

# Pilgrim Lutheran church

*Serving Christ on  
South Hill*



Grateful Hearts



## Capital Campaign

2009 - 2012

# *A Word From Pastor Jepsen*

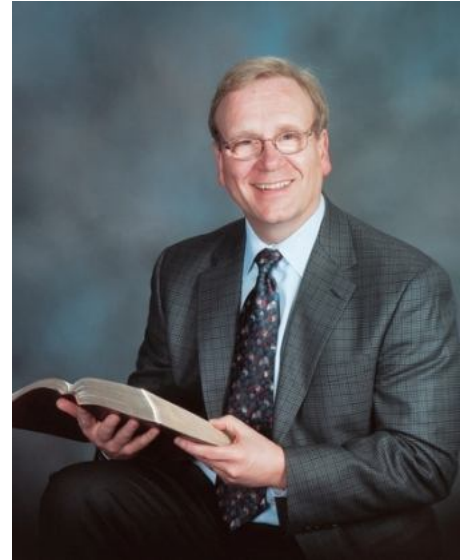
Pilgrim Lutheran hearts should be very grateful: we are a vibrant community of Christians, well placed to fulfill God's work for us on South Hill; nearly every member of our congregation is involved in at least one mission-related enterprise; and our staff is highly professional. Best of all, the Holy Spirit has directed that we grow, and therein lies the need for the Grateful Hearts Campaign. Put simply, we need to expand our capacity to worship, educate, meet in fellowship, and serve our community.

Our lack of space impacts nearly every aspect of congregational life—some more directly than others. Worship at the Traditional Service is approaching capacity, but we cannot add another Sunday morning service because the sanctuary is in use for Sunday School opening and then band warm-up. Sunday School rooms are small and so crowded as to be stifling, and one Sunday adult Bible Study group must meet off site, while one of the other groups fills their room, and another must share “noise space” with children. The narthex offers no elbowroom, and fellowship ends when classes take over the hall.

During the week our facility overflows with every event from Bible Study to Scouts to Youth to Alcoholics Anonymous. Locating a usable room becomes a juggling act, and many meetings are stuffed into our small administrative offices. The youth program and preschool are both prevented from growing by lack of adequate space. Our choirs and band must rehearse in the sanctuary, which adversely impacts on simultaneous use of the rooms surrounding it, and storage is at a premium.

The Building Committee has provided us with a wonderful vision of what can be done to enlarge and enhance the facilities God has given us. I ask that you join Kitty and me in making a three-year sacrificial pledge to the Grateful Hearts Campaign.

*Gary R. Jepsen, Senior Pastor*



# Defining the Future

Dear Friends,

When we think about what a church is, we realize that it is more than buildings - we are a people who have fellowship with each other and with God. Fifty-nine parishioners celebrated Pilgrim's first service in 1973, and we've grown to over six hundred active members in 2008. New members continue to join, and our facilities are joyfully stretched to capacity.



The theme of this program, "Grateful Hearts", gives us the idea that together we are looking into the future, searching for ways to serve. When we seek God's guidance in this way, we are bound to find it. Generous giving is the way we will meet our financial needs, but also our spiritual growth will be enhanced by seeking and doing God's will.

The economy continues to be a concern for all of us. Rest assured that your church leadership in the Administrative Board, the Building and Building Finance committees, the Grateful Hearts Steering committee, and the pastoral staff are fully aware of your concerns. We are working diligently and prayerfully in the Lord's service to find the best solution for our forward progress. If you have specific concerns, please feel free to contact any one of us for more information.

This campaign booklet gives us all an excellent overview of our needs and the financial requirements to meet those needs. The congregation will have two more major votes prior to asking for construction bids – on February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will vote to continue work with our architects. In June we will vote on a specific project plan. That plan will be based on the results of the Grateful Hearts capital campaign. The project and its associated costs are the best estimate of the efforts of the Building Committee and our architects, but the final exact cost won't be known until we sign a contract with a construction company.

Join with us as we continue to fulfill the promise that began Pilgrim Lutheran 35 years ago. We are living examples of God's word through the example of the mustard seed. The future of our church and the community of South Hill will be fantastically blessed through our generosity and prayer-based stewardship. Together we can achieve an amazing victory for our Lord.

In Christ's name,

Jim Wilkerson and Steve Lessard  
Campaign Co-Chairs

# Pilgrim Lutheran Journey

## June 1971

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) purchases a plot on 141<sup>st</sup> Street on South Hill for a new mission church.

## June 1972

LCMS calls Rev. Theodore Teyler to develop a congregation.

## March 1973

Congregation holds first worship service in rental space on 112<sup>th</sup> Street E. at 94<sup>th</sup> Street.



## June 1973

Members locate current 5-acre plot on 136<sup>th</sup> Street E. Synod concurs and sells other plot. Land is purchased for \$27,500.

## June 1974

Congregation breaks ground for new building.

## September 1975

New building consisting of current fellowship hall, and educational and administrative pods dedicated.

## November 1977

Congregation leaves LCMS and joins the Lutheran Church in America synod, which merges with others in January 1988 to become the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

## March 1994

Congregation breaks ground for permanent sanctuary.

## March 1995

Members dedicate sanctuary with a seating capacity of 472.



## January 2007

Congregation approves Long Range Planning Committee document calling for facility enlargement. Building and Construction Finance committees are organized.

## June 2008

Congregation approves hiring Enrichment Group to guide a three-year capital campaign that begins in September.

## Winter 2008/2009

Building Committee and Pilgrim Board present proposed building enlargement/enhancement plan.

# Serving Christ on South Hill

## Worship and Music

Pilgrim Lutheran's two pastors, aided by numerous volunteers, gather us for two Services on Sunday mornings: 8 A.M. for **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion twice a month, children's sharing, special music, choirs; and 11 A.M. for **Contemporary Worship** with Holy Communion twice a month, song leaders, praise band and children's sharing. Additional **Special Services** include Rally Day, Sunday Night Vespers, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve and Day, Mid-week Lenten services, Holy Week worship and Music Sunday.



## Growth and Teaching



Throughout the school year we hold **Sunday School** for preschool-6th grade, **Confirming Faith** for 7th-9th grades, **Coffee Talk** for fellowship and devotions for youth, and **Adult Education** including Bible studies, and topical issues. **Mid-Week** educational opportunities include the Living Way Bible study, a pastor-led study on Tuesday mornings, various small group in-home studies, and **En Fuego Youth Night** on Wednesdays. The **Little Pilgrims Preschool** is in session from September through May, and **Vacation Bible School** is held for one week each summer.

## Care and Support

Pilgrim sponsors numerous **care, mutual support, fun and fellowship** activities: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), Knit, Purl, Pray & Crochet Circle, seniors Lunch Bunch and exercise group, Grief Group, DEAR Book Club, Men's Breakfast, Lenten Soup gatherings, seasonal get-togethers, Kingdom Weekend adult retreats, and special youth functions. Most of these use Pilgrim facilities.



## Community Outreach



Our church is utilized for a variety of functions that either **invite our neighbors** in or **benefit the community** in other ways. For example, Pilgrim hosts weddings, memorial services, receptions, concerts and other such functions throughout the year. During the holidays, food and gifts are collected, stored, and prepared for distribution to needy families. Kid Reach (a weekly tutoring session for struggling local students), scout programs, Al-Anon, and a writers' group routinely meet here, and congregational members organize participation in the annual Relay for Life cancer fundraising/education program from the premises.

# Our Vision for Mission Enhancement:

- ◆ Free the sanctuary for a possible **third worship service** during the education hour on Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Recapture the **fellowship** hall for its originally intended use.
- ◆ Grant the **Sunday School** sufficient classrooms on site for all age groups, allowing for growth in attendance, and space for a variety of activities.
- ◆ Foster the continued vigor of the **Little Pilgrim's Preschool** by allocating larger, more appropriate spaces for its use.
- ◆ Dedicate space for the **Family and Youth Program** to accommodate Sunday School, En Fuego, Agua Viva and small groups with ease. The program alone will find many uses for the multipurpose building—worship events, education, all-nighters, after-school programs, and retreats. The mission: to attract families and youth who will find a safe, welcoming place for fellowship and nurturing.
- ◆ Enable expansion of **Health Ministries** to include additional services (weekly lunch program, social and educational programs, senior foot care), community dinners for the homeless, maintaining a store of health-related goods (wheelchairs, clothing, blankets and school supplies), and hosting health conferences.
- ◆ Furnish **hospitality** to gatherings in both the fellowship hall and the multipurpose space through a shared modern kitchen.
- ◆ Confirm our commitment to the **music program** by providing the choirs and musicians adequate practice and storage space.
- ◆ Achieve more **flexibility in scheduling** of meetings and events by removing the choke points created by current space constraints.
- ◆ Enhance the essential **support of the administrative staff** by updating electrical and telephonic circuitry, employing new technology, improving security, and adding office and storage space. Provide a welcoming reception area.



**The outcome of the Grateful Hearts Campaign will determine how and when to proceed with the Master Plan.**

# *Master Plan: \$4.8 million in 2011 dollars*

## Section I - 12,810 square feet

To meet both projected growth in numbers, and the increasing needs of our diverse missions, our congregation intends to enlarge and enhance Pilgrim's physical space. Doing so will enable us to add a worship service on Sunday morning while simultaneously conducting Sunday School, and gathering in fellowship. Additional classrooms and dedicated space for preschool and youth activities will free fellowship space for day and evening use.

Add Space and Update Fellowship Hall:

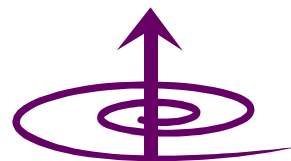
- 10 classrooms
  - Sunday School/Preschool (dual use rooms)
  - Jr. and Sr. High
  - Potential to combine two classrooms in the future to create lecture hall/music practice room
- Multipurpose room
- 2 Offices
  - Sunday School/Preschool
  - Family and Youth
- Expanded nursery and family/mothers' rooms
- Restrooms
- Kitchen to serve multipurpose and existing fellowship rooms
- Storage areas

## Section 2 - 6,700 square feet

To be more welcoming, provide more space for supporting our ministries, improve security, and become more environmentally sound, we intend to remove the current office wing and replace it with the spaces outlined below:

Replace Office Wing and Expand Narthex:

- Expanded narthex with welcome center counters/reception area
- 6 Offices
  - Pastors
  - Other staff
- Reception desk/waiting area
- Dividable board room/large class
- Fireside room
- Parent and Green room
- Large workroom







# Campaign Goals

**Celebration  
Goal:**

**\$2,800,000**

**Challenge  
Goal:**

**\$2,200,000**



**Cornerstone  
Goal:**

**\$1,300,000**

## How We'll Reach Our Challenge Goal

# of Gifts	Amount	Total	Cumulative Total
1	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
2	\$75,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$275,000.00
4	\$60,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$515,000.00
6	\$45,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$785,000.00
8	\$30,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$1,025,000.00
10	\$24,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$1,265,000.00
12	\$18,000.00	\$216,000.00	\$1,481,000.00
16	\$12,000.00	\$192,000.00	\$1,673,000.00
20	\$9,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$1,853,000.00
24	\$6,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$1,997,000.00
30	\$3,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$2,087,000.00
40	\$1,500.00	\$60,000.00	\$2,147,000.00
77	\$360 - \$900	\$53,000.00	\$2,200,000.00
250			\$2,200,000.00

# Responding to God's Call

**Pray**

**Listen**

**Commit**

**Celebrate**

As God guides you, make your commitment to the “**Grateful Hearts**” campaign for the next three years. Everyone’s precious gifts are needed. Working together, we will provide facilities for the growing ministries of Pilgrim Lutheran, and discover joy in our serving.

*“On every Lord’s Day you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.”*

I Corinthians 16:2

## Not Equal Gifts, but Equal Sacrifice

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME	Approximate <u>Monthly</u> Commitment Proportionate to Income			
	15%	10%	7%	6%
300,000	3,750.00	2,500.00	1,750.00	1,500.00
250,000	3,125.00	2,083.00	1,458.00	1,250.00
200,000	2,500.00	1,668.00	1,168.00	1,000.00
150,000	1,875.00	1,250.00	875.00	750.00
125,000	1,565.00	1,040.00	730.00	625.00
110,000	1,375.00	920.00	642.00	550.00
90,000	1,125.00	750.00	525.00	450.00
75,000	940.00	625.00	440.00	375.00
60,000	750.00	500.00	350.00	300.00
50,000	630.00	420.00	300.00	250.00
45,000	565.00	380.00	270.00	225.00
40,000	500.00	340.00	240.00	200.00
35,000	440.00	295.00	205.00	175.00
30,000	375.00	250.00	175.00	150.00
25,000	315.00	210.00	150.00	125.00
20,000	250.00	167.00	117.00	100.00
15,000	188.00	125.00	88.00	75.00
10,000	125.00	83.00	58.00	50.00

## Commitment Worksheet

The gifts we bring from grateful hearts to this campaign are not leftovers, but significant gifts. This worksheet may help you determine your contribution.

- A. From capital funds (savings, insurance, stock, property) A. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. From future anticipated income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 3 years = B. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total 3-year gift C. \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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