



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

Capital Campaign News from St. Peter Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Campaign Events

**Enrichment Gatherings**  
May 20-June 4

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

**Advance Commitment  
Gathering**  
Tuesday, June 9

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

**Commitment Worship  
Service**  
Sunday, June 28

**Celebration Sunday**  
Sunday, July 12



## Investing our Master's Money

Did you know that Jesus talks about money more than He did about prayer? In fact, 11 of the 39 parables that Jesus tells are about money, and one out every seven verses in Luke's Gospel also mentions money. It is the one thing that Jesus talks about most, aside from the kingdom of God.

One of the better known parables, the Parable of the Talents, is a wonderful example of how we should be good stewards of the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. In the parable, a landowner leaves some of his money with three of his servants, telling them to invest it and return a profit. After some time, he went and checked with the servants to see how their investments were doing, hoping that they had invested the money wisely. Two of the three servants invested their share well. They were commended for their work and even promoted. The other servant buried his money, fearing he might lose his share if his investment did not turn out. Because of this, he was punished for failing to do what was asked of him.

This parable should serve as a reminder to us every day that we have been given everything that we have, by God. We are stewards of His gifts and we are accountable to Him to make sure that they are used to carry out His mission, for us to reach out and further His kingdom.

The commitment that you are being asked to make should be prayerfully considered. Take time to pray, as a family, about what you will be sacrificing when you make your commitment. While doing so, keep in mind that God made the ultimate sacrifice by sending His only Son to die on the cross so that we might live in Him.

## Enrichment Gatherings

*For where  
your  
treasure  
is, there  
your heart  
will be  
also. -  
Matthew  
6:21*

Don't miss the excellent video production by campaign volunteer Annette Skibbe, now showing at a small group gathering near you!

Compelling stories, moving testimonies, and highlights of memorable St. Peter events will capture your attention throughout this video introduction to our stewardship campaign. The film will leave you filled with the Spirit and ready to take the next step in the **GATHER+GROW+GLORIFY: Nurturing GOD'S Mission Campaign**.

To catch this video, simply plan to attend one of the small group gatherings taking place between now and June 4<sup>th</sup> in various homes. Following the video, the gatherings will provide an opportunity to learn more about the stewardship campaign, ask questions, and spend time in faith sharing with fellow St. Peter members. Most gatherings will be hosted in the evenings, with one or more held in the afternoon at the church, as needed. No financial commitments will be asked for or received during the gatherings.

Please contact, Gloria Field, Arlene Noble, or Carla Matzat if you would like to attend one of the remaining gatherings. We hope the video will encourage and inspire you as we move forward through our **GATHER+GROW+GLORIFY: Nurturing GOD'S Mission Campaign**.

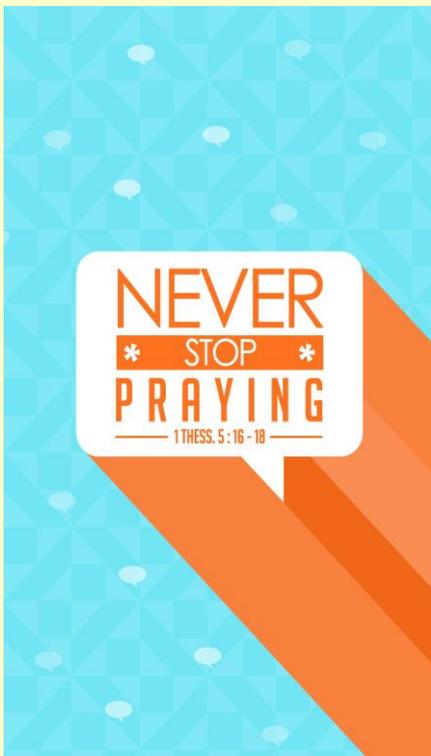
## 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

The 24 Hour Prayer Vigil will be held from noon on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through noon on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. During these 24 hours, the church will be open for you to go in and pray for an hour. There will always be someone there to assist if you are unsure of where to go or what to do.

There are Prayer Request cards that are available at church to fill out before these dates, if you have a specific person or situation that you would like others to pray for. There will be a list of prayer requests for you to take and use during your time, if you so choose.

The Youth will be holding a lock-in and participating in the Prayer Vigil. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to be involved in our **GATHER + GROW + GLORIFY: Nuturing GOD'S Mission Campaign!**

If you are unable to make it to the Prayer Vigil, ask about how you can still participate from home or wherever you will be. The goal is to have everyone participate in some way.



## Children & Youth

For our **GATHER+GROW+GLORIFY: Nurturing GOD'S Mission Campaign**, the children of the congregation had Art Day during OASIS on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and will have Art Day during Sunday School on June 14<sup>th</sup> where they will be making posters to be displayed around the church for all to enjoy. Each of these days, there will be a Bible study that shares with the children what the church is undergoing and why.

The youth group will be participating in the campaign Bible Study during their lock-in on June 5<sup>th</sup> during the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil. They will be taking turns praying during the wee hours of the morning. They will also be reviewing how the campaign works and the reason for doing it. This is a great way for our future generations to be involved in this campaign that sets the stage for the future of this congregation!

During our All Church Banquet, there will also be a Children's Party in the cafetorium for anyone in sixth grade and younger. There will be food and activities for all, so make sure that you bring your children with you as there is something for everyone!



Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this is  
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

– *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Aloha!*

## All Church Celebration Banquet: Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>!



Don't forget:  
June 26<sup>th</sup>!!

The date has been set! Mark your calendars for Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm CST and join us for the All Church Celebration Banquet. The Banquet will be held in the school gymnasium.

A Children's Party will be taking place in the cafetorium at the same time, so make sure to bring your children with you! They will be well fed and well supervised. There will be food and games for all ages.

There is no charge and no donation. This is a time for our congregation together to celebrate the many blessings that God has bestowed on us and for great Christian fellowship.

We hope that you can come and enjoy the evening with us!



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