

OUR GOALS

Capital Fund: Raise \$2 million over the next three years to fund the first stage of the St. Luke 2012 Master Plan

- For **safety and efficiency**, make necessary and overdue **stair improvements, mechanical and electrical** upgrades \$ 150,000
 - For **enhanced fellowship**, expand the **narthex** at the entrance to the Church and add **two rows of Sanctuary space** \$ 400,000
 - For **enriched worship experiences**, enlarge the **upper balcony** to provide more space for audio visual, music and choir \$ 75,000
 - For **education, fellowship and service**, improve the **lower-level**, including upgrades to the kitchen and classrooms and add an additional multi-use education space \$ 240,000
 - For **consolidating our property and meeting the City's conditions** for taking ownership of **SW 46th Ave.** \$ 700,000
 - For **fiscal responsibility**, **pay down our existing mortgages** to reduce our debt and monthly expenses \$ 300,000
 - For **skilled support** for the process, fund **project costs** for management, engineering & consulting \$ 85,000
 - For continuing our **strong commitment to giving to those in need beyond our doors** \$ 50,000
- Estimated Costs for the First Stage of the Master Plan \$ 2,000,000

Annual Budgets: Raise \$1.1 million for the Church's 2013 operating expenses

- For **ongoing operating expenses** for ministries, property and personnel \$ 1,100,000

Pledge for 2014 ministries and programs

Join us in Building On Our Faith



Who: People of St. Luke
540 households, 1300+ members, numerous friends

What: A Campaign to raise \$2 million over the next three years to fund the first stage of the Master Plan and to meet the Church's \$1.1 million operating budget in 2013

When: Now, through June 2, 2013

Where: In Worship, Sunday School and Adult Education Classes, Fellowship, Service and our Daily Devotions

Why: To build the foundation for our future, as our predecessors provided for us 70 years ago

How: Through sharing, caring and giving generously

Campaign Conversations: 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Sundays, April 21 & May 5 in the Church library

Leadership Team:

Jon Perkins, Co-chair
Karen Perkins, Co-chair
James Hensel, Co-chair
Maripat Hensel, Co-chair
Terry Kenny
Barbara Roady
Carol Van Natta
Matt Schweitzer
Pastor David Knapp
Pastor Kim Hester
Dr. James Pence

TODAY'S
CONVERSATION

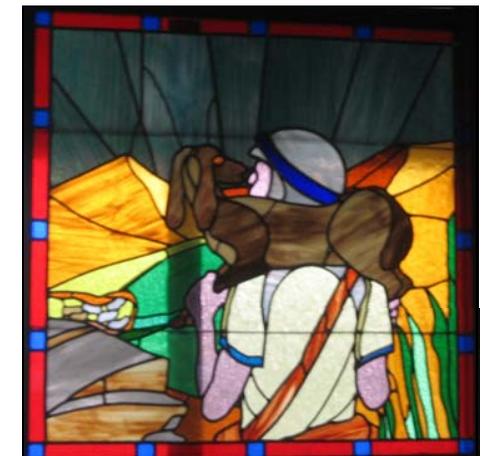
Discuss our goals &
video your story

Cover: Stained glass by member Harry Flesher who helped to build St. Luke.

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. LUKE



You lead me beside still
waters. You restore my
soul.

Psalm 23

BUILDING ON THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US

Bea Severson knows about building churches. As a young woman just out of college, she worked as a mission survey worker in the Chicago area for the Home Mission Board of the Augustana Synod. So it isn't surprising she recounts that in 1947, as St. Luke looked to expand its ministry, a survey worker canvassed 1,000 homes and sent out 300 mailings to new prospective members.

Bea and husband Orv, along with their two young children, Kristi and Todd, transferred to St. Luke from Central Lutheran in 1957. Bea remembers the old converted barracks and annex at 4530 SW Garden Home Rd., St. Luke's home at that time. It was a far cry from Central Lutheran's beautiful sanctuary with its large and accomplished choir. For Bea, it was a little like worshipping on the frontier. She and Orv were soon fully involved in the efforts to build the new St. Luke on our present site. "We've come a long way since then!" she says.

The decision to move from the old building was wrenching for the congregation. But Bea says that Pastor Watness helped them to see that God was leading them to a place that would give St. Luke room to grow. The current building could never have been completed without the hard work and commitment of every member of the congregation, along with help from many "angels" in other congregations and the community.



Bob Hendry convinced his employer, Parr Lumber, to

Bethlehem Lutheran members offered their own building as collateral for St. Luke's \$30,000 construction loan. Eldon Cuthery, a member of Faith Lutheran, hired on as building superintendent for a nominal fee. St. Luke member

provide lumber at cost. Steel was obtained at cost through a member of Faith Lutheran.

Spurgeon Johnson lent his big Caterpillar excavator to assist with site preparation. Orv Severson would work with the Cat a couple of hours before and after working at his own job every day, and he put in long hours on Saturdays to ready the site for construction. Bea and Orv are in most of the old photos of the many congregation work parties that helped to raise the building. She recalls that the women of the church did all the interior painting. And they served countless cups of good Lutheran coffee to the other workers.

Bea remembers, "We were here on the days the arches and the tottering steeple went up. It was so exciting! And it was a great experience for our kids. Our son would say to everyone, 'We're building our church!' It was really a thrill to be a part of it."

As we embark on this new Campaign for St. Luke, we truly do build on the faith of those who came before us. "I don't want to glorify anything that our family did," Bea says. "People just had to pitch in." And so, we follow in faith what was begun by Orv and Bea and all the St. Luke members and friends who have built this congregation's legacy. Now, we are invited to pitch in just as they did, so that St. Luke's mission and ministry can continue to grow, thrive and serve God and our community for many years to come.

**We're
building
our church!**



Bea can be found in our library on Wednesdays. She started the St. Luke library and has influenced this wonderful way for us to stay informed. Bea works with library volunteers to maintain and select the writing we use in our ministries and for our personal development. She's a lifelong learner and a faith builder.



Members take a work break on a May day in 1960.

It was the wettest spring and the Cat kept getting stuck. Kristi and Todd Severson with Orv digging out.



The coffee was always on - St. Luke hospitality then and now.

Bea and Orv Severson a few years ago. Bea recounts St. Luke building history as one of our members who dug in.

