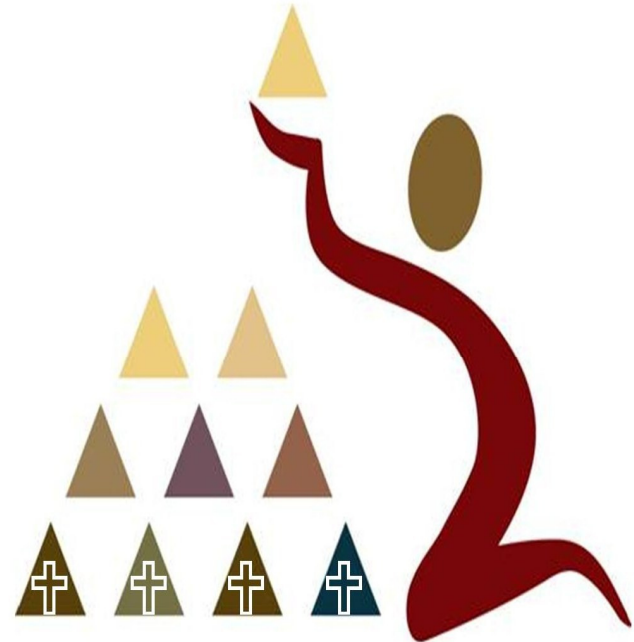


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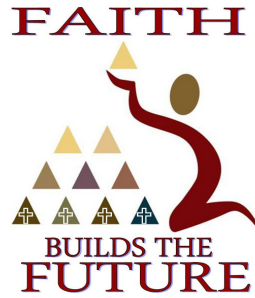
Stewardship Appeal

2009-2011

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Agenda

Introduction and Welcome
Scripture Reflection
Brochure Explanation
Thinking and Planning
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Closing Prayer



Scripture Reflection

- **In his word, our gracious God reminds us of the amazing blessings – both physical and spiritual – he has given us.**
- **He wants every believer to respond joyfully to his grace.**
- **Each member of Faith has the opportunity to respond to our Savior's blessings at a time when it will result in something very tangible – a new church building, built to carry out the Great Commission.**



Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”



Jesus' Great Commission is the basis for our Mission Statement

It is our mission to
strive for spiritual growth,
strengthen one another and
seek the unchurched through the
Word of God and His Sacraments



God says you are...

. . . a redeemed, forgiven sinner

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23



God says you are...

... a new creation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27



God says you are...

. . . a steward of his blessings

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

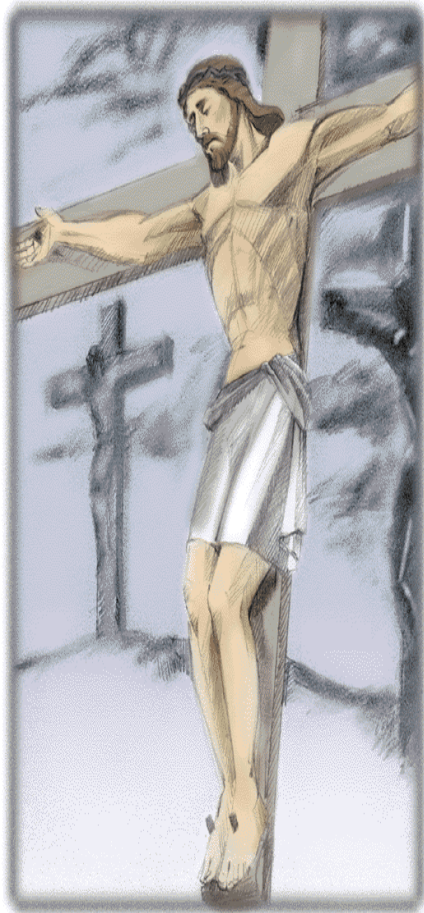
Psalm 24:1

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

Matthew 25:14



God says you are...



... motivated by the sacrifice Jesus made

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15



Our response is....

... one of gratitude for Jesus' forgiveness



For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9



Our response comes...

... from a willing heart

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7





Our response is....

**Thank
Offering**



... **worshiping our Savior
with our offerings**

I will sacrifice a thank
offering to you and call on the
name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:17



Our response is....

... trusting in God's promises

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33



Consider how some of God's people responded with Special Gifts:

Jacob's gift of accumulated assets

Then Jacob made this vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's house, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Genesis 29:20-22



Consider how some of God's people responded with Special Gifts:

Willing Israelites contributed to the building of the Tabernacle

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn; ... olive oil... spices...onyx stones and other gems."

Exodus 25:1-7



Consider how some of God's people responded with Special Gifts:

King David and Israel's leaders for building the Temple

Then King David said to the whole assembly: "...The task is great because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God. With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God"...Then the leaders of families, the officers, ... the commanders, ... and the officials ... gave willingly. They gave toward the work on the temple of God... The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 29:1-9



Consider how some of God's people responded with Special Gifts:

The widow of Zarephath's small cake of bread for Elijah

Elijah said, "First make a small cake of bread for me ... for this is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry...'" She did as Elijah had told her... [and] the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:14-16



Consider how some of God's people responded with Special Gifts:

The Macedonian Christians

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

2 Corinthians 8:1-3



Our opportunity

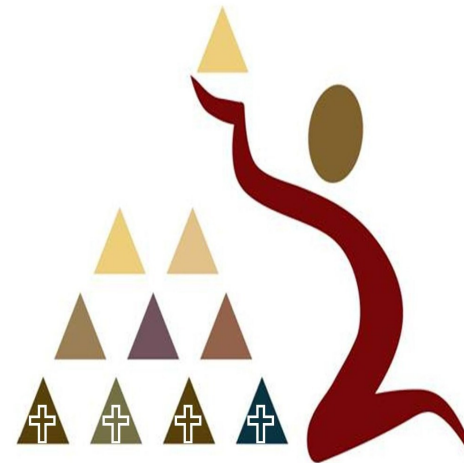
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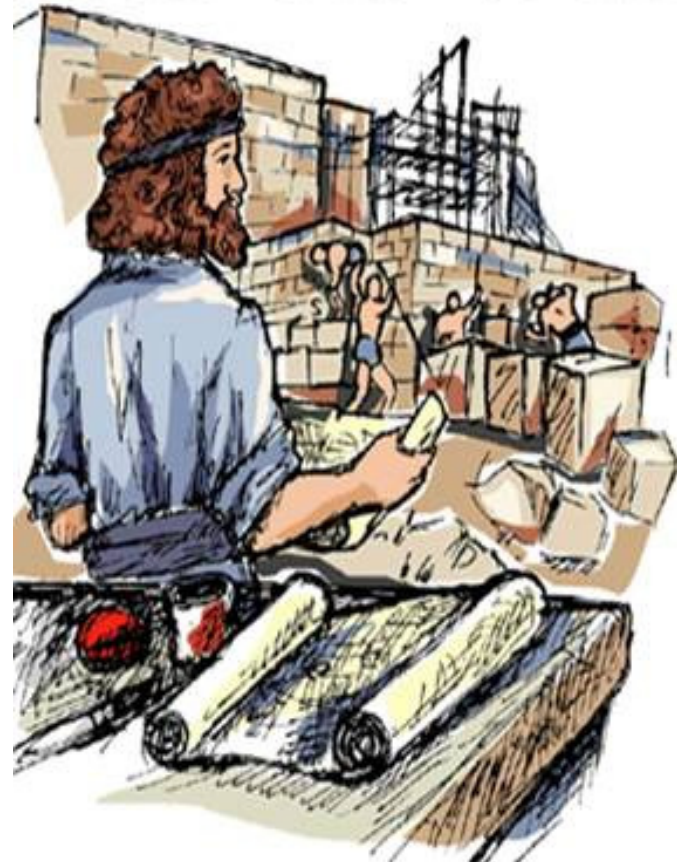


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Our opportunity

The people of Faith now have the opportunity to follow the example of God's people in Scripture.





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3-year Stewardship Appeal (2009-2011)

- Goal of \$175,000 raised over three-year period.
 - Sacrificial gifts.
 - Over and above regular weekly offerings to Faith.
- Funds for this special appeal will go to the building fund in support of a new worship facility.



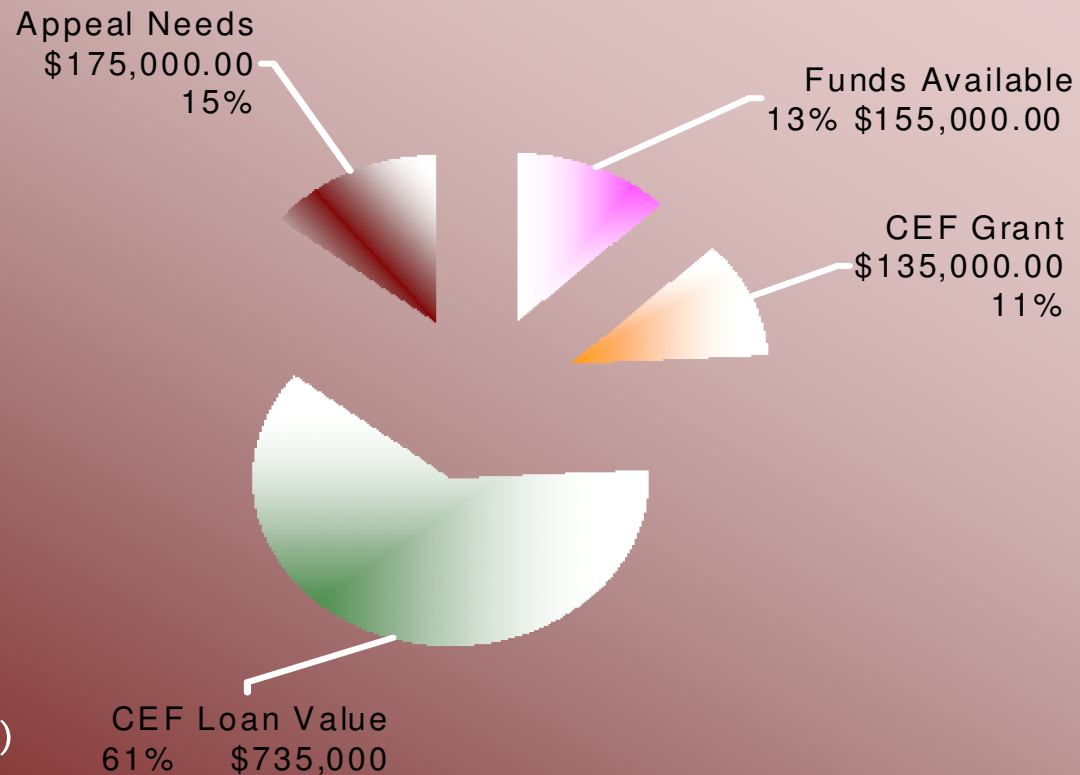
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Estimated amount
needed to complete
our new worship
facility:

Lowest: \$800,000

Highest: \$1,200,000

(This chart is working
from the highest amount.)





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A place for worship, outreach, spiritual growth, and fellowship

- Sanctuary seating 225
- Fellowship area and classroom space for Sunday School
- Office space and conference room
- Total space approximately 7,000-9,000 square feet
- A welcoming place for the community to hear about Jesus
- A Comfortable place for us to grow in God's grace



IMAGINE



Pews in the Sanctuary

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An office space and Sunday School rooms

Room to move around in the fellowship area

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Proposed façade:





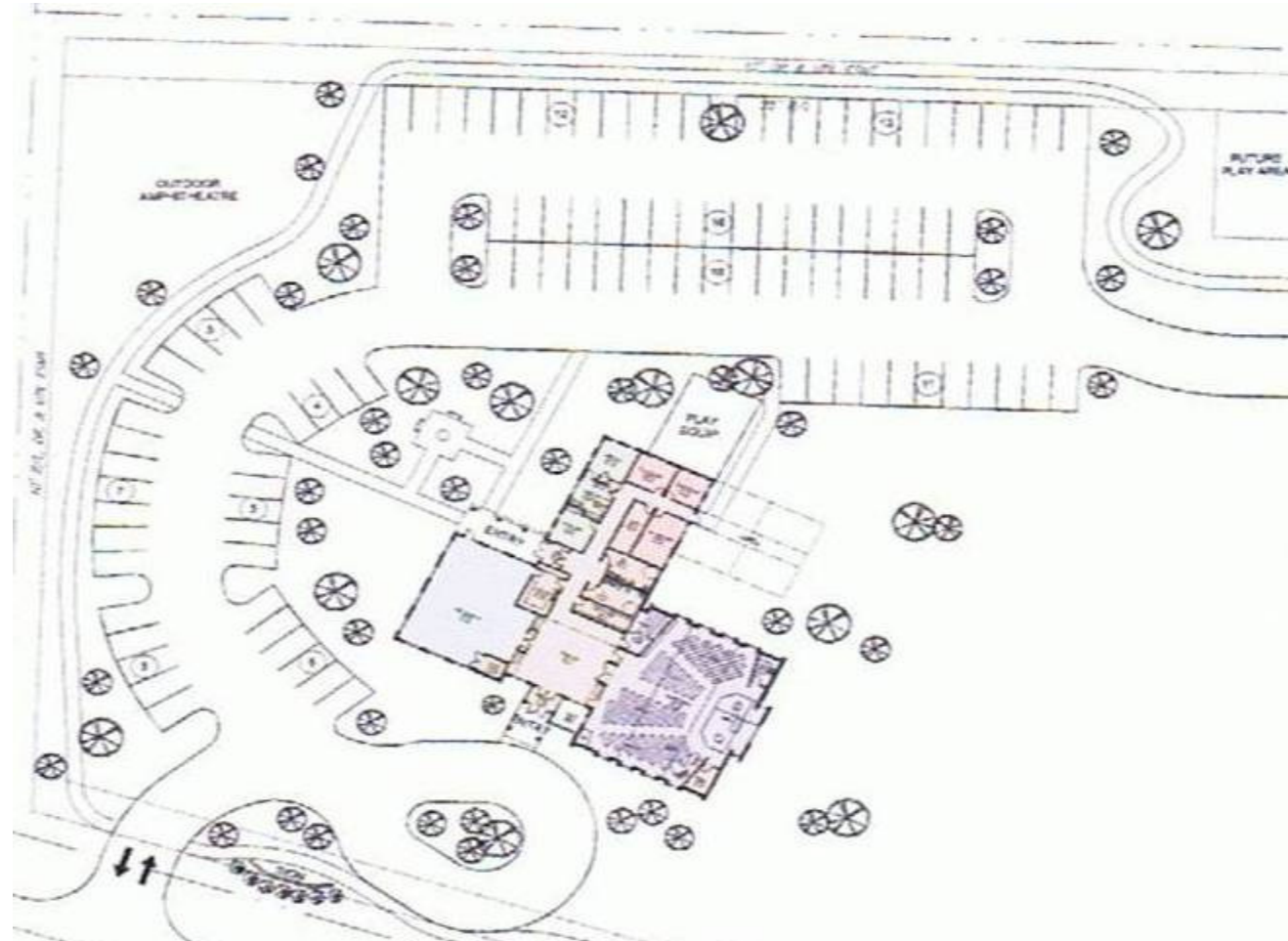
Proposed Floor Plan



18" SPACES = 222 SEATING
24" SPACES = 170 SEATING



Proposed Site Plan





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***Where will the \$175,000
come from????***



Gift Profile for \$175,00 goal (one example of how we can achieve our goal)

# of Gifts	My Weekly Gift of:	My Annual Gift of:	My 3-year Gift of:	Everyone's 3 year Total
				Cumulative
1			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
1			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
1	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 90,600.00
1	\$ 70.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 10,920.00	\$ 101,520.00
1	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 109,320.00
1	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 6,240.00	\$ 115,560.00
4	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 134,280.00
4	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 149,880.00
7	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 171,720.00
8	\$ 10.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 184,200.00
3	\$ 5.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 186,540.00
2	\$ 2.50	\$ 130.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 187,320.00
1	\$ 1.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 187,476.00
35				\$ 187,476.00



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Equal sacrifice,

not equal gifts



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Scriptural principles

Grow in Faith and Generosity

“How can I repay my God for all the Lord’s goodness to me?” **Psalm 116:12**

Sacrificial Giving

“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability.” **2 Corinthians 8:3**



Three options for giving toward this special appeal

Generous Gifts

With prayerful consideration perhaps everyone could consider matching or doubling their current regular giving for their commitment gift to *Faith Builds The Future* over the next three years.

Bountiful Gifts

Those who are in a position to give more, consider prayerfully making a Bountiful gift to *Faith Builds The Future* totaling \$5,000 to \$25,000 over the next three years.

Overflowing Gifts

Those who have been financially blessed are invited to prayerfully consider making a very special gift to *Faith Builds The Future* totaling \$25,000 to \$100,000 over the next three years.



What is a sacrificial gift?

- Gifts over and above first fruits
- A “stretch” beyond our regular weekly gifts
- An act of worship, love, faith and absolute trust
- Giving with our faith in the Lord, that he will guide us



Creative ways to give

- Cable TV = \$50/mo = \$1800 over 3 years
- Dining out once per week = \$50 = \$7800 over 3 yrs
- Delay purchasing a new vehicle
- Donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds
- Utilize a home equity loan



"What will the Pastor give?"

God has blessed Faith with Pastor and Becky Horn, here are two examples of sacrificial giving from them.

- Knowing what the congregation needed in order to qualify for a loan they made a sacrifice of purchasing the parsonage. Because of that purchase Faith paid off \$51,000 in debt and put \$110,000 into the building fund.
- Pastor and Becky plan to make an initial sacrificial gift of \$1,000 with their pledge in December. It is sacrificial because they are making a first fruits gift from their first time home owner's tax rebate. They were going to use all of that money on their house, either to make an extra payment on the mortgage or improvements on the house, but decided after thoughtful prayer and study of God's Word to make a first fruits gift to the Lord and then use the leftovers for the house.



How much shall I give?

- Pray for God's guidance
- Take inventory of how God has blessed you
- Consider which of the options you will choose
- Decide with your heart, not your head



We trust...

- That every member of Faith wants to thank the Lord for countless blessings.
- That every member of Faith wants to participate in this appeal.



Each commitment gift from the members of Faith is directly tied to God's promises

“Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing you will not have room enough for it.”

Malachi 3:10

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work... You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

You will not be able to out give the giver!



Thinking and Planning

As you determine what your Commitment Gift will be, consider these things:

SACRIFICE

What does “Sacrifice” mean to you? Your three-year Commitment should be built on a personal definition of sacrifice.

REFLECTION

What are you willing to do or do without? How can you show your love to Jesus with your gift and effort? Seek to translate “Sacrifice” into a “Plan of Action.”

AMOUNT

What kind of commitment will your sacrificial efforts generate during the next three years?



Thinking and Planning

Consider your gift from as many areas as possible:

INCOME

How much can you budget from your income to give over and above your regular offerings to Faith.

TIME AND TALENTS

What can you do or invest during the next three years to generate additional income?

ASSETS

What item of value do you own that you could give back to the Lord? For example: real estate, stocks and bonds or mutual funds, CD's, crops, cattle, antiques, collectibles, artwork, etc.

INCOME-PRODUCING ASSETS

What income could you dedicate from rental properties, securities, certificates of deposit, interest bearing accounts, etc.



Thinking and Planning

FIRST FRUIT OFFERINGS

First fruits mean the first and best of everything a Christian gives out of thanksgiving for what God has given them. First fruits can apply to both regular offerings as well as special offerings.

Current "First Fruit Offerings" to Faith Lutheran Church:

\$_____ per week/month _____ % of budget

Total yearly "First Fruit Offerings" to Faith:

\$_____ annually _____ % of budget

Does this reflect my love and gratitude for what Jesus has done for me? ___ Yes ___ No

A SACRIFICIAL GIFT TO "FAITH BUILDS THE FUTURE" APPEAL

Option I I could match or increase my regular offerings. From my household budget I could contribute \$_____ per month for an annual gift of \$_____ over a three year period, over and above my regular offerings.



Thinking and Planning

Option II I could make a gift to the Faith Builds the Future appeal from my accumulated assets.

Asset Possibilities:

<u>ASSET</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Real Estate	\$_____
Securities	\$_____
CD's	\$_____
Other	\$_____

Income Producing Assets:

<u>ASSET</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Real Estate	\$_____
Securities	\$_____
CD's	\$_____
Other	\$_____



Commitment card - Front



SUMMARY

\$ _____ Initial Gift
 +\$ _____ Total 3-year
 Promise Gift
 =\$ _____ Sub total
 +\$ _____ Employer
 Match
 =\$ _____ Total gift
 over 3 years

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH—*FAITH BUILDS THE FUTURE* COMMITMENT CARD

In gratitude for God's many blessings and to build our first permanent worship facility at Faith Lutheran Church,

- I/we enclose and INITIAL GIFT of \$ _____.
- I/we also intend to give gifts totaling \$ _____ over a three year period beginning January 2009. Our plan is to give:
 - \$ _____ weekly (52 times three—156 weeks)
 - \$ _____ monthly (12 times three = 36 months)
 - \$ _____ annually (times three)

I/We intend to give our gift in the form of securities or real estate. Please contact us.

I/we are unable at this time financially to support *Faith's Faith Builds the Future* campaign but will pray that God will bless this effort.

Signature _____ Date _____

This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.



Commitment Card - Back

My Weekly Gift of:	Amounts to an Annual Gift of:	Amounts to a 3-year Gift of:
\$ 321.00	\$ 16,692.00	\$ 50,076.00
\$ 150.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 23,400.00
\$ 100.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 15,600.00
\$ 70.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 10,920.00
\$ 50.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 7,800.00
\$ 40.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 6,240.00
\$ 30.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 4,680.00
\$ 25.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,900.00
\$ 20.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 3,120.00
\$ 10.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,560.00
\$ 5.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 780.00
\$ 2.50	\$ 130.00	\$ 390.00
\$ 1.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 156.00

I/we understand that this gift is over and above our ongoing (first fruit) offerings to support the ministry of Faith.

I/we have included Faith in our estate plans.

I/we would like more information about how we can include Faith in our estate plans.



Name & offering # label



Commitment Card Procedure

- Complete Commitment Gift Card before December 13th
- Return your card on Commitment Sunday December 14th
 - Everyone will be asked to come forward to place their commitment gift to the Lord on the altar
 - Please fill out and turn in a card – even if it \$0



Questions?

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Prayer for generosity

Dear Lord Jesus, as you were generous with your love by going to the cross as our substitute, and paying in full the price for our salvation, please move us to give generously and sacrificially in response to your love for us.

Remind us that this is a way for us to worship you and to put our faith in you into action.

We ask this trusting in you. Amen.