



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

Capital Campaign News from St. Peter Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Campaign Events

**Enrichment Gatherings**  
If you are interested please  
contact Gloria Field

**All-Church  
Celebration Banquet**  
Friday, June 26

**Commitment Worship  
Service**  
Sunday, June 28

**Celebration Sunday**  
Sunday, July 12



**Nothing  
you have  
is because  
of luck or chance.  
It's all due to  
God's grace  
and favor.  
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## Celebration Banquet Luau & Children's Party

Join us for a wonderful time celebrating St. Peter Lutheran Church & School and all that it has been, is, and will be in the future! Adults (7<sup>th</sup> grade and above) will gather in the school gymnasium for a luau themed celebration. At the same time the Children's Party luau (6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger) will be held in the Cafetorium.

We encourage everyone to take part in this wonderful time of fellowship with fellow believers as we gather around our desire to see our church expand its ministry.

If you have not RSVP'ed for the banquet and party please contact the church office at 574-896-2025 or our Hospitality Directors, Shirley Sutton and Ann Rose.



## Commitment & Celebration Worship

We hope everyone will be able to attend our special Commitment Worship service on Sunday, June 28 (or Monday, June 29). We will join with one another and present our sacrificial gifts to the Lord by physically bringing our commitment cards to the altar. This service will be a wonderful time to connect as a church family and pledge a gift to our mission of sharing God's love with more people around the world.

Later this summer, on Sunday, July 12 (Monday, July 13) we will have our Celebration Worship Service where we, as a family of believers, will come together to celebrate the bounty God has provided and we have in turn shared with Him. The total amount of gifts given to the 4G Campaign will be revealed. What a blessing it will be to see how God can work in our hearts and our lives!

## Looking to the Future

### 4G Campaign Q & A

The **Gather+Grow+Glorify: Nurturing God's Mission** campaign allows us to look to the future with renewed passion for our dreams for St. Peter Lutheran Church and School. To expand our ministries and our ability to share Christ with the world, we not only need new ideas, we need resources to support them.

#### What are our financial goals for the **Gather+Grow+Glorify: Nurturing God's Mission** campaign?

We pray that this campaign will allow us to meet our Challenge Goal and raise \$400,000 to help reduce our debt in a dramatic way. By reducing our current debt we will free up resources to pursue new ministry ideas. We should all be excited by the endless possibilities before us.

#### Why are we raising money?

In order to expand our ministries we need to reduce the debt we carry. A diverse list of ideas for congregational growth was created through discussions and sharing. The vast list was condensed to three main categories: a study of staffing structure and needs, a study of our facilities to highlight any needed upgrades, and a study of our technology needs. Changes in these categories could allow us to start a variety of new ministries.

#### How will we reach the Challenge Goal?

It is our goal that every family will take part in the campaign in some way. All pledges will be handled with privacy and confidentiality. If your family, after spending time in prayer, does not feel called to make a gift at this time please fill out a commitment card with only your name. This shows that you have taken time to prayerfully consider your role in expanding our ministries here at St. Peter.

#### How can I make a pledge?

Pledges can be made in three ways

1. Advanced Gift pledges will be made by those who wish to make an early pledge at the **Advanced Commitments Gathering** on Tuesday, June 9.
2. As a family of believers we will have the opportunity to present our commitment to the 4G Campaign and God during **Commitment Worship** on Sunday, June 28 (Monday, June 29). This is a wonderful opportunity to share the blessings God has given us. If you are unable to attend Commitment Worship please send or bring your commitment card to the church office by June 29.
3. Our **Commitment Visits Committee** will follow up with those who are not able to bring their commitment to one of these events. They will simply check to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to present their gift to God.

#### How will pledges be collected?

For the remainder of 2015, please use the "Share the Vision" line on your weekly offering envelope. 2016 envelopes will have a new line for the 4G Campaign.

#### Can I make a one-time gift?

Yes! Commitments can be made in a variety of ways. Some will make an early sacrificial one-time gift in lieu of (or in addition to) periodic giving over three years. Gifts such as property, stocks, bonds, etc. may be offered by some, others will choose to give weekly, monthly, or however they feel led to present their gift.

Every family is a vital piece of this congregation and you are encouraged to spend time in prayer when you consider your sacrificial gift to the campaign and the future of our ministries here at St. Peter.

## Supporting Missions with Your Gift

Our congregation supports a variety of wonderful ministries that share Christ's love with our community and beyond. The Piecemakers quilting group makes beautiful quilts, with love, that they generously share with area nursing homes and Lutheran World Relief. Our congregation provides donations to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes to send to children around the world, sharing a physical gift as well as God's love. Our Ladies Aid provides funeral meals to grieving families. The LWML supports a variety of causes with their Mite box donations. As a congregation we support Bella Vita Crisis Pregnancy Center which encourages healthy pregnancies and babies.

We provide Christian education opportunities through Sunday morning Bible classes, confirmation, Sunday School, Cottage Bible Studies, Men's Bible Studies, and youth groups. Through our Family Friendly Partners Network we are supporting parents in teaching faith formation in the home.

Our youth groups provide a place for children and teens to learn about God in a laid back environment.

Through Trunk-or-Treat and other social activities we reach out into our community to provide safe family-friendly events.

Our Christian day school is our largest mission. Each day over 100 children hear about and experience God's love for them simply by being a part of our school. Expand that to their families and we touch a multitude of people's lives with Christ's love.

These ministries can be expanded and many more can be added once we are able to reduce our financial debt burden. Your sacrificial gift to the **Gather+Grow+Glorify: Nurturing God's Mission** campaign is a vital piece in allowing ministry expansion at St. Peter Lutheran Church & School.



## St. Peter Kids Love Jesus

The children spent time learning about being responsible stewards at OASIS as well as during Sunday School. Please take time to observe and enjoy the **Nurturing God's Mission** artwork created by our children. The art is displayed around the church for your viewing. Creating the artwork was a time of fun and creativity allowing the children to share the physical talents God has blessed them with, as they focused on the multiple aspects of God's mission among us here at St. Peter. We encourage you to look through their creations and enjoy what they have made.

Our youth had a lock-in during the church-wide Prayer Vigil Friday, June 5 to Saturday, June 6. They spent the overnight hours taking turns praying. What a wonderful faith building experience for our young people. They also had a great time making posters, growing in their faith through Bible study, and of course, having fun together.

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YOU ABLE  
TO RECEIVE  
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*-JIM ROHN*



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