

Calvary

Lutheran Church



DEAR MEMBERS

The next several weeks will be an important time in the life of our church family as we begin our second *Building on a Mission* Appeal.

Our *2007 Building Appeal goal* is to raise \$225,000 or more, in gifts and three-year pledges to reduce our \$383,000 building mortgage.

Building on a Mission – Continuing the Journey is the theme of our 2007 Building Appeal. We have seen God at work in recent years in the growth of our congregation and the expansion of Christ's mission among us with the completion of our new sanctuary. This Appeal will help us strengthen the ministry that God has given us here at Calvary, even as we are led into an exciting future.

Details of our Appeal will be presented at worship services, in meetings and through mailings. Campaign efforts will culminate on Celebration Sunday, March 18,

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when each of us will be asked to bring our three-year Building Appeal pledge to worship.

Please pray for God's presence during this important time in the life of Calvary Lutheran Church, that we might respond with generous hearts and grow in faith, love, and service. Together, we can embrace the ministry as we continue the journey to "Build on a Mission."

Sincerely in Christ,

Kirk Rodman Ernie Erickson
General Chair General Chair

Matt Jorgensen Dick Witte
General Chair General Chair

James Gordon
Pastor

JANUARY
2007

BUILDING APPEAL TIMETABLE

FEBRUARY 15 - 6:00 P.M.

Advance Visitor Training

FEBRUARY 27 - 6:00 P.M.

Phone Caller Training

FEB. 28 - MARCH 11

Phone Callers make telephone contacts with members.

MARCH 9

Invitation to Give brochure, pledge card and return enveloped mailed.

MARCH 18

Celebration Weekend: pledges received at worship services. (Watch for further details)

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APPEAL LEADERSHIP

TEAM ESTABLISHED

March 2004 we started our financial journey to raise the funds for our new sanctuary. Had we known who we would meet along the way, we probably would have started sooner. Now that we have the building we need to insure that our children and their children will be able to afford our dream. This church will continue its mission to its members and community thanks to a congregation that cares and serves.

- Kirk Rodman

The Leadership Team for Calvary's Second Building Appeal is off to an enthusiastic start, with many members of the congregation committed to the task of responding to the opportunities that God has given us.

The Appeal itself will include many elements: prayer, personal visits, mailings, and telephone contacts. Our Appeal will culminate on Celebration on Sunday, March 18.

Members of the Leadership Team are listed below. We ask that you recognize these dedicated individuals by thanking them for volunteering their time and by support their efforts. Please include them in your prayers.

The basic structure of the Appeal is in place. However, the involvements of many more members will be needed to make this a successful effort. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering your time by responding positively when asked to serve by a member of the Leadership Team.



*Building Appeal General Chairs (left to right): Kirk Rodman, Ernie Erickson, Matt Jorgensen
Missing from the picture: Dick Witte*

MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

GENERAL CHAIRPERSONS

Kirk Rodman
Ernie Erickson
Matt Jorgensen
Dick Witte

ADVANCE LEADERS

Mike & Deb Bemis
John & Karen Gaier
Roni Kaczor-Smith
Jana Marden
Tim Rueth

SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Terry Giles
Ken Van Dam

TELEPHONE LEADERS

Brian Kunze
Jan Gordon
Carter Krueger
Corrine Witte

PUBLICITY LEADERS

Pastor Gordon
Lois Kieser
Bobbie Saracoff
Dee Zimmerman

EVENT LEADERS

Peggy Erickson
Nancy Rodman
Jodi Rueth

APPEAL SECRETARY

Sandy Thoma

PASTOR

Jim Gordon

Building on a Mission - Continuing the Journey

After an initial meeting in 2001, surveys, committee meetings, congregational votes, Capital appeal, and much praying, in April of 2005 we were prepared to build a new church facility. Our prayer was to expand God mission in the community. In June 2005 Mission Builders of the ELCA sent us six dedicated, invaluable couples to help pray, use blueprints, dig, pound, pray, direct volunteers, share at our tables, told us when and where to climb, sweep, paint, stain, sand, and we all REJOICED!!!

In September we were more excited to see the structure close to completion, but we sadly said good-bye to the Mission Builder friends. God provided talent in our congregation to continue leading the many volunteers to complete the structure by working and praying together.

In December the finished project connected the fellowship hall with a new large sanctuary and narthex. There is an overhead canopy, plenty of parking, and room for Sunday school and fellowship. We are now handicap assessable. Our first worship to the Glory of our Lord in the new sanctuary was Christmas Eve 2005. REJOICE!!

So much love, answer to prayer, and togetherness has given us this wonderful building to the Glory of Gods' name. The final cost of the church, including all the donated items, was \$922,500 and our loan balance is only \$383,000.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

THE GOAL OF THIS SECOND APPEAL:

The goal of this appeal is to secure three-year commitments of **\$225,000 or more.**

THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECOND APPEAL:

- ◆ **\$97,000** towards mortgage payments of \$2,695 per month, over the next 3 years (36 payments).
- ◆ **\$113,000** to reduce mortgage principal, which would save us \$131,000 in interest, and take 84 payments off the life of the loan. By reducing the principal, our loan will be paid off in 12 years instead of 19 years.
- ◆ **\$15,000** to complete the fellowship hall which includes building the storage area/choir closet and redecorating.

Calvary Lutheran Church is the support group of my faith and I am honored to be a part of the Building on a Mission Appeal. Boldly, let us move forward with Faith, Hope, and Love.

- Ernie Erickson

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Our Call to

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Calvary Lutheran is our church family. I am excited to do my part to further our mission within the church and in the community.

- Matt Jorgensen

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts! My soul longs,
indeed it faints for the courts of
the LORD; my heart and my flesh
sing for joy to the living God.*

Psalm 84:1-2

We have completed a full year now in our new facilities, and yet I still have a feeling of awe, gratitude, humility, and reverence each time I enter through it's doors. May we never take for granted the many gifts, time, labor, love, and dedication that made this building possible. I truly feel God's presence, and I hope that you do too.

This project has drawn us together, lifted us up in faith, and given us the space we need for fellowship and ministry. As we think ahead to our next 3 year commitment, I ask you to join me and your Leadership Team in making this another successful appeal. Your generosity has already made dreams come true. Your continued support will be a blessing far into the future.

- Pastor Gordon