



FORWARD IN FAITH

150th Anniversary Initiative
Immanuel Lutheran Church



Immanuel Lutheran Church will celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2014.

As we reflect on how God has worked through Immanuel in the past, we also look to the future and imagine how God is calling us to live in Christ as faithful disciples who share the Gospel in the Valparaiso community.



Our Vision: **FORWARD IN FAITH**

As we approach our 150th anniversary, we celebrate well-established ministries which bring the love of Christ to others – meaningful worship, inspiring music, Christ-centered school, successful food pantry, foreign and domestic mission trips, and caring visitation ministry – to name a few. As we move forward in faith, we will strive to ensure that these ministries not only continue, but grow – reaching more people with more depth and quality. In addition, we want to reach out with the Gospel in new ways that welcome people into our church and help all of us to continue to grow as faithful disciples of Jesus. One key to strengthening current ministry and reaching out in new ways is to retire our \$1.5 million mortgage.

Moving Forward in Faith Requires: **PEOPLE**

We will compensate our staff according to appropriate standards, so that we affirm our commitment to those who are committed to leading God's work among us.

Hire a Communications Director (part-time), so that creative ways of communicating both within and outside of Immanuel can be established and continued with excellence.

Estimated cost: \$1.5 million, the amount of our current mortgage. This will free \$162,000 annually, the amount we are currently paying on the mortgage.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1





Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:12



Moving Forward in Faith Requires: FACILITIES

We will update and reconfigure the Gathering Space with new furniture and a "Ministry Center," so that various groups and ministries can set up displays and engage people in participating in an organized and appealing way.

Repair and improve our parking lot by re-surfacing it and enhancing its appearance, so that visitors and members alike may enter and exit safely.

Make other "deferred maintenance" repairs and upgrades, so that our facilities reflect good stewardship.

Improve technology throughout our ministries, so that our staff and school students may have the best available technology tools for learning and serving.

Estimated cost: \$900,000 one time

Where there is no vision the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18



Moving Forward in Faith Requires: PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Good stewardship requires intentional planning for the future. In order to plan for the future some seed money will be set aside.

Estimated Cost: \$50,000, one time

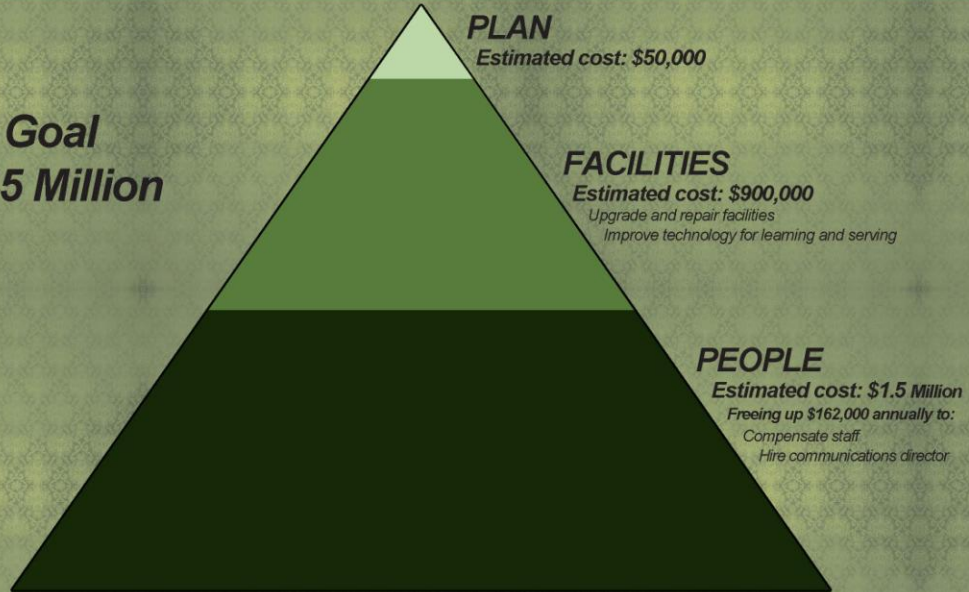
Achieving the Goal of: MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

While our hope is that enhancing our hospitality will result in numerical growth of the church and school, we also recognize that the Holy Spirit blows where it will, and that God gives growth, as Paul so clearly stated, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Accomplishing our vision will plant and water. Our prayer is that God will give the growth as we go Forward in Faith.

Adopted by Congregation Council
October 3, 2011

Using Your Gifts, *Moving Forward in Faith*

Our Goal
\$2.45 Million



Contributions for our three-year campaign are over and above our current giving. The guide is designed to help us meet or exceed our *Forward in Faith* three-year goal. Please study this Giving Guide carefully. For each giving level, the guide indicates the number of gifts of that amount that are needed to meet our goal.

| Achieving our Goal: | | KEY DATES | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Number of Gifts needed | Total amount over Three Years | Using Yours Gifts, <i>Moving Forward in Faith</i> | |
| 3 | \$100,000 (\$33,333 annually) | February 12, 2012 - Forward in Faith Kick-off | |
| 3 | \$75,000 (\$25,000 annually) | <i>Starting in February thru March</i> | |
| 3 | \$50,000 (\$16,666 annually) | You are invited to attend a Tell the Story event | |
| 3 | \$30,000 (\$10,000 annually) | Something for everyone: | |
| 5 | \$20,000 (\$6,666 annually) | Day Spa | |
| 5 | \$15,000 (\$5,000 annually) | Brunch | |
| 10 | \$12,000 (\$4,000 annually) | Lunch | |
| 15 | \$9,000 (\$3,000 annually) | Ice Skating | |
| 25 | \$7,500 (\$2,500 annually) | Brewery Tour | |
| 45 | \$6,000 (\$2,000 annually) | Wine & Cheese Parties | |
| 65 | \$4,500 (\$1,500 annually) | Preschool Family Zumba | |
| 85 | \$3,000 (\$1,000 annually) | March 18, 2012, Commitment Day | |
| 100 | \$1,500 (\$500 annually) | | |
| Many below \$1500 | | | |
| Total | \$2.45 Million | | |