



# Gather+Grow+Glorify: Nurturing God's Mission

Capital Campaign News from St. Peter Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Campaign Events

**All-Church Bible Study  
Kickoff**  
Sunday, May 3  
**Group Studies**  
Following Weeks

**Enrichment Gatherings**  
Mid-May through  
Mid-June  
(various dates & times)

**Prayer Vigil**  
Friday/Saturday, June 5-6

**Advance Commitment  
Gathering**  
TBA

**All-Church  
Celebration Banquet**  
(Last weekend in June)  
TBA

**Commitment Worship  
Service**  
Sunday, June 28

## Our Campaign Begins

In our worship service on April 26th, we officially began a Capital Stewardship Campaign which will unfold over the coming months, culminating in July. This campaign is undertaken to help us fund our mission priorities by reducing our debt. Our generous responses will serve our vital ministry programs within our church as we reduce the amount of money we spend on debt and free up money for priorities like a study and potential updating of our facility and technology and help us to find ways to provide technology and training to those who don't have access to it for future ministry.

***Gather+Grow+Glorify:  
Nurturing God's Mission*** is the theme for our campaign—a process that seeks to involve the whole congregation in a focused time of inspiration and reflection on God's call for us, and what we are to do in our lives, and in the life of our church in God's name.

Our campaign is about more

than just finances. It is about our mission as God's people "Equipping lives to live in Jesus". It's about honoring the commitment of everyone who has provided for our church throughout our history, and ensuring a bright future for St. Peter Lutheran for years to come.

These next three months, we will focus on Christian growth and commitment. You can get involved in many ways—informational meetings, Bible Studies, 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 prepare for the future of St. Peter Lutheran, celebrate the abundance God places in our lives, and carry forward the vital ministry of our church.

Come, be a part of God's vision for our church. Together, we will  
***Gather+Grow+Glorify:  
Nurturing God's Mission!***

## Called to Serve

To serve and lead in our campaign, these members have committed their time and talent to the positions listed below. Our Campaign Team was installed at worship on April 26<sup>th</sup>. May God bless their efforts on behalf of our church! In addition to Pastor Joseph Cunningham and Consultant, Luke Bouman our team consists of:

### Lyndon Field/Carrie Block - Campaign Co-Chairs

Coordinates the efforts of the Campaign Team and keeps the congregation inspired and informed throughout the appeal.

### Ed Lambert, Jr. - Advance Commitments Director

Encourages early, sacrificial and inspirational financial commitments to the campaign.

### Ray & Kirsten Kottka/Haylee & Matt Smolek - Banquet Co-Directors

Organizes an inspiring All-Church Celebration Event.

### Tim & Peg Brettin - Bible Study Co-Directors

Calls the congregation to scripture study throughout our campaign.

### Jim & Annette Skibbe/Mandy & Jay Peters - Children and Youth Co-Directors

Involves the children and youth in our church through stewardship lessons and activities.

### Jody & Larry Arndt - Commitment Visits Co-Directors

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

### Ed Lambert, Jr./Steve Winicker - Continuation Co-Directors

Coordinate information to the congregation about overall giving relative to pledges during the three-years of our campaign.

### Gloria Field/Arlene Noble - Enrichment Gatherings Co-Directors

Organize a series of small-group informational meetings for congregational members.

### Shirley Sutton & Ann Rose- Hospitality Director

Encourages participation in, and receives reservations for, the All-Church Banquet.

### Joe & Janice Roebuck/Glen & Bev Wallace - Prayer Vigil Co-Directors

Calls the congregation to prayer through a Prayer Vigil.

### Carrie Field/Robyn Lambert/Cheryl Tellman - Promotion Co-Directors

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

### Cheryl Tellman - Resource Director

Prepares campaign materials for mailing to members.

### Annette Skibbe - Audio Visual Director

Produces one or more inspiration videos for the Campaign.

*“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*

## Bible Study and Prayer Provide Campaign Inspiration

To support our spiritual formation throughout our campaign, we will have multiple opportunities to engage in Bible study, devotion, and prayer in the coming weeks. On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will hear an inspirational church-wide Bible Study entitled *"The Joy of Generosity,"* led by Rev. Luke Bouman, our consultant from The Enrichment Group.

Bible studies focused on faith development and stewardship will be offered in conjunction with our regular Sunday and weekly/monthly Bible Studies.

Additionally, a 24-Hour Prayer Vigil is planned for Friday/Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>. Each member is invited and encouraged to dedicate one hour in prayer at the church (or at home, if shut-in) during this time.

We will be praying for the people and mission of St. Peter throughout this special vigil. We pray not to change God's mind toward us, but rather to change our minds and hearts to conform to God's mission and plan for St. Peter as a congregation.

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

*Psalm 119:105*



## Enrichment Gatherings Offer Fellowship and Information

An integral part of our ***Gather+Grow+Glorify: Nurturing God's Mission*** campaign is a series of small group meetings which will give participants an opportunity to hear first-hand about the plans and purposes of both of our annual capital stewardship programs. These gatherings will take place from mid-May to mid-June. 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

stewardship campaign and the ways in which each of us is called to support and strengthen the ministries of St. Peter Lutheran Church through our various campaign projects.

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 Gloria Field or Arlene Noble.

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

*Matthew 18:20*

# *Save the Date and Plan to Celebrate!*

## **All-Church Banquet**

### **The Last Weekend in June**

**FOOD**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY!**

It is my privilege as Banquet Direct to announce the All-Church Banquet and Children's Party will take place the last weekend of June 2015. Time and more details to be announced soon in another newsletter.

The banquet is the party part of our new 4G Campaign. This will be a free celebration for all church members to come together to share our love, our faith, and our commitment to each other, our community, and to St. Peter Lutheran Church and School.

A delicious meal will be served to nurture our bodies. Good Fellowship and Inspiration will be shared to nurture our Spirits. The young children will have a fun time of playing games and activities while being constantly supervised. I heartily pray everyone will put this date on their calendar and attend this banquet to celebrate our confirmation of dedication to the success of St. Peter Lutheran Church and School and God's mission for it.

Your brother in Our Risen Christ,  
Raymond Kottka II

***SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!***



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