

What is the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011* Appeal?

Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011 is a congregation-wide effort by the members of David's Star Lutheran Church to raise the funds needed to complete a program of building new space, renovations, and accessibility.

How much money do we hope to raise?

Our initial goal in this Appeal is at least \$2,000,000 with a Challenge Goal of \$2,500,000 or more.

Providing financial support for our ministries in 2009 must continue to be the priority for our giving. Contributions to the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011* Appeal need to be OVER and ABOVE our weekly offerings for current expenses.

The Master Building Plan for the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011* will provide for:

- A New Narthex
- A Connector Between the Church and the School
- New School Classrooms
- New Administration Offices
- School Remodeling
- Places for Adult Bible Study

What are we asking members to consider giving in this new Appeal?

Ultimately this decision can only be made through prayer. However, we can offer these suggestions to guide your giving decisions:

- *For those who made a commitment in the first Our Foundation...Built on the Rock Appeal*, we ask you to consider at least renewing and hopefully *increasing* your commitment.
- *For those who did not participate in the first Our Foundation...Built on the Rock Appeal*, we ask you to consider a gift which will match your existing giving. For example, if you are giving \$30 per week in regular offerings for the general operating

expenses of the church, would you consider giving an additional \$30 per week to the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011* Appeal for the three-year commitment period?

- *Pacesetter Gift* - If financially possible, we hope you will pray and consider making a Pacesetter Gift of \$5,000 to \$24,999 given during the next three years.
- *Major Gift* - For those who are financially blessed, we hope you consider a Major Gift of \$25,000 - \$250,000 or more.
- *Giving From Your Assets* - Besides cash, you may contribute gifts of stock, property, life insurance and other securities.

Is there a *Matching Gift* program available in this Campaign?

Yes! There are two matching gift possibilities for the school portion of our project:

- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Your employer (see the enclosed pamphlet of companies with matching gift programs)

Check the line on your commitment card if you have interest in either of these programs and you will be contacted by the church with details.

How can I make my gifts to the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011* Appeal?

Each household is asked to prayerfully consider making a one-time Kick-Off Gift and a three-year gift commitment. Kick-Off Gifts are given at the time you make your three-year commitment. Kick-Off Gifts are not the first payment on your three-year commitment, but a Commitment Weekend one-time cash initial gift for the Appeal.

You may fulfill your three-year Building Fund commitment by making gift installments weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

What will happen at the end of this three-year commitment period?

In three years, we will reevaluate our congregation's financial responsibilities. Depending upon our needs, we may ask members to consider renewing their commitments. If our current Appeal is successful and gift commitments are fulfilled, we will be in the strongest possible position three years from now.

The following giving table may be helpful in planning your gifts. Here's how a weekly gift can grow over a three-year period.

A PLAN FOR GIVING	
A Weekly Gift of:	Amounts to a 3-year Gift of
\$480	\$75,000
320	50,000
150	23,400
100	15,600
70	10,920
50	7,800
40	6,240
30	4,680
25	3,900
20	3,120
15	2,340
10	1,560

Are my gifts tax deductible?

Yes, gifts are tax deductible if you itemize your contributions when filing your tax return. If you have questions about the tax implications of your gift, please consult your tax advisor.

May I make a gift other than cash?

Besides cash, you may contribute gifts of stock, property, life insurance and other securities. Please contact your tax advisor for further information.

May we encourage friends of David's Star Lutheran Church to make a building fund gift?

Yes, if you would like to encourage a friend, relative or former member to make a commitment or a one-time gift, please do so. If you would like us to mail them a brochure and commitment card, please give the name and address to our Resource Coordinator, Diane Grueneberg at 262/377-7593.

INVITATION-TO-GIVE

What Is It?

You may ask: “What do I need to consider giving so we can achieve our Campaign goals?” This is a question you will need to take to God in prayer. We can, however, say something about what will be needed to achieve our goals.

Every member will receive an **Invitation-to-Give** letter. The letter suggests a variety of gift options we hope you will prayerfully consider when making your gift decisions.

Although each of the gift options is challenging, receiving gifts within all of these gift options is necessary if we are to reach our goals.

We believe we have the right and the responsibility to make our own decisions. We also know God is at work in our lives helping us grow in our faith and generosity. Therefore, prayer is essential.

What Are Some Giving Considerations?

- 1 Renewed Gift** - If you have been giving to the first *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock Appeal*, we ask you to at least renew your gift and hopefully *increase* your financial commitment for the next three years.
- 2 Matching Gift** - If yours is a new commitment, as a starting point, we ask you to pray and consider a Matching Gift. A Matching Gift means doubling your current giving over the next three years. For example, if you are currently giving \$30 a week (\$1,560 a year) to our church’s ministry, would you pray and consider giving an additional \$30 a week to the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011 Appeal* for a three-year commitment total of \$4,680?
- 3 Pacesetter Gift** - If financially possible, we hope you will pray and consider making a Pacesetter Gift of \$5,000 to \$24,999 given during the next three years.
- 4 Major Gift** - We invite members who have been financially blessed to pray and consider making a Major Gift to the *Our Foundation...Built on the Rock, 2009-2011 Campaign* of \$25,000 - \$250,000 or more.

To meet our Campaign goals we need everyone to respond as generously as possible, asking God: “What do you want to do through me to accomplish your will for David’s Star Lutheran Church?”