

KEEPING UP WITH OUR CAMPAIGN

Using a Commitment Card, given out at our Launch Event and available in the Narthex, please take the time to prayerfully consider in which areas you can help. These can be turned in at either our Commitment Banquet on Nov. 16th or Commitment Sunday on Dec. 3rd.



HIGHLIGHTS:

CHURCH EXPANSION

In the last five years, attendance at Advent has grown by almost 20%, offerings increased and we have been debt-free for the last three years. Advent called Dr. Jennifer Siukola as Deaconess to help care for the young and old alike. The addition of groups like “55+”, “Young Professionals”, “Men’s Night” and “Ladies’ Night” have been a blessing. Mrs. Kim Knickerbocker, a part-time professional accountant, was hired to ensure good management and financial oversight.

With this growth comes a need for additional space for Sunday School, Youth and Fellowship Events. While our beautiful Fellowship Hall and current classrooms have served us well, we are simply out of space as a growing congregation. Phase III was initially planned in 1999 as the next step in providing additional classrooms and a gymnasium, not just for school use, but also for large events and activities for the church.

SCHOOL EXPANSION

After over 20 successful years of Early Childhood Education, Advent voted to start a School and called Rev. Aaron Schultz as Headmaster and Associate Pastor. In the Fall of 2022 we began offering 1st-2nd grades. Mrs. Katie Schultz was hired to serve as Advancement Coordinator for our new Classical School. In the Summer of 2023, Advent voted unanimously to start a Capital Campaign for Phase III Building Expansion.

In the Fall of 2023 we began offering 3rd-6th grades after calling Ms. Elizabeth Paul to teach and 3rd-4th grades and hiring Mrs. Jena Mackay to teach 5th-6th grades.

The support for our School Expansion has been overwhelming with over \$500k given (beyond normal offerings) to support the initial startup cost of staff and school supplies. Thanks be to God! We will run out of available classroom space in the next two years, so **Phase III** is now a blessed necessity!

Will you help “Let the Children Come?”

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PRAYER WALK:

Participate Anytime!

Pray for our expansion efforts by participating in our Prayer Walk. Pray over the current spaces Advent has, as well as over the new areas we plan to develop.

Pastor Mackay thoughtfully created a guided prayer walk complete with a map and booklet to celebrate Advent Lutheran Church and School.

The Prayer Walk Booklet, Guide, Map and Stained Glass Window Explanations are available in the Narthex.

More information and resources can be found here:

<https://www.adventlutheran.org/expansion/>



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For anyone who would like financial advice and help in determining the best way to support our school & church going forward, please reach out to Dan Latimer for more information at (317) 437-6893

Jesus said, **“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”**

-Luke 18:16-17

HELPFUL LINKS:

Lutheran Church Extension Fund - Advent gifting options which can provide tax advantages:

<https://lcef.giftlegacy.com/?pageID=10>

Lutheran Church Extension Fund guide for gifting Advent in your Will or Trust:

<https://lcef.giftlegacy.com/?pageID=11>

Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) for retirement savings, IRS guidelines:

<https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/plan-participant-employee/retirement-topics-required-minimum-distributions-rmds>

What the bible teaches about stewardship:

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/bible-verses-about-stewardship/#:~:text=What%20does%20the%20Bible%20say,creation%20for%20being%20our%20home>

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's stewardship ministry resources:

<https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/t61LgMyeQbVQcehilEtXIbT74qtmUhgs>