



CAMPAIGN MESSENGER

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Called to Welcome

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Next Week is Commitment Weekend!

Next weekend, May 19-20, is Commitment Weekend for our critically important *Called to Welcome* campaign. Many volunteers have already been recruited and will soon be tasked with visiting members in their homes and/or by phone starting next Sunday afternoon to more fully explain our campaign effort, to answer people's questions and to invite people to consider their campaign commitment.

So when you are called on, please open your hearts and homes to this dedicated group. Listen thoughtfully to our case and request. Then, please do your part to help make our campaign a success and your very best in the way of a gift. The very future of our faith family depends on peoples' response – on you and what you ultimately decide to do.

If you'd like to save us a call or trip to your home, you can stop by the Activity Center after all of our scheduled services next weekend where many of these same volunteers will be on hand to visit with you there about our campaign and your possible commitment.



“For it is in giving that we receive.”

St. Francis of Assisi

Creative Giving Seminar and Prayer Vigil Planned

Creative Giving Seminar

For those who want to learn about the many and very beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our campaign and church, we are offering another Creative Giving Seminar on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Refreshments will be served, workbooks distributed, and a brief video presentation shown. The video will highlight creative giving's various methods and benefits. A panel of in-house experts will answer your questions and can even help you to arrange creative gifts that fit your interests. So, please plan to attend this seminar if you can.

Prayer Vigil

Starting on Sunday May 20 at 7:15 a.m., we will be hosting a special Prayer Vigil here at church and praying for everyone's generous response to our campaign effort on and after Commitment Weekend.

If you would like to join in this special effort, please come to the Prayer Room any time between 7:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Your prayers are very much needed—please join us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Creative Giving Seminar
Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Upper Room

Commitment Weekend
May 19-20, 2018

Celebration Weekend
June 16-17, 2018

Volunteer News

Thank you to the following people who are already involved in our campaign.

NOTE: This list was updated on May 11. If you believe your name should be on this list, please contact the Campaign Office at 402-488-0919 or email called2welcome@flclincoln.org.

Bennett Bacon	Barbara Johnson Frank	Madalyn Popken	Harold & Gay Sutter
Judy Bailey	Donice Kaspar	Matt Reckmeyer	Tom Tiedgen
Bob & Judy Batterman	Norman & Sylvia Kempf	Lee Rockwell	Dave & Cindy Timperley
Tera Beermann	Carl & Nina Kramer	Shirley Rogge	Tracy Way
Jim Bohl	Andy & Terry Kruse	Jim Sandman	Jennifer Wemhoff
Mary Brass	Terry & Cindy Lander	Clint & Megahn Schafer	Jerry & Robin Westhoff
Dale & Nancy Clay	George Lemke	Cindy Schuster	Al & Kristy Williams
Gene Cotter	Steve & Karen Lenzen	Jay & Linda Sears	
Steve & Gloria Eicher	Cindy Lilleoien	Bill & Jane Shaner	
Bob & Carlene Falos	Tim & Linda Maack	Becca Simley	
Byron & Eunice Fischer	Tyler Mainquist		
Phyllis Frickel	Mike McDannel		
Todd & Kim Hall	Marsha McKinsey		
Bill & Loretta Hammelmann	C. Richard Morris		
Patrick Hayden-Roy	Brian & Erin Niebuhr		
Linda Hinkle	Sam Olson		
Bill & Nancy Hoppner	Jon & Karen Peppmuller		
Steve & Kim Janssen	Lyle Petersen		
John Jenkins			



**“But let our people too,
learn to devote themselves
to good works,
to supply urgent needs,**

*“Volunteers
are unpaid,
not because
they are
worthless,
but because
they are
priceless.”*

Anonymous

Will All in Favor of a Better Church Please Lend Us a Hand?



**Many hands make for light work.
Volunteering for our Capital Campaign promises
to be good time without taking a lot of time.**

Volunteering to work on our Capital Campaign will be “hands down” a great experience. You’ll get the chance to work with many good people. And you’ll be helping to raise funds for a needed and worthy cause. It will be a rewarding effort in many ways and is easier than you think. So, please lend a hand to our campaign—you’ll be helping to assure both a successful campaign and an even better church.

To volunteer contact our Campaign Office at:

402-488-0919 or called2welcome@flclincoln.org

Financial News

Our *Called to Welcome* campaign's purpose is to raise the funds required to implement a building project focusing on accessibility and living out our welcoming statement.

A *minimum goal* of \$2,500,000 has been established, which will enable us to create a welcoming and accessible entry and worship spaces.

A *challenge goal* of \$3,500,000 also has been set which, if met, will enable us to provide a suitable number of appropriately sized restrooms within our facility and address the safety and efficiency of our kitchen.

Finally, reaching our *ultimate goal* of \$4,500,000 will enable us to create a safe, accessible, and welcoming education wing and completely finish our project.

Minimum Goal

\$2,500,000

Challenge Goal

\$3,500,000

Ultimate Goal

\$4,500,000

Gifts Needed and Received

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 Needed	Given	Total Pledged
\$600,000 or more	1	\$600,000	0	\$0
\$300,000–599,999	2	\$600,000	0	\$0
\$150,000–299,999	4	\$600,000	1	\$150,000
\$100,000–149,999	6	\$600,000	2	\$200,000
\$50,000–99,999	12	\$600,000	7	\$375,000
\$25,000–49,999	24	\$600,000	8	\$237,200
\$10,000–24,999	60	\$600,000	30	\$409,840
Less than \$10,000	126	\$300,000	33	\$145,510
TOTAL	235	\$4,500,000	81	\$1,517,550

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God has bestowed on you.”

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Giving Options

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

Pledges

Pledges payable over three years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright, and are therefore essential to meeting our goal and potential. 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 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 *in kind* gifts 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. They include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities and gifts in trust.

“As each one has
received a gift, use it
to serve one another
as good stewards of
God’s varied grace.”

1 PETER 4:10

Giving Opportunities

There are many special giving opportunities available to donors of qualifying gift amounts. These giving opportunities show donors what different gift levels will enable the church to do. They also offer donors the unique chance to dedicate a gift in honor or memory of someone special.

New Entry Opportunities

Portico	\$ 600,000
Gathering and Welcoming Area	\$ 300,000

Kitchen Opportunities

Kitchen	\$ 500,000
Kitchen Equipment	\$ 75,000
Kitchen Storage	\$ 10,000
Kitchen Pantry	\$ 10,000

Sanctuary Opportunities

Sanctuary	\$ 500,000
Choir Area	\$ 250,000
Chancel Area	\$ 100,000
Altar	\$ 75,000
Sacristy	\$ 50,000
Pulpit	\$ 25,000
Baptismal Font	\$ 10,000
Pew (20)	\$ 5,000 each
Choir Chair (60)	\$ 1,000 each

Special Sections and Selections

Nursery	\$ 50,000
Adult Ed/Choir Practice/Bride’s Room	\$ 50,000
Mother’s Room	\$ 25,000
Restroom (5)	\$ 25,000 each

Item prices are not necessarily reflective of their costs but, rather, are based on the item’s prominence, our needs, and our community’s gift abilities. Although these gift contributions may be made over the three-year giving period, recognition will be given when the gift is received in full.

Gift donors will have their names or the names of those they honor commemorated in some special way, as will all campaign donors.

We need a broad base
of support and a few fairly
substantial gifts in order to assure
our campaign’s success.

Now, not everyone is in a
position to make one of these top
tier gifts (like those listed under
Giving Opportunities). But if you
can, do what others can’t.

Then watch in awe at our
wondrous results.

Wondrous Results Require Top Tier Gifts

