

A Message from the Director

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,



Our *Raising Disciples* Capital Campaign is off to a great start! During the Inform weekend, we learned of the many blessings shared through the creation of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School, the second largest Lutheran school in the Wyoming District, and the 91 students who are hearing every day how much God loves each and every one of them.

In Matthew 28:16-20 Christ commissions His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. Christ promised to be with us, and He is the one who makes disciples through our baptizing and teaching. Our Lutheran school is teaching God's Word and bringing children to God through baptism, therefore *Raising Disciples*. What a great blessing our church continues to be to our community!

I challenge you to consider giving your time, your talents and your treasures to this worthwhile campaign. There are many opportunities to give of your time ... consider sharing a story of stewardship during one of our Divine Services in November, attending one of the several home or church gatherings, or become part of the Immeasurably More team beginning in 2015. There are many opportunities to share your talents ... helping to create banners to promote the campaign, share your musical gifts as part of one of our upcoming celebrations, continue to promote our campaign message through newsletters, postcards, brochures, etc. Lastly, there is an opportunity to share your treasure ... equal sacrifice not equal giving. Prayerfully consider a gift, above and beyond your current giving, over the next three years. By uniting together, we can achieve Immeasurably More.

As your Campaign Director, it is a real privilege to serve this congregation. In addition to Pastor Schnare and Pastor Mueller, there are many volunteers who are giving selflessly to help make this campaign a success. However, it will take each and every one of us over the next three years to carry this effort across the finish line. Please keep our Pastors, the campaign volunteers, the teachers and the children in your prayers. Together, we can achieve more than you can imagine!

Daniel Griess
Campaign Director

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen”

Ephesians 3:20

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Giving

... is a matter of **priorities**

... is a matter of **willingness**, not **wealth**

... is a matter of **opportunity** and **joy**, not **obligation**

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INITIAL COMMITMENTS EVENT: November 18

COMMITMENT CELEBRATION: December 6 and 7

COMMITMENT DEDICATION: December 20 and 21

Raising Disciples Campaign –

By the Numbers

The “Raising Disciples” capital campaign is a **one-time request** for sacrificial gifts to be given over a 3-year period. These gifts are “over and above” regular church and school offerings.

Our goal is \$475,000. Funds will be used to:

- Repay amounts borrowed for school remodeling costs
- Fund school start-up costs
- Fund the remaining payments on the school building

Our challenge goal is \$575,000. Reaching this goal would provide funds for future expansion and improvements.

By taking care of the congregation’s debt as quickly as possible, fewer total dollars will be spent on interest expense. In addition, the congregation will be freed from a monthly loan repayment obligation.

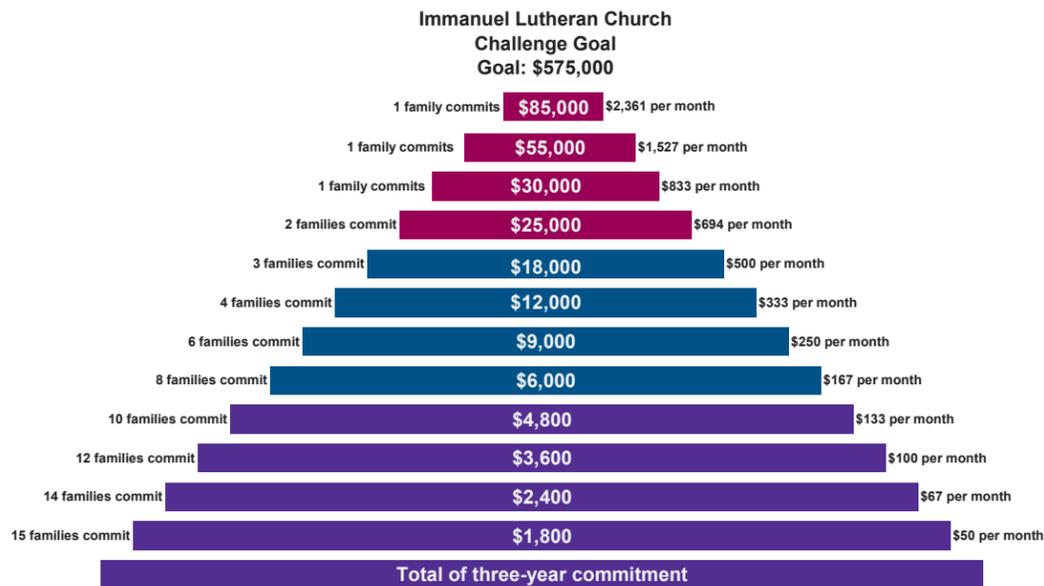
Paying Immanuel’s school remodeling loan in the first 3 years rather than over 20 years will save approximately \$150,000 in interest costs. That’s \$150,000 more that can be used for direct ministry!

Our campaign’s success will be through the blessing of God as He moves his people to give generously. Please give prayerful consideration to your individual or family commitment. Our goal can be reached if all the families and friends of Immanuel are unified in this effort.

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

3-Year Gifts Pyramid Chart

This pyramid illustrates one possible combination of gifts that would allow Immanuel to reach its challenge goal of \$575,000. Giving is over a 3-year period and is “over and above” regular offerings for church and school operations.



Gift Chart	
Weekly Gift	3-Year Total (156 weeks)
\$10	\$1,560
\$15	\$2,340
\$20	\$3,120
\$35	\$5,460
\$50	\$7,800
\$75	\$11,700
\$100	\$15,600
\$200	\$31,200
\$350	\$54,600
\$500	\$78,000

Children's Gift Chart	
Weekly Gift	3-Year Total (156 weeks)
\$0.25	\$39
\$0.50	\$78
\$1	\$156
\$2	\$312
\$3	\$468
\$4	\$624
\$5	\$780
\$6	\$936
\$8	\$1,248
\$10	\$1,560



Blessed to be a Blessing

As Christians, all of our giving is a response to our generous God who has given us eternal life through Jesus Christ. We are not *forced* to give. We are *free* to give. Giving more may seem unrealistic at first, but we all have ways to make a sacrificial gift:

Rearrange My Priorities – Am I planning some event/expense which could be postponed until after I give my gift?

Change My Lifestyle – Could I save money by doing something differently or giving up some habit/indulgence that has a cost?

Give Something of Value – What do I have besides cash that I could give and the church could convert into dollars?

Real World Examples from Other Congregations:

Gordy (age 70) chose to work an additional 3 years to give \$300 a month to the campaign.

Mary Ann packed a lunch for 3 years and gave the savings to the campaign.

Kevin had just finished paying off medical bills and decided to give the \$200 per month to the campaign over the next 3 years.

Diane had her sister fix her hair twice a month for the next three years so she could give the extra money to the campaign.

Randy and his family gave up soda and adult beverages for 3 years when they ate out.

A couple in WI gave their lake home.

What creative ideas do you have?

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Why is it important that my Raising Disciples commitment be “over and above” my regular offerings?
A The focus of the campaign is quick retirement of the congregation’s debt so more future dollars can be spent on direct ministry rather than interest expense. The church and school still need your generous contributions for day-to-day operations.

Q If I can only make a modest pledge, should I even bother?
A Every commitment, regardless of the amount, is important. Each one of us – whether young or old – can be blessed by learning to give generously. Not everyone can give the same amount, but everyone can give generously. Remember, our stewardship as members of the body of Christ is not about “giving equal amounts” but “making equal sacrifices.”

Q Why a written commitment?
A Putting our intentions in writing is powerful. It is an act of faith that testifies to our trust in God’s future provision, and it helps us prepare to be faithful. Written commitments also help our congregation plan and budget more effectively. Like all donation information, commitments will be treated confidentially.

Q Can I change my commitment at a later date?
A Yes. Some may be further blessed, giving them the ability to increase their gift. Others may face unforeseen challenges, forcing them to decrease their gift.

Q When will I make and fulfill my commitment?
A Commitments will be made through a series of events in November and December. Commitments will be fulfilled at an interval (weekly, monthly, annually) that you choose. The fulfillment period is December 20, 2014, through December 31, 2017.

Q Should we make a commitment as a family or as individuals?
A You may do whatever suits your situation the best.

Q Can I fulfill my commitment through automatic withdrawal?
A The church and school – including the Raising Disciples campaign – are now able to accept donations electronically. If you are interested in this option, please contact the church office at 762-4663.