



NEW IDEAS



What's your new idea for us? What's God's plan for making all things new? On May 5th we will begin to collect your ideas about what we can do with more space and different room configurations in the narthex, sanctuary, classrooms and along the new right of way. Take some time to think about ideas you've seen and programs you think St. Luke could develop. You will have an opportunity to post your ideas on a display in the narthex. Later this year these ideas will be used to initiate discussion about our future ministries and programs. There are no right or wrong responses. Feel free to share magazine photos or provide website addresses.



Lord give us vision and keep us clear Hymn 670

Your St. Luke Story: Send your video or e-mail message to mystorystluke@gmail.com or place your story card in the glass jar labeled My Story in the narthex.

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Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

What is the Campaign for St. Luke? The Campaign for St. Luke has three components: A capital campaign for \$2 million to fund the first stage of the Master Plan, annual giving pledges for the remainder of 2013 and all of 2014, and legacy giving.

Smaller Lutheran congregations are either consolidating or closing their doors, why is St. Luke taking on a major capital campaign at this time? The Council believes St. Luke ministries are strong and members are willing to provide funds for enhancing our space for worship, connecting, serving and growing in faith. Meetings and surveys conducted last year support these beliefs.

When is the actual pledge Sunday? Pledge packets will be provided for every household after Worship services on May 19th. Prayerfully consider what you can give and bring your two pledge cards to the worship service of your choice on June 2nd.

Didn't we complete the street vacating project? We have signed a City of Portland ordinance with conditions we must satisfactorily complete to finalize the Right of Way Acquisitions for SW 46th and part of SW Florida. The estimated engineering and construction for this work is \$700,000.

Does the timing of receipt of the Pledges impact the commencement of Stage One? We do not need to have all of the funds in hand to begin Stage One. We need sufficient cash flow available in year one to start the property consolidation and secure the ownership of the streets in order to obtain building permits for the additional work.

What if we raise more than \$2 million? Any excess funds will be put into a capital account for future use in the Stage Two of the Master Plan.

Campaign Conversation: 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. May 5th in the Church library. Discuss our goals, record or write your story.

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. LUKE



See, I am making all things new
Revelation 21:1-6

GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING NEW IN US

Generosity begets generosity...rooted in the rich soil of relatedness.

Those of us who are engaged in philanthropy recognize this as a key principle. People are encouraged and uplifted by others' generosity. That's why organizations publish lists of their donors. Not just to recognize those who have given, but to encourage those who have not. When we believe in something, we want to be a part of it, and in relation to others who are similarly committed.

Community is first of all a quality of the heart...we are alive not for ourselves but for one another.



Carol Van Natta

All the great philosophies teach this. I have Albert Einstein's famous quote framed on my office desk, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Living for others is the surest way to create meaning in our own lives. And it is so much more fun and rewarding than living for oneself.

Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be shared.

One of the greatest fallacies we face is the myth of scarcity. Through our relationship with money, each other and life, we can combat the myth of scarcity and embrace sufficiency – the knowledge that *we have enough*. Once we recognize that we have enough, we can truly express our gratitude and our hearts can be open to share what we have with others. In her book, "The Soul of Money," author Lynn Twist says, "The moments of connection through our money are deeper perhaps than we imagine possible. When in those moments we share from the

heart, then our money expresses that heart, which is our true wealth."

When we truly enjoy God's unlimited generosity, we will be grateful for what our brothers and sisters receive. Jealousy will have no place in our hearts.

Bertrand Russell, the philosopher and atheist, was wrong about a lot of things, but he was right when he said, "Comparing oneself with others is the root of all unhappiness." It is difficult for us as Americans to comprehend how wealthy we are as a society; compared to most of the people in the world we are all rich. Nonetheless, we often get bogged down by the impulse to compare our wealth unfavorably with our neighbors.

Fundraising is hard work, but fundraising is also sacred work because it offers the opportunity to be in conversation with another person about his or her highest commitments and values. No matter how much we have to give, the act of philanthropy helps put us in touch with the great flow of God's generosity.

Carol Van Natta is a member of the Campaign Leadership Team and a career university fundraiser. She was asked to look at quotes by Henri Nouwen and respond with her views.



Take a look at Henri Nouwen's booklet "The Spirituality of Fund-raising" for more information on the quotes shown above.

You can find a copy of this booklet on-line at:

http://www.jwu.ruf.org/support-rufjwu/attachments/SpiritualityOffundraisingbyHenriNouwen_267.pdf

A printed copy is also available in the St. Luke library.

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