

## 8. How will the gifts received be used?

When we receive:

1. **\$500,000 in gifts**

Renovate the basement

2. **\$500,000 - \$650,000 in gifts**

Fully fund #1 and provide money to purchase the property next door when it becomes available.

3. **\$650,000 - \$1,710,000 in gifts**

Fully fund #1, #2, and use the balance of funds as received to immediately transform debt into mission and ministry. For each \$100,000 of transformed debt, \$8,281 will be available each year and may initially be invested while specific uses are determined.

4. **Beyond \$1,710,000 in gifts**

Fully fund #1, #2, #3, and provide money for the parking lot. Funds over and above the debt transformation will be invested so that they will be available when the time comes for the home demolitions and the building of a parking lot.

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Unless **the Lord Builds** the house,  
its builders  
build in vain.  
Psalm  
127:1

Frequently Asked Questions  
About **The Lord Builds**  
Capital Campaign



Some Frequently Asked Questions about a capital fund raising campaign for the mission and ministry of First Trinity Lutheran Church

### 1. Why are we doing a capital campaign?

For more than 170 years, First Trinity has been committed to boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those in need of the forgiveness, hope and salvation that only comes through hearing and believing. Our pioneering spirit compels us forward to fulfill our mission to *transform our world one life at a time through the power of God's living Word*. This capital campaign will provide the monetary resources needed to expand our ministries through improved facilities at home and increased support for missions throughout the world.

### 2. When successful, what will we do and what will it cost?

- Renovate the existing basement that is currently outdated and in a critical state of disrepair. This would include elevator access. Estimated: \$500,000
- Provide funding to purchase the adjacent home for future parking. Estimated: \$150,000
- Expand parking by more than doubling on-site parking. Estimated: \$350,000
- Pay off debt in order to implement and expand new and current ministries as well as provide increased support for missions at home and abroad. Currently: \$1,060,000

### 3. What will we be able to do in the new multi-use space?

The renovation will provide:

- Quality space for additional Bible classes (Sunday/weekday) with up to four sound proofed meeting spaces.
- A private prayer chapel for individual and small group prayer.
- Additional worship space for approximately 150 people.
- State of the art conferencing and meeting space for groups of up to twenty people.
- Enhanced education space with modern multimedia technology for large groups such as confirmation, Bible studies, and other classes.
- An 80-person space for meals such as Monday's Meals, Men's Breakfasts or an OPUS Luncheon.
- Youth with functional, welcoming space for community, spiritual growth, and education.

### 4. Where did our current mortgage (\$1,060,000) come from?

The current mortgage is made up of three components.

- \$870,000 balance from our 2003 \$1,400,000 expansion for the gym and meeting facilities
- \$70,000 balance from the purchase and demolition of property formerly at 193 Glenhurst.
- \$120,000 balance from the purchase of the home at 201 Glenhurst.

### 5. What is our annual mortgage payment?

Our monthly mortgage payments are \$8,677.58, for an annual total of \$104,131.

### 6. Why not just keep making mortgage payments like everybody else?

This debt stifles ministry and inhibits our mission. For every \$100,000 of reduced debt we will have \$8,281 annually to expand and implement ministry. Envision how we might be able to use the full \$104,000/year to expand:

- Outreach to our Western New York community.
- Our mission giving from 10% to 25% in support of missions in the United States, Haiti, or Asia.
- Staff to begin new ministries and expand others.
- Funding for the planting of a new church.

### 7. Why buy the house and build a parking lot?

- Inadequate parking is a major impediment to church and event attendance. It is also a significant negative relationship issue with our neighbors.
- We have long recognized the need for additional parking to encourage new people to join us in worship, spiritual growth and service to others.
- Increased parking would mean no more walking a block and a half to get to church for members and guests.
- Our maximum parking capacity is only 61 spaces. The new parking lot will more than double our capacity to 125 total spaces.