a gift of this nature often requires a sacrifice...But, if we remember that all that we are, and all that we have is a gift from God, and that what we are looking to build is a place for God to become more connected in the lives of our family and our community, then giving and asking become blessed things.

Some people have been challenged to think about some large gifts. Why? Because we know that we need them if we are to succeed. We have no way of knowing who is capable of giving

some of those big gifts, but if we do not ask for them then chances are we will not get them. All we are asking anyone to do is to think and pray about what God is calling them to do with this project and give as best they can to make it happen.

If you haven't been asked yet – you will be soon. You will be challenged to think about how best you can give to this effort. Be prayerful, be generous and know that God appreciates the sacrifice you will make. Read on about Commitment Weekend,

and how you can prepare to offer your gift to this wonderful campaign



Commitment Weekend Is Next Week

Next weekend, March 11th, is Commitment Weekend for our Creating Connections Campaign. After countless hours of volunteer time and effort, we are excited to invite everyone to make their gift.

Our goal is to try and reach out to everyone in one day! You can stop by the gym after services on Sunday, March 11th and meet with one of our dedicated volunteers who can answer any questions you have and show you how to complete your pledge card. If we don't see you after services on Sunday, we will be

getting into our cars and making house calls between 1 and 6 pm. Please open your hearts as well as your doors to this dedicated group.

An effort like this takes a lot of time and energy, and you can help out tremendously by being prayerful this week about what you might be able to do for the campaign. A letter with more information on Commitment Weekend will be sent to you this week. Think about it, talk about it, and pray about it so that when next weekend comes,

you can be prepared to graciously offer the best gift you can.

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

Katherine Anderson

Jim and Vicki Bartol

Cliff and Lois Bartsch

Carol Bottoni

Ken and Gail Breitenfeldt

Marlene Brugger

Ben and Megan Buschkopf

Thomas and Linda Cottreau

Bob Cutting

Sharon Dobrzynski

Sandra Eads

George and Cindy Elleseg

Rev. Eric Goldschmidt

Edward Guenther

Kevin and Tammy Hablewitz

Marietta Heule

Ann and Craig Hogan

Gwen Huth

Jim and Robin Janiszewski

Ruth Janke

Maureen Jarvis

Janet Johnson

Tom Kassulke

Cheryl Keckeisen

Tim and Donna Keller

Wayne and Kathy Keller

Lois Kolp

Terry and Sue Krause

Judy Lang

Herbert and Esther Lichtenberg

Dianne Luedtke

Dawn Martin

Mike Meyer

Lois Niermann

Ed and Evelyn Nimmer

Ray and Deborah Oelke

Eric and Kim Pearson

Sally Peters

Raymond and Joy Plutschack

Glenn and Marcia Quigley

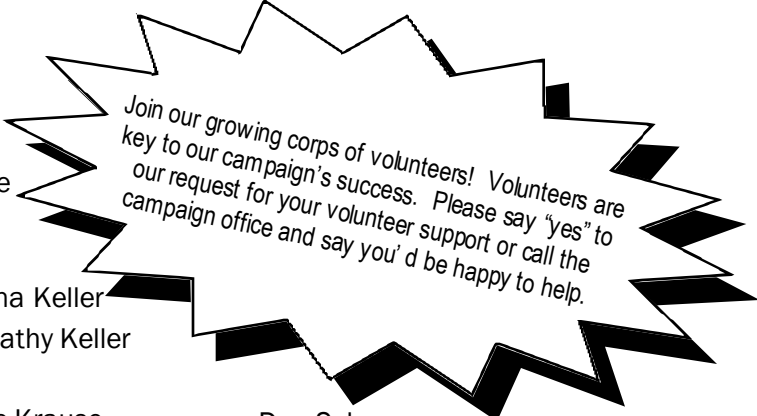
Erin Remschak

Jack and Sue Ringe

Jennifer Romero

Ruth Ryshke

Nicole St. Germaine



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.

Don Schaewe

Karen Schmeling

Rev. Martin Schulz

Kathy Selky

Andrew Spehert

Jerry and Pat Vanden Boom

Theresa Verrier

Kris Waters

Barry Wierschke

Samuel Zacharias

Questions and Answers

Question:

We need to start building our church expansion immediately. If we wait the full three years of our fundraising campaign before we break ground, our members will lose faith in the project, and will transfer to churches that have the amenities they are looking to have.

Answer:

We agree with your comment. But we also need to be fiscally responsible with our money. We cannot afford a \$4,000 monthly mortgage payment. That would put a severe strain on our budget. It would be to our benefit to have most of the money that we need for construction up front, so if we have to borrow some money, it would be for a short time period with a very low monthly payment. If the Lord blesses us with many up front large gifts we could possibly start construction in late 2007 or early 2008.



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.

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... Bequest Through Your Will

Many people find that gifts by bequest are not only simple, but are also a great way to make a wonderful impact on our church's future by making a significant contribution that may not be possible during a person's lifetime.

You can direct a percentage or a fixed amount of your estate to the church through your will. By including the church in you will, you can reduce your estate taxes by taking a deduction for your charitable gifts, while also making a significant contribution to our church upon your death.

Where there's a will, there's a way! Contact us to help arrange your bequest.