



Be a part of the 2020 Brighten...The Light Campaign

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

IMPORTANT DATES

Information Forums

- Sunday, February 2 at 10:00 AM
- Thursday, February 13 at 10:00 AM
- Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 PM

Sunday, February 23 Rev. Preston Wagner
Preaching

**Sundays, March 1
through March 22** Inspire Sermon Series

**Saturday, February 29
Prayer Event** 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday, March 20 Initial/Lead Gifts
Commitment Event

Sunday, March 29 Commitment
Celebration Sunday

Sunday, April 26 Impact Sunday

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” —1 Chronicles 29:14

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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Brighten...The Light is the theme of the capital fund campaign on which we are about to embark. God, in His rich mercy, has blessed our ministry located on top of this hill overlooking the city of York. Many opportunities are availing themselves because of our cry for Him to show us a new path of ministry after the school, that successfully

served our community for many years, closed in 2011. He has brought us to this moment; revealing to us a vision that challenges us to **Brighten...The Light** on the hill. He has placed us, through the empowerment of Christ's love, to serve as many people as we possibly can. Four vision targets have emerged from many hours of prayer and conversations which define God's current will and direction for St. John's light to shine.

They are: **Nurturing The Faith Of Our Children And Youth**
Caring For All People
Making St. John A Community Destination
Enhancing Our Current Ministries

As you will see in this brochure, the vision is bold and will require an equally bold commitment on the part of us, the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church. God is a God who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine and His promise to us is that if we will trust Him, He will respond in ways that are beyond the scope of logic and reason, and we will see the wonder of His power and might. As you page through this booklet you will see bold numbers associated with **1) building a new facility, 2) renovating and improving existing spaces, 3) development of the site, and 4) equipment and furnishing upgrades.** You will also see equally bold ways in which we can respond to help us reach our **Brighten...The Light** goal.

As your pastor, I am inviting you to join me in responding boldly to the vision God has placed in our midst. Let us join together and allow the light of His love to shine brightly through us. By committing to a three-year pledge, over and above current giving, we are affirming that God is up to something at St. John, positioning and strengthening us to become a brighter **light on the hill, empowered by Christ's love, to serve all people.** May it be so as we move forward in faith and service to Him!

In and through Christ Jesus our Lord,

Pastor C

OUR FOUR MINISTRY IMPACT AREAS

The following ministry areas will be impacted by the **Brighten...The Light Campaign**, providing funding resources which enable St. John to be a **brighter light** through:

1. NEW FACILITIES:

- Goals:**
- Expand the existing Fellowship Hall
 - Provide new Office Areas to connect staff and congregational ministries



—Rendering for proposed Fellowship Hall.

Projected Costs: \$1,900,000

Ministries Impacted

- Grief Ministry
- Fellowship and Kitchen areas
- Backpack Ministry
- Staff Offices

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—Rendering for the proposed new entrance to the Fellowship Hall.



—Floor plan for proposed Fellowship Hall.

2. RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS:

- Goals:**
- Upgrade Heating and add Air Conditioning for the Gym and Gym Kitchen
 - Add new tables and chairs for the Gym
 - Renovate current space for Youth and Nursery
 - Improve all existing Classroom Areas
 - Replace Roofing and Windows



—Nursery will be remodeled

Projected Costs: \$385,400

Current Cost Breakdown

- Gym Areas—\$108,000
- Windows—\$165,000
- Roofing—\$20,000
- Youth Room & Nursery—\$26,250
- Classrooms—\$66,150

Ministries Impacted

- Children and Youth Ministries
- Christian Education
- Compassion Center
- Special Events and Activities
- Community Destination

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3. SITE DEVELOPMENT:

- Goals:**
- Update the Parking Lot
 - Outdoor Pavilion
 - Walking/Exercise Path
 - Improve Entrances and designate Entrances with Signage



—Improvements to Entrances and Entrance Signage

Projected Costs: \$307,840

Current Cost Breakdown

- Parking Lot—\$121,040
- Walking Paths—\$114,000
- Pavilion—\$50,000
- Outside Lights—\$22,800

Ministries Impacted

- Worship
- Community Destination

4. EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS:

- Goals:**
- Upgrade tables, chairs and other furnishings
 - Install new equipment for technology advancements for Classrooms, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary and Gymnasium

Projected Costs: \$55,000

Ministries Impacted

- Worship
- Fellowship
- Christian Education
- Community Destination

BRIGHTEN...THE LIGHT GIVING GOAL

Our Giving Plan To Reach \$1,000,000

The left column represents a 3-year pledge by an individual or family. The middle column is the number of individuals or families who would pledge that amount. The right column is the total.

3-Year Pledge	Number of Families	Totals
\$100,000	1	\$100,000
\$75,000	1	\$75,000
\$50,000	2	\$100,000
\$30,000	2	\$60,000
\$25,000	4	\$100,000
\$20,000	5	\$100,000
\$15,000	4	\$60,000
\$12,000	4	\$48,000
\$10,000	4	\$40,000
\$9,000	5	\$45,000
\$7,800	8	\$62,400
\$6,240	8	\$49,920
\$4,680	10	\$46,800
\$3,900	10	\$39,000
\$3,120	10	\$31,200
\$2,340	10	\$23,400
\$1,560	12	\$18,720

Our goal will be reached if all St. John members and families work together.

Not everyone can give the same amount,
but everyone can give generously, as they are able.

There will be many gifts less than \$500 which will bring the total to \$1,000,000
Giving is for three years, over and above your regular giving.

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Q&A QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR YOUR GIVING

Q
What is required of me and/or my family in making a pledge?

A
The pledge is an undertaking you are making to give a specific amount, to be fulfilled over a 3-year period. The Commitment Card you will complete has specifics on your choice of giving options—weekly, monthly, annually.

Q
If I can only make a modest pledge, is it important that I even bother?

A
Every commitment, regardless of the amount pledged, is important. Good stewardship is not about the dollar amount; it's about thankfulness and trust in the Lord to always provide. It's cultivating a heart of generosity and sacrifice.

Q
When will pledges be received?

A
Commitment Celebration Sunday is March 29. On that Sunday during the worship service, members will have the opportunity to submit their pledges on individual Commitment Cards.

Q
What if something happens in my life or family situation and I'm unable to fulfill my commitment?

A
Although the hope is that everyone will complete their pledge, your pledge is not a legal, binding document. Life happens and circumstances change. If you are unable to fulfill your pledge, you should let the Impact Director know of your situation. No one outside of the Impact Team will know your pledge or be aware of your level of giving.

Q
When will my commitment begin?

A
The first gifts will be given on Impact Sunday, April 26, 2020. The Campaign Impact will run for 3 years, from April 2020 to April 2023. Pledge commitments will be fulfilled during these years.

3-YEAR SACRIFICIAL GIVING CHART

Typical Contribution You Or Your Family Can Make

Weekly	Monthly	Annual	3-Year Pledge
\$321	\$1,389	\$16,670	\$50,000
\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000
\$160	\$694	\$8,333	\$25,000
\$128	\$556	\$6,670	\$20,000
\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$77	\$333	\$4,000	\$12,000
\$64	\$278	\$3,334	\$10,000
\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$25	\$108	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$15	\$65	\$780	\$2,340
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560

“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.” —Deuteronomy 16:17

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Your Commitment Card

Below is a sample Commitment Card. Our prayer is that each St. John member or family will make a **Brighten...The Light** pledge, complete a Commitment Card, and present it at our Commitment Celebration Worship on March 29.

The amount of each pledge is a personal decision for the individual/family to decide. The method of giving (check or direct deposit) and the frequency of fulfilling the pledge is also a personal decision.



My Commitment

With gratitude, we give to our God who has promised to do more than we can ask or imagine. We commit ourselves over the next three years to give over and above our usual offerings to St. John Lutheran Church:

\$ _____ Total 3-Year Commitment to be contributed as follows:
\$ _____ Impact Sunday amount (April 26)
\$ _____ remaining total to be given (weekly, monthly or yearly):
\$ _____ given over 156 weeks, which is \$ _____ per week
\$ _____ given over 36 months, which is \$ _____ per month
\$ _____ given yearly over 3 years, which is \$ _____ per year

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____

This commitment may be changed at any time, as God blesses or changes my/our circumstances.

To complete the Commitment Card:

1. Pray about and then determine the amount for your 3-year pledge.
2. Decide the amount you will give on Impact Sunday, April 26.
For Impact Sunday, we encourage you to consider an initial gift that will give a generous boost to the campaign.
3. Subtract your Impact Sunday giving from your total amount.
4. Choose how often you plan to contribute to your remaining pledge amount—weekly, monthly, annually.
5. Divide your remaining pledge by the number of pledges you will be making based on your frequency of giving.
Divide by 156 for Weekly
Divide by 36 for Monthly
Divide by 3 for Yearly
6. Fill-in your Pledge total, Impact Giving, and choice for remaining pledge.

“A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” —Matthew 5:14-16



Our Prayer: For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness. Psalm 18:28 Dear Lord, we thank you for coming to be the Light of this dark world and we pray that You brighten the light in each of us that together we might serve all people with great love. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior. —Amen