

BUILDING~FAITH~FOUNDATIONS

The goal of this appeal is a way to say, "Thank you Jesus" for the many blessings we have received from him. Our motivation in this appeal is the love of Jesus and the need to share that love with others in our community. Stewardship appeals are all about raising hearts, not funds. As you begin to become more familiar with the appeal and participate in many of its facets, may your faith grow even more in Jesus!

HOW WILL THE EMPHASIS GIFTS BE USED?

The Lord has blessed our ministry efforts. We are teaching more and more students each year. The increase in student population has created space challenges. To meet this challenge Immanuel Lutheran School Board is proposing the removal of the current building and erecting a 20,000 sq. ft. school. Plans are to:

- Construct a building (three K-8 classrooms, two Preschool classrooms, one daycare room) meeting the needs of current enrollment and planning for a maximum of 140 children
- Create a multipurpose room for physical education and Preschool activities. This space will also be used for educational functions (productions, assemblies, fellowship activities, athletics, etc.)
- Improve handicap accessibility and eliminating classrooms in a basement
- Provide a visible and welcoming entrance for all

The proposed addition will allow continued growth in meeting the needs of our school ministry. We view it as a long-term solution to the growing demand for Christian education in the area.

OUR SCHOOL IS A MISSION TOOL

For over 100 years the Lord has allowed Immanuel Lutheran School to flourish by reaching out and teaching God's Word to hundreds of children. The Lord has also blessed our ministry with a functional and well-maintained building. However, the current layout and design of the building does not meet the varied needs and functions of today's schools. What was once acceptable, is now outdated, and in many ways non-functional. Our school needs upgrading in order to better meet the standards of a Christian educational facility. Now is the time to address the immediate primary concerns of:

- Classroom space - we are out of space!
- Non-functional entrance for guests and visitors
- Non-existent space for physical education, extra-curricular sports, and large assembly functions
- Lack of inviting and welcoming campus for families seeking a quality Christian education



RESTATING OUR GOAL

The Celebration Goal for our **Building~Faith~Foundations** project is \$700,000. Many may be asking how can we expect to generate such funds?

It could never happen without the Lord's blessing. All of our endeavors call for a firm reliance on the Lord of the Church and clinging to him in faith. Jesus put it simply, "Without me, you can do nothing." But he also said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." (John 15:7).

The goal of \$700,000 certainly is a lofty one, but one that can be accomplished with the Lord's help. We are simply managers of the Lord's gifts. The gifts we give to our church are nothing more than gifts that have been given to us. We have before us a challenge and an opportunity. The Lord has placed us here at this time for this occasion to expand our school and church. May we listen to his voice as we grow in our faith and love for him.

PROPOSED TIMELINE

Spring 2021	Implement funding appeal for new school
Summer 2021	Begin collecting funds for new building with gifts received over a 3-year period. Refine building plans based on updated financial plan.
Fall and Winter 2021	Refine site/building concept plans with design firm. School Board and congregations will give final approval
Winter 2022	Vote on site, concept and financial plans
Spring 2022	Begin Construction

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Holy Spirit can use me to help our ministry expand and excel through **Building**.

- By prayerfully responding to God's gift of a Savior with your generous gifts
- By attending our Celebration Sunday event
- By returning your promise card as part of worship on Celebration Sunday
- By praying for God's blessing on our stewardship emphasis

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

May 16 has been set aside for our Celebration Sunday.

10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

OUR VISION

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool are motivated by the Gospel while striving to be the educational choice offering learning for life and living for eternity.

