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## Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building On Our Foundation Call to Commitment

The campaign is in full swing and your response has been tremendous! Thank you for your outpouring of support and your prayers. The Holy Spirit is truly at work among us! During the past few weeks, you learned about our ministry goals and plans for the campaign by participating in the Enrichment Gatherings. Then on May 7/8, many of you participated in our 24-hour Prayer Vigil. We ask that you continue praying for God's wisdom and guidance as we count the days to Commitment Sunday.

### Campaign Financial Goal

Each of us is called to generously share the abundant resources that God has entrusted to us. Supporting Messiah's renovation and ministries is an act of Christian stewardship. Our goal is to raise \$2.25M — the amount needed in order to proceed with the full renovation.

The call to commitment is drawing near. We are asking you to prayerfully consider your personal contribution to the campaign that is so vital to the growth of Messiah's ministries.

For those inspired to pledge early as an act of leadership and faith, advance commitments will be received at a hosted event on May 20. Those not making advance commitments are asked to submit their pledges in worship services on Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13. You are welcome to fulfill your pledge over the life of the campaign, which runs three years through June 2013.

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*



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BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION

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# Campaign News Briefs

Capital Campaign News from Messiah Lutheran Church

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

## Calendar of Campaign Events

Advance Commitments Gathering  
Thursday, May 20

All-Church Celebration Banquet  
and Children's Party  
Sunday, June 6

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

Celebration Worship Services  
Saturday, June 26 and  
Sunday, June 27

Attend the  
All-Church Banquet  
and Children's Party  
Sunday, June 6, 5:30PM  
Royal Oaks Country Club



## Free All-Church Celebration

*Everyone Invited!*

As a culminating event to the Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building on Our Foundation campaign, there will be an all-church banquet held at the newly remodeled Royal Oaks Country Club.

This spirit-filled time of celebration is set for June 6. We will gather at 5:30PM and dinner will begin at 6:00PM. An inspiring evening of speakers, music and video presentations is being planned.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship as a congregation.

A children's party with activities and food for children ages 3–11 will be held at the site, so no need to get a baby-sitter for your pre-school through elementary age children.

Beginning Sunday, May 16, a table will be set up in the narthex for taking reservations.

Please let us know the number of adults and older children in your family attending the banquet, along with your meal choice of chicken cordon bleu, pork chop with stuffing or vegetarian, and number of children attending the children's party. Or you may contact Cathy Ramer at 573-7162 or lefty1dog@msn.com to reserve a place for you and your family.

*"Blessed is the man who will eat at  
the feast in the kingdom of God."*  
Luke 14:15b NIV

## Children's Party

Youth from CYT's (Christian Youth Theater) HYPE (High Schoolers Pursuing Excellence) will be on hand to help with the children's party. The children's party will be on site and dinner will be provided for the children (ages 3-11).

We are very thankful that Miss Christina from the nursery at Messiah has agreed to oversee the children's care for the evening!



## Youth Art Displayed

Sunday School youth, from ages four through high school recently met with Mike Odren. Mike showed them the plans for the building expansion and walked through the courtyard area with them, pointing out where the new nursery, chapel, narthex, kitchen, and fellowship hall would be. The kids then created some delightful artwork based on THEIR ideas for the expansion and what they liked about Messiah. The art is being displayed in the hallway outside the fellowship hall through the month of May. The Sunday School invites everyone to come and enjoy their creative endeavors.



## Renewing Our Commitment

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As we celebrated Easter, many messages of the glory of Jesus were told, read, and discussed. We professed Christ's commitment to us by...

- Renewing our faith in Christ as the living Lord.
- Reaching Out to guests and friends with the good news of our living Lord.
- Rejoicing that Christ has risen indeed.
- Building Upon Our Foundation of a Christ blessed church.

Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building On Our Foundation. We could not have a better campaign slogan — a slogan of faith, action, love, joy and remembering.

Our previous capital campaign — *Looking Back, Moving Forward* — will end June 30. We made commitments and exceeded our goals. From this commitment the wonderful ministry goals that we dreamed of achieving are now a reality, along with the planned opening of our Second Site growth outreach. God led, blessed and directed our commitments.

We are again asking you to make commitments as God directs us to expand our ministry through a building renovation. We are asking all Messiah members, friends, and guests to make two commitments.

First, commit to prayer. Pray that God will direct and lead our commitments. It would be a wonderful blessing for 100% of us to turn in our commitment pledges, even if the pledge is prayer.

Second, consider a bold financial commitment to the expanding ministries of our renovation. God calls each of us to give generously and to serve enthusiastically. Challenge yourself to **reach out** in your faith and give generously. Challenge yourself to give beyond what was given in our last campaign and put your reliance in God and His **renewing** capability. **Rejoice** in your giving.

As we complete our building renovation we will be guided by God to see the success of ministry and mission through our commitments. Rejoice in your faith!



In Christ,  
Jay Bukant and George Webber  
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

## Questions? Here Are the Answers!

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### HOW DOES OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SERVE OUR CHURCH?

The campaign will fund our church building renovation project, which will strengthen and expand the ministries of Messiah.

### WITH THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND ITS IMPACT ON MEMBERS, IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME TO BE EMBARKING UPON ANOTHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Notwithstanding the weakened economy, our previous campaign was a resounding success even in the midst of a recession. God has blessed Messiah with a vision that we have dreamed about for years, and we are compelled to fulfill this dream in spite of lingering economic affects.

### IN WHAT WAYS DOES OUR RENOVATION BENEFIT MESSIAH'S MINISTRIES?

Our **ministry of fellowship and welcome** will be enhanced with a larger narthex, a first-floor nursery, modern restrooms and an expanded fellowship hall with adjacent kitchen.

Our **children, youth, and young adult ministries** will enjoy larger classrooms and more inviting meeting spaces to help fuel youth activities.

Our **adult ministries** such as the choir, quilters, *Material Girls* and other groups competing for space will have full access to the downstairs multi-purpose room and nursery space.

Our **mission outreach and community services ministry** will receive larger designated space downstairs with restroom, kitchenette and a separate entry.

Our **serviceability and capacity** issues will be addressed with modern windows, ventilation and plumbing, fire sprinklers that meet building code, and modern security systems to keep us feeling safe.

### WHAT IS OUR FUND RAISING GOAL?

We hope to raise \$2.25 million over the next three years. While this figure is higher than that of our previous campaign, we should never underestimate the capacity of our members' generosity and the extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit in Messiah's faith story.

### WHAT IF WE DO NOT ACHIEVE OUR GOAL?

God has blessed Messiah in so many ways. We know that He has a plan, and that our final pledged amount will ultimately be His will. Our campaign will reach for three tiered goals — \$1.25M, \$1.75M and \$2.25M, the highest needed to commit to full project completion. Lesser achievement would dictate that some portions of the project be pushed to a later time beyond 2013 — the time frame of this campaign.

Because of the high degree of interdependency among the various ministries slated to benefit from our planned expansion and renovation project, prioritizing or cutting back specific components of the plan is complicated. However, the Church Leadership Team is requesting the architect to submit a phased strategy in the event this is God's will.

### HOW CAN I HELP SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN?

Pray for the success of the campaign, volunteer your time to support our ministries and *prayerfully consider making a sacrificial 3-year financial commitment*. Your monetary gift could come from income and/or assets.

Remember that we are seeking everyone's response by Commitment Worship Services on June 12 and 13. For those unable to respond by this time, Commitment Visitors will be calling to receive your pledges between June 14 and June 26.

*"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20*

