

Campaign Messenger

Gather and Grow

May 6

Leadership Gifts Needed and Received

In order to succeed in our Gather and Grow campaign, we will need both a substantial number of givers, along with a few fairly

substantial gifts to the campaign.

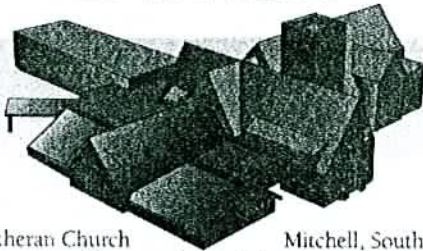
As you know, a group of our volunteers is currently working hard to gather these leadership gifts to the campaign.

We are pleased to announce that many parishioners have already made

significant gifts to the campaign. In fact, we have already raised \$660,750 from just 39 donors.

As you consider your gift to the campaign, we ask that you follow their example and consider a sacrificial gift that will help ensure our campaign's success.

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First Lutheran Church

Mitchell, South Dakota

And Grow

Additional Creative Giving Seminars Scheduled

For those who have an interest in learning about the many different ways that gifts can be made to our campaign, especially as an addition to or an alternative to gifts of cash, we have scheduled an additional "Creative Giving Seminar" Sunday, May 13.

This session will be held in the Conference Room during the Sunday School hour. Various creative gifts such as gifts of stock, real estate

and personal property, life insurance policies and gifts through a person's will by bequest will be more fully explained and explored.

In short, come find out about the many different ways that you can make gifts - gifts that are often larger and more beneficial than you ever thought possible.

Consider attending the "Creative Giving Seminar" if you would like to learn more about giving options.

Upcoming Events

Creative Giving Seminar
May 13

Commitment Sunday
May 20

Celebration Sunday
June 17

Volunteer News

Names in bold are new volunteers who recently joined our ranks.

Rube & Pat Adam
Delvon & Jean Ammon
Anne Anderson
Ed & Eileen Anderson
Eleanor Asmus
Dave & Pat Astrup
Keith & Glynn Bartels
Jack & Lori Baye
Doug & Geri Beck
John & Deanna Bennett
Ray & Kristin Birkenkamp
Kermit Black
Darrell Bolen
John & Connie Bush
Phyllis Bush
Scott & Mary Callies
Marlyn & Corinne Christensen
Jeff & Deb Clark
Jim Davies
Rod Deinert &
Leah Christensen
Mark & Rebecca Deinert
Kevin & Julie Doorn
Marin & Lila Eilts
John & Nancy Erck
Don & Donna Fitzler
Marilyn Forst
Kenneth & Joyce Freeman
Pamela Fristad
Elmer & Marlene Gerlach

Richard & Pat Goldammer
Jerry & Heather Grabenstein
Dirk & Constanze Hagmaier
Noel & Janet Hamiel
Eric & Kari Hammer
Daryl & Janet Heckenlaible
Mary Ann Hetland
Paul & Deanna Hetland
Brian & Chris Hildebrandt
Merv Iverson
Dusty & Jacqueline Johnson
David & Karen Jorgenson
Norman & Sandra Knickrehm
Lloyd & Bernice Kucker
Eric & Becky Larson
Gary Mentzel
LeAnne Messer
Lee & Renee Michael
Ada Miller
Cheryl Miller & Ken Pufpaff
Bob & Gail Mueller
David & Diana Olson
Steve & Kathy Otterby
Steve & Jill Pociask

Join our growing corps of volunteers! Volunteers are key to our campaign's success. Please say "yes" to our request for your volunteer support or call the campaign office and say you'd be happy to help.

Tom & Ann Rasmusson
Norma Rew
Steve & Deb Rice
Terry & Fran Rietveld
Gretchen Rich
Mike & Susan Sejnoha
Bob & Sharon Scott
Merlin & Derrick Smith
Fred & Dorothy Stahl
Wade & Jody Strand
Lennie & Sue Stule
Terry & Cynthia Torgerson
Ryan & Kellie Tupper
Earl & Barb Vandever
Tim & Linda Van Pelt
Dorla Verhey
Nathan & Jill Weber
Mark & Michelle White
Bob & Ann Wilson
Robert & Laurie Young
Wade & Becky Ziegeldorf
Dick & Carol Ziegler
Wayne & Bonnie Witzel

Questions and Answers

Q: In the solicitation letters being delivered there is a specific dollar amount many of our members are being asked for. Is this an amount that we are "expected" to contribute?

A: That figure is a "**hoped for**" amount. It is in no way an "**expected**" amount from any one. It may be more than what you are comfortable with or less than you are able or willing to contribute. We only ask that you prayerfully consider this amount and do the best that you can. The decision is yours and **whatever** you decide to contribute will be **graciously accepted** and **gratefully appreciated**.

Q: I question raising the glass lobby floor to eliminate steps to the sanctuary. We will need 3 ramps, or steps — north, south and office wing.

A: The Building Committee will meet in the coming weeks and the issue of raising the glass lobby floor along with other building plan details will be discussed with the architect. A consensus decision will be reached by the Building Committee and recommendations will be presented to the congregation.

If you have a question about the campaign, please fill out a Question Card and drop it in the box located in the church. You can also contact the parish for more information or questions on the campaign.



Campaign Purpose and Goals

The main purpose of our campaign is to raise the funds required to build a new Family Life Center which will include a new Fellowship Hall, added Gathering

Space, improved entrances and exits, a new elevator, added Sunday school rooms and canopied entrance to the new Family Life welcome Center.

Minimum Goal
\$ 1,000,000

Ultimate Goal
\$ 2,000,000

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be... Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

Luke 12:32-48

Chart of Gifts Needed

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this chart of gifts illustrates:

Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum	Given	Total Pledged
\$400,000 or more	1	\$400,000	0	\$0
\$200,000-399,999	2	\$400,000	0	\$0
\$100,000-199,999	4	\$400,000	2	\$200,000
\$50,000-99,999	4	\$200,000	1	\$50,000
\$20,000-49,999	10	\$200,000	7	\$205,000
\$10,000-19,999	20	\$200,000	14	\$152,000
\$9,999 or less	259	\$200,000	15	\$53,750
TOTAL	300	\$2,000,000	39	\$660,750

Gift Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. And there are a variety of ways that gifts can be made.

Pledges

Pledges payable over 3 years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright and are therefore essential to meeting our goal. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward your total pledge is also encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider gifts "in kind" such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry and antiques.

Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another option you may wish to consider. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now, but will not be received until later, and include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and gifts in trust.

Gift Opportunities

There are also several, specific gift opportunities that exist and give donors of qualifying gift amounts the unique chance to designate their gift to a particular portion of the project and dedicate it in honor or memory of those they choose. These special gift opportunities include:

Building Gifts

Family Life Center (Welcome Center) \$ 500,000

Special Sections and Room Selections

Fellowship Hall/Gathering Space	\$	300,000
Gathering Space	\$	150,000
Canopied Entrance	\$	50,000
Kitchen	\$	75,000
Elevator	\$	75,000
Youth/Quilter's Room	\$	50,000
North Entrance	\$	50,000
Nursery	\$	30,000
Classrooms:		
Large (2)	\$	30,000 ea.
Medium (8) (2 gifted)	\$	20,000 ea.
West Sanctuary Entrance (gifted)	\$	10,000
Parking Space (45)	\$	2,000 ea.



Focus On Giving...



Life Insurance

Donating a gift of life insurance to our campaign can allow you to make a substantial, future gift. Perhaps you have existing policies no longer needed to provide for young children or family members. Those policies can be assigned to the church. There are several ways to make gifts of life insurance to the campaign. You can:

- ◆ Donate a life insurance policy that is not completely paid up.
- ◆ Donate a fully paid policy.
- ◆ Purchase a new variable, whole life or universal life policy and name the church as the beneficiary.

Gifts of life insurance can help insure the future of our church! Contact us for more information on gifts of life insurance.

*The First Lutheran Web page has been updated
See it at www.mitchellfirstlutheran.org*