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**Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice**  
BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION

# Campaign News Briefs

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Capital Campaign News from Messiah Lutheran Church

*"We care and share,  
serve and celebrate  
through God's  
love in Christ"*

## Our Campaign Begins

In worship services on March 13 and 14, we officially began our Capital Stewardship Campaign which will unfold over the coming months, culminating in June. The campaign will fund the congregation's plans to renovate and expand existing facilities to serve and enhance it's growing mission and ministries.

"Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building on our Foundation" is the theme for our capital campaign—a process that seeks to involve the whole congregation in a focused time of inspiration and reflection on what God is calling us to do in our lives, and in the life of our church.

Our capital campaign is about more than just enlarging and renovating our facilities. It is about our mission as God's people to build a loving and caring community, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to make a difference by serving others. It's about honoring the commitment of everyone who has provided for our church over the years, and ensuring a bright future for Messiah Lutheran for years to come.

Throughout this spring, we will focus on Christian growth and commitment. You can get involved in many ways—informational meetings, Bible study, a Prayer Vigil, an All-Church Celebration, and other activities. Watch for announcements, newsletters, and other materials to learn how you can participate.

Ours is the privilege and opportunity to honor the legacy that has been gifted to us, and shape the future of ministry for our church.

Come, be a part of our church's wonderful future as we move forward on our "Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building on our Foundation" Campaign.

## Upcoming Campaign Events

**Enrichment Gatherings**  
Taking place during  
the month of April

**Children's Sunday  
School Activity Days**

**24-Hour Prayer Vigil**  
Friday, May 7, 5:30 PM to  
Saturday, May 8, 5:30 PM

**Advance Commitment Gathering**  
Thursday, May 20

**All-Church Celebration Banquet**  
Sunday, June 6

**Commitment Worship Services**  
Saturday, June 12 and  
Sunday, June 13

# Celebrate!

## All-Church Celebration Set for June 6

### Save the Date!

Please be sure to reserve Sunday evening, June 6 on your calendars now for a great event celebrating the life, fellowship, and ministries of Messiah Lutheran Church!

As one of the culminating events in our "Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building on Our Foundation" campaign, the All-Church Celebration will bring us together for a spirit-filled time of food, fellowship, and inspiration.

Delicious food, activities for kids, and a wonderful program are planned.

*Don't miss out on this "Party of the Year!"*

**SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!**



*"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path."*

Psalm 119:105



### Bible Study Explores "Faith-Filled Living"

On Saturday evening, March 20 and Sunday, March 21, we had the opportunity to hear an inspirational church-wide Bible study entitled "Find Us Faithful" as part of our worship services. Led by Marc Rieke, our consultant from The Enrichment Group, this Bible study led us to consider our own stewardship experiences, and God's call to us through scripture about the "faith-filled" life.

To focus our hearts and minds on God's word, each member of Messiah is encouraged to increase the amount of time spent reading and reflecting on scripture over the course of this spring. While it's only time, regular "appointments" for Bible study can become the most important part of our busy lives. And certainly, we know that God's word will provide us with good food for thought in our "Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building on our Foundation" campaign.

Plan now to commit additional time to Bible study in the weeks ahead, as together we discern God's call to each of us.

### Enrichment Gatherings Offer Fellowship and Information

An integral part of our "Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building on Our Foundation" campaign is a series of large and small group meetings which will give participants an opportunity to hear first-hand about the plans and purposes of our capital stewardship program. These gatherings will take place during the month of April. A variety of times and locations will be available.

The meetings will offer time for fellowship and information, as well as time for questions and answers concerning our plans for strengthening the ministries of Messiah by expanding and renovating our church facilities.

No financial commitments will be asked for at these gatherings.

Look for further information, announcements and sign-up opportunities about the Enrichment Gatherings, and plan to attend one of these important sessions.

For more information please contact Jay Bukant or George Webber.

*"For where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."*

Matthew 18:20

### Called to Serve

To serve and lead in our capital campaign, these members have committed their time and talent to the positions listed below. Our Campaign Team began their work together in February, and was installed at our worship services on March 13 and 14. May God bless their efforts on behalf of our church!



**Promotion Director**  
**Cherry Berry**

Coordinates and produces printed materials to keep our congregation informed throughout the campaign.



**Planned Giving Director**  
**Jon Bial**

Assists members with the consideration of creative asset gifts to the campaign and supports the development of an endowment.



**Commitment Visits Director**  
**Tom McCutcheon**

Coordinates follow-up visits with those not able to be present at the Commitment Worship service.



**Advance Commitments Director**  
**Mark Roskopf**

Encourages early, inspirational financial commitments to the campaign.



**Prayer Vigil Director**  
**Wanda Neuhauser**

Calls the congregation to prayer through a 24-Hour Vigil

*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Cor. 12: 12, 27*



**Pastors**  
**Rev. Peter Braafladt**  
**Rev. Kathy Braafladt**  
Serve as our cheerleaders and spiritual advisors to every phase of our campaign.



**Campaign Co-Chairs**  
**George Webber**  
**Jay Bukant**  
Coordinate the efforts of the Campaign Team and keep the congregation inspired and informed throughout the appeal.



**Continuation Co-Directors**  
**Dianne and Jim Dawson**  
Coordinate and track giving relative to pledges during the three-years of our campaign.



**Audio-Visual Co-Directors**  
**Julia Jans**  
**Robbie Schmalenberger**  
Create an inspiring visual presentation for our campaign.



**Resource Co-Directors**  
**Mary Ann Lutz**  
**Marlene McCutcheon**  
Prepare materials for mailing to members.



**Children and Youth Co-Directors**  
**Cathy Fontaine**  
**Libby Odren**  
Involve the children and youth in our church through stewardship lessons and activities.



**Banquet and Hospitality Co-Directors**  
**Diana Webber**  
**Brenda Gardner**  
Organizes an inspiring All-Church Celebration Event! Invites members and receives their reservations.

