

OUR CAMPAIGN 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

Legacy Giving: Raise awareness and encourage participation



Take a Tour or Two Today

Meet Joan Bridgman near the church office at 11 a.m. for a guided tour of our buildings. All areas are not easily accessible and walking shoes are recommended. We will show new members where spaces are and what modifications are included in Stage One of the Master Plan.

Learn more about the stained glass in the Sanctuary. After the 11 a.m. service Harry Flesher will lead a group to explain the stories of our windows.

Tree Starts & Tree Cookies

We invite you to plant a tree in celebration of this day and to continue our theme from Psalm 1. Seventy tree starts (Noble Firs and Giant Sequoias) are available in the narthex. Why 70? Because our congregation turns 70 this year! The cumulative economic and environmental value of these trees as they grow over time to 30 inches in diameter is \$4,500 each. This includes increasing property value, reduction of storm water runoff, energy conservation, and reduction of air pollution and atmospheric carbon. See the National Tree Benefit Calculator, www.treebenefits.com. Tree shaped cookies are also available. They are made with Shepard's Grain flour made from sustainable wheat in Eastern Washington. These trees will last a lifetime. These cookies will last one day. We invite you to celebrate the moment with gratitude and a shared sense of stewardship for our future as a congregation.

Questions, Comments, Feedback

Your questions are important to us. Maripat Hensel will meet with you if you want to talk more about the campaign. Feel free to send her an e-mail message with your thoughts to henselm@comcast.net or call 503-244-3232. She will collect information about your property related questions and provide your messages to the church council for review in July.



Many hands: We will have group work gatherings for members to help with hands-on projects when the stage one master plan implementation begins. Watch for information in the fall bulletins. In the meantime, let us know if you have a particular expertise, such as drywall or painting, or a passion for one of the areas we'll be updating, such as the kitchen, where we'll update and enhance our space for ministry and fellowship.

Campaign Leadership Team:

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Building
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GRATITUDE
SUNDAY

WE PRESENT OUR
PLEDGES

June 2, 2013

CELEBRATING ST. LUKE STAFF

Most of us are very familiar with what our St. Luke staff do on Sundays: our pastors take turns delivering sermons, leading worship and teaching classes; music staff directs, accompanies, sings and plays; our youth leaders support Sunday School, Confirmation and St. Luke Youth classes; and we know the office staff prepared the bulletin we receive. Yes, Sundays are important, but what you see on Sunday is just a fraction of the work and service our staff perform for us and for the community each week.

Leslie Singrey, Office Manager, and Mary Plothow, Resources Director, keep the St. Luke Office humming. Do you need a special announcement in this week's bulletin? Do we need a "critter gitter" to get the squirrels out of Upper Shalom, a plumber to fix the men's restroom or new spoons to replace the ones that disappeared from the kitchen? Is it time to prepare the quarterly giving statements, send out the Messenger, prepare the narthex for a wedding or memorial service or collect rent from the commercial property tenants on Vermont? Does someone want to book a community meeting in the Fellowship Hall, need an appointment with a pastor or assistance with a wedding or memorial service? Leslie and Mary have it all under control.

Debbi McCollom, Children and Youth Ministries Director, and Judy Willis, Youth and Service Coordinator, make our St. Luke Youth and volunteer programs work. You're likely to find Debbie recruiting Sunday School and VBS teachers, ordering curriculum and supplies, planning special events like the Youth Christmas program or Fall Family Festival and staffing countless evening and Saturday activities, like Wednesday Church Night, the Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Program rehearsals. Judy supports our volunteer service in the community, recruiting St. Luke members and friends to extend the work and care of our Social Concerns Committee. You might find her planning and leading volunteers at the Letty Owings Center Mothers Day tea, making sure Community Table is staffed, pulling together a painting crew for a local community service agency, or booking the travel arrangements and planning fundraising details for a SLY service trip this summer.

Dr. Dan Hibbett, our minister of music, and Karl Gustafson, our organist, are responsible for the inspiring music that enriches our worship and provides so many opportunities for youth and adult musicians to develop and share their own musical gifts. Dan works with the pastors to select music that reflects and enhances the themes of scripture and pastoral messages. He prepares carefully for each rehearsal of the Rejoice Choir, youth, adult and advanced handbell choirs, and worship team. He sets up sound equipment, recruits and prepares materials for volunteer AV Techs, rehearses choirs weekly with grace and precision and prepares soloists, ensembles and musicians for special events like Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent, Easter and several concert fundraisers each year. Karl accompanies worship and the Rejoice Choir each week, as well as leading the youth Timbrel Choir. He accompanies Worship Team, subs in as director of any choir when Dan is away, plays for weddings and memorial services and can sing tenor or play bass, handbells, congas, piano

or organ with two minutes notice when needed. Dan and Karl receive able assistance from Jane Chan, who leads our tiniest choristers, the Hosannah Choir.

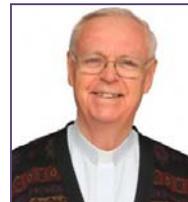
We also have nursery staff members, Sandi Stahl, Jessica Stahl and Nina Green to help during worship, for events and on Wednesday Church night evenings. It's fun to watch them care for and play with children on our playground or in the nursery area.

And what do our pastors do all week when most of us aren't around? Their days start early and end late. Senior Pastor David Knapp and Associate Pastor Kim Hester might begin their days leading a 7 a.m. Bible study and end it with a Church Council or committee meeting that ends well after 9 p.m. In between there might be a counseling session with a couple planning to marry, a call to the bedside of a member facing the end of life, or a hospital visit to a new baby. Pastor David might speak at a community meeting while Pastor Kim uses her tech skills to set up the new projection system. Meanwhile, Pastor David Wilder, who works with older members, is taking Holy Communion to several members in a nursing home, "chaperoning" the JOY (Just Older Youth) Group on an outing and helping a member make plans for a move to assisted living.

Of course, this just scratches the surface of what our St. Luke staff does for all of us each week. We thank God for their dedication, their unique gifts and their faithfulness!



Pastor Kim



Pastor Dave



Leslie



Debbi



Pastor David

Judy

Mary



Dan



Karl



Jane



Note: Photos of nursery staff members to follow in July Messenger.

THANKING OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

We want to celebrate the staff here at St. Luke, the many ministries and the people essential to them. We have lots of activities going on all the time. Every week five full time and seven part time staff members support St. Luke.

Our staff has always been helpful, friendly and patient. We are truly blessed to have these people who are helping us grow and mature in our individual faith journeys. However, much behind the scenes preparation, coordination and communicating still needs to be done somehow. The St. Luke staff manages it efficiently and effectively. Please let them know that their efforts are appreciated.

Our volunteers also give freely to support our church home. With them we are blessed and enriched in our church life. The Sunday bulletin, the daily devotions on email, our website, the Messenger (by email or snail mail) all give an overview of the activities. I encourage you to explore all of the opportunities to find a connection that is right for you.

Our staff and all who volunteer their time and talents make St. Luke a special place. We would be remiss if we did not stop and share in appreciation and gratitude for all the work that is being done. *Grace Johnson, Chair, Personnel Committee*

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