

A Message from the Pastors

Jesus said: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:19–20, ESV)

The people of Immanuel said: Let’s build a school!

God said: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Dt 6:5-7, ESV)

The people of Immanuel said: Let’s build a school and a church community where disciples of all ages are encouraged!

Jesus said: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Mt 6:33, ESV)

The people of Immanuel said: Let’s build a school, a church community where disciples of all ages are encouraged, and grow the kingdom of God in Alliance!

How will this be done?

The hand of God has been clearly evident throughout the process of making this school a reality. His hand worked through Laborers For Christ, through the unnumbered volunteers from our congregation and community, through many people outside our congregation, even through our local city government to take this project from conception to completion. The hand of God will continue to work through all of us together to ensure that this school will be able to continue in its work of Raising Disciples for the kingdom of God. A campaign goal of \$475,000 has been established that will allow our Raising Disciples campaign to fully pay the cost of the building and the remodeling expenses. Every dollar we raise will reduce our interest costs, so more dollars can go directly to ministry. We have also set a challenge goal of \$575,000 which will permit us to expand our school and continue Raising Disciples into the future.



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About Our Logo



As disciples of Christ, lifting our hearts and arms in thanks to God should be a natural response. Everything we are and everything we possess is a gift from our gracious God. Whether we are little children or adults, we are “raised up” and supported in our stewardship and discipleship by the caring hands of others and our God. Our very purpose as a congregation is *Raising Disciples* . . . of all ages . . . to further and expand Christ’s kingdom.

Meet Our Campaign Advisor



Rev. Dr. John Sproul

John serves as Regional Vice President and Consultant for Capital Funding Services, a ministry of Lutheran Church Extension Fund. In this role, he guides congregations seeking to achieve the vision God has for them.

John’s heritage was shaped by generations of family who served as Lutheran pastors, educators and musicians. In each of his calls to four congregations — ranging from a new, contemporary mission congregation to a mid-sized traditional church to two mega-churches — his passion for stewardship has been formed and expressed by our precious Lutheran emphasis on grace; that our generosity is to be empowered and inspired by the Gospel of our Savior.

His creativity is expressed in his love for writing, designing and implementing worship and special events, during which people are inspired to respond generously to the future God has for a congregation or institution. During his 25 years in the ministry, he has worked with over three dozen congregations around the country, causing heritage to converge with creativity in their capital campaigns, vision seminars and worship workshops.

John is a graduate of Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, and earned a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Northern Baptist Seminary, Lombard, Ill, having studied Christian worship under the late Dr. Robert Webber. John resides in St. Louis, Mo.

A Message from Our Campaign Team

Have you ever received an invitation to somebody’s party or an event? What were some of the first things you thought of when you received the invitation? Did you think what you could bring to the party? What you should wear? Or, what gift could you give? Most people want to contribute to the success of the celebration. They want to make someone feel special and they want to make their contributions worthwhile.

If you had an invitation to be a part of something amazing that would change the future of our church for the better, would you want to be a part of that opportunity? Being a part of the capital campaign is that opportunity. If you’ve been to the school in recent weeks, you would see the impact of our ministry on the lives of our young people. We have been invited to discover the “*Immeasurably More*” that God has planned for us. Please consider Philippians 4:6-8 in your meditation today.



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Upcoming Events

INFORM WEEKEND: October 11 and 12

PRAYER EVENTS: October 27 and November 2

HOME GATHERINGS: Watch for announcements

COMMITMENT CELEBRATION: December 6 and 7

COMMITMENT DEDICATION: December 20 and 21

