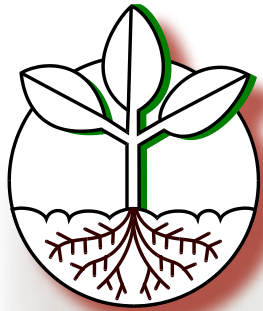




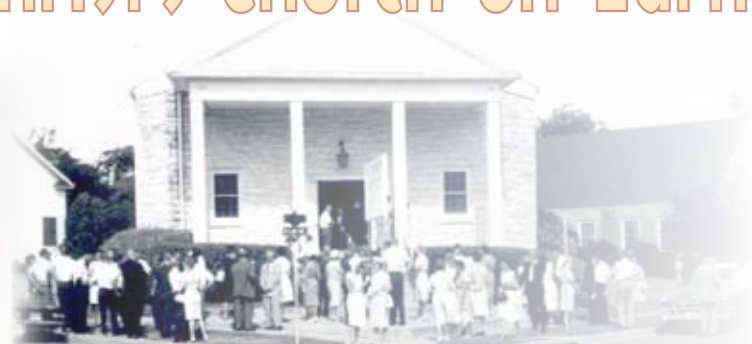
Reaching UP, OUT & IN For a FULLER HEAVEN

**Mission & Ministry Expansion
Stewardship Emphasis**

Growing Christ's Church on Earth



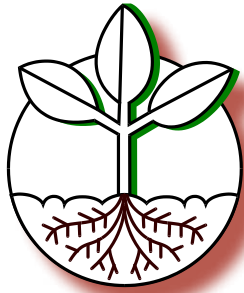
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1 Corinthians 3:6

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Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:29-31)



***Jim Hughes,
Emphasis Director***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These are indeed exciting times for our congregation as enthusiasm builds toward our church-wide banquet and commitment time. We have a great opportunity to show our concern for spreading God's Word in our community with our "Reach Up, Reach Out, Reach In" ministry expansion program. We can try to emulate the example of the Macedonian Christians as St. Paul describes them in 2 Corinthians 8:2. "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joys and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."

Diane and I are pleased we have been able to serve the Lord and Trinity through this stewardship campaign. It has caused us to look back at the many blessings our family has received and reevaluate our priorities. We have found this saying to be true:

Giving is a matter of priorities.

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

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

One only has to pick up a newspaper or turn on the television to hear the "bad news" of the devil and what is going on in the world today. How blessed we are that our hope does not lie in the constantly changing numbers of the Dow, or on the empty promises of politicians or the gloom and doom of the nightly cable news talking heads! No, our hope lies in the "Good News" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the unchanging truths of God's Word.

God IS STILL in control.

God will give us peace, IF WE call on Him.

God will provide all of our needs, IF WE put Him first.

God will use us MORE in a time of crisis than in a time of calm.

It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit opens the heart of every member and friend of Trinity to the Lord and this ministry expansion campaign and leads us all to "Reach Up, Reach Out, and Reach In for the love and life of God in Jesus Christ, all for a fuller heaven."

"ALL PRAISE AND GLORY BE GIVEN TO THE LAMB OF GOD"

In His Name,

Jim Hughes, Emphasis Director

Dear family & friends of faith at Trinity,

Imagine what a powerful testimony we could make in our community by saying, "We're growing!" People couldn't help but be impressed by our unity and affected by our faith, seeing that something special must be happening at this place.

By God's grace and Spirit in Christ, we are growing. And by coming together as God's people with one heart and mind to meet the challenge of growth that is set before us, we will be blessed in indescribable ways. But above all, we would highly honor our God.

"GROWING CHRIST'S CHURCH ON EARTH...ALL FOR A FULLER HEAVEN!" is the theme of our mission & ministry expansion campaign. These words are taken from 1 Corinthians 3:6—"I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth."

What we seek to accomplish with our stewardship campaign is twofold:

1. We hope to tackle the "unfinished" facility and furnishing issues since the move into our beautiful new facility here at Badger Ranch. These needs are outlined for you in this booklet.
2. In these next three years we also hope to add professional ministry staff that will help us expand our "Reaching Up, Out, and In with the Love and Life of God in Jesus" within 5 Key Vision Areas: children and family, youth, senior citizens, outreach, and small group and support ministry programs.

We need to have monies available to continue the expansion of our ministries to meet the needs of those within our faith family, and to meet the needs of those who have yet to know the Lord Jesus. The financial cost for this mission & ministry expansion is estimated to be around \$630,000.

We will never reach the full potential of what God has gifted us to do unless all of us are working together to achieve it. God doesn't really need any of us, but He has given us the honor of sharing in the work of growing His kingdom. Please, if you have not already begun, start today by praying that the Lord will direct you toward a decision that greatly honors Him.

It is a joy for me to serve the Lord as your pastor. I count it a privilege to be called to this place to do mission & ministry. May the Lord bless all of us as we seek to serve Him with excellence.

In Jesus' love,

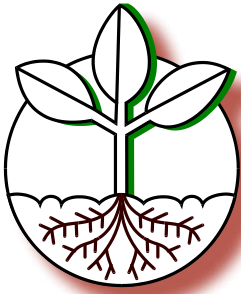
Pastor Jim Menke

The Vision



Pastor Jim Menke

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches . . . Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. (2 Corinthians 8:1, 4)



For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. . . . And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. (2 Corinthians 8:3, 5)

Challenge #1

To finish the facility and provide Additional furnishings

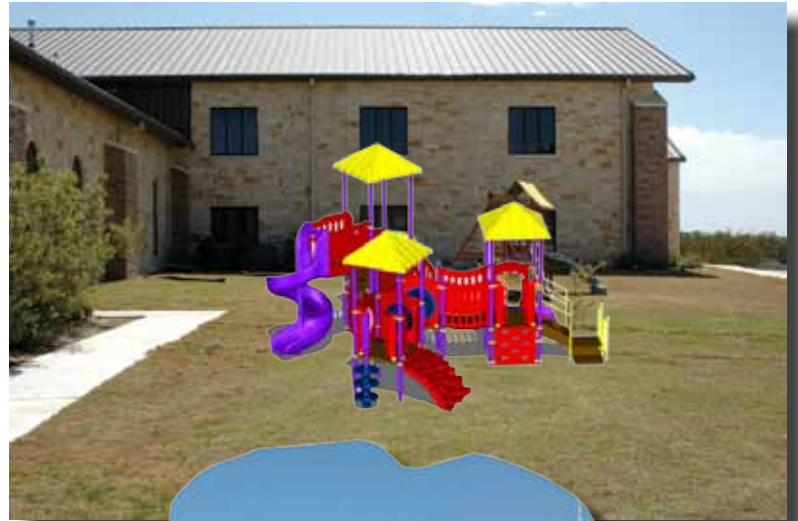
There are physical needs to be addressed for the current ministries to function well. These improvements are estimated to be \$331,000.



- Picnic tables for the pavilion
- Video display and recording components for the fellowship hall and worship center
- Furnishings for the church office
- Automatic External Defibrillator and training
- Wooden privacy fence on side and rear property lines
- Directional signs and directory boards
- Appliances in the pavilion
- 15-passenger van for after school and other ministries

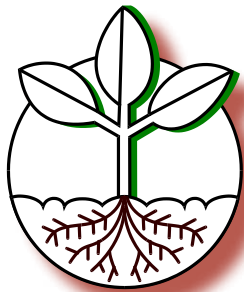
Facility & Furnishings

- Storage in the pavilion for after school ministry
- Finish flooring in the pavilion
- Installation of playground equipment and purchase of additional equipment appropriate for younger children (ages 2-5)
- Expansion of the parking lot
- Classroom furnishings and communication boards
- Baby grand piano to enhance worship
- Expansion of our current location or new mission plant



Challenge #2

Responding to the 5 Key Vision Areas For Ministry Expansion



But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Trinity is committed to growing Christ's Church for a fuller heaven. Evidence of that will be increases in worship attendance and increased involvement of people in ministry. The estimated cost of staffing and ministry growth initiatives is an additional \$300,000 over the next 3 years.

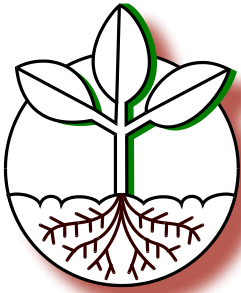


- Equip members for outreach
- Develop small group ministries to meet people's needs
- Target children and families through various ministries
- Cultivate Christ-centered youth programs
- Develop ministries for, with, and by senior citizens

Outreach



We want to provide special programming to equip members in relational outreach techniques and to develop and grow attitudes and abilities for sensitive and loving outreach.



Develop and grow specialized Small group & support ministries

Consider the possibilities!

- Men's Fraternity
- Additional ministries to and for women of all ages
- Home-hosted Bible studies
- Community education classes
- Parenting classes
- Marriage Enrichment
- Fitness activities
- Mission-assisting activities such as Braille, quilting, and serving breakfast to the homeless

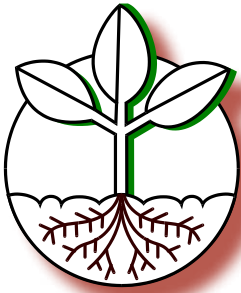
I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:8-9)



Small Group & Support Ministries



We want to promote group ministries that meet the needs of people in our church and the community.



Develop ministries to target Children & families in the community

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given. (2 Corinthians 9:5)

Consider the possibilities!

- Parents Night Out - second Friday of the month by reservation
- New After School Program - beginning Fall 2009
- Trinity Play Group - mothers of young children gathering for activities and exploration of the community

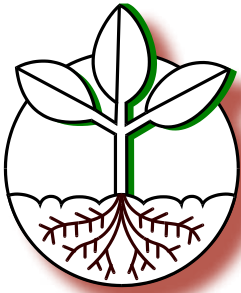


Expanding such ministries will require staffing, play equipment, and furnishings. Trinity is already growing in numbers of children served at Sunday school. Child-safe practices are in place for nursery attendants but only at the minimum levels. Additional equipment and limited exterior access (controlled locking mechanisms) would be a plus.

Children & Family Ministries



We want to expand family-oriented programs, extending outreach to families of young children. We would like to take advantage of care and outreach opportunities for the families of the children at South Bosque Elementary.



Expand youth and college-age Programs and involvement

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.) (Hebrews 11:8, 1)



Consider the possibilities!

- Develop lay leadership for middle school to high school kids
- Annual fund raising for mission trips, Camp Lone Star, Lutheran Youth Gatherings, and retreats
- Connect with local area agencies and youth ministries for service events
- Develop parent/mentor enrichment classes to address Internet safety, behavioral issues, faith development, and leadership opportunities
- The eventual addition of permanent ministry staff



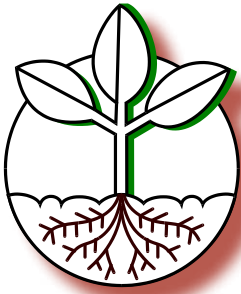
Youth Ministries



We want to cultivate Christ-centered programs for youth and college students that will be life-changing and will help them learn to impact their community.

**"... let your light
SHINE before
men,
that they may see your
good deeds
and Praise your Father
in Heaven."
Matt. 5:16**





Develop ministries for, with, And by senior citizens

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Consider the possibilities!

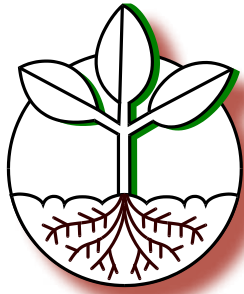
- Meals on Wheels prep site
- Errand assistance
- Transportation to doctors and shopping
- Education for and by seniors
- Fellowship and games
- Spiritual support by regular visits of lay ministers



Senior Ministries



We want to minister to older adults by cooperating with community activities and encouraging the development of relationships with younger people through teaching and mentoring events.



Sacrificial Giving

Where do you fit?

These are exciting days for our congregation. We are undertaking a special effort to expand our ministry through a Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis. The success of the emphasis depends upon the Holy Spirit blessing our congregation with willing, grateful, and joyful financial support. If our congregation responds with sacrificial giving over the next three years, according to the gift brackets below, the needs of our ministry goals will be met. Sacrificial gifts to this effort will be evidence of the Spirit in action.

Some members will look to their regular income as a source for their 3-year sacrificial commitment, over and above regular giving.

Others will look to appreciated assets. Others still will sell items they would be willing to do without. All will be done so that our congregation's special vision for ministry expansion can become a reality.

Our Challenge for You

1	Lead Gift at.....	\$ 130,000
1	Major Gift at.....	\$ 50,000
2	Challenge Gifts at.....	\$ 30,000
3	Pace-Setting Gifts at.....	\$ 25,000
4	Emphasis Gifts at	\$ 20,000
4	Sustaining Gifts at	\$ 15,000
4	Affirming Gifts at	\$ 12,000
7	Growth Gifts at.....	\$ 10,000
8	Expansion Gifts at	\$ 7,500
10	Support Gifts at.....	\$ 5,000
10	Loving Gifts at.....	\$ 2,500
10	Willing Gifts at.....	\$ 2,000
	Many Gifts at	\$ 1,000

To exceed our goal of.....\$630,000

Examples

Typical contributions you can make

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Yr Total
\$1,000	\$4,333.33	\$52,000	\$156,000
750	3,250.00	39,000	117,000
500	2,166.67	26,000	78,000
400	1,733.33	20,800	62,400
300	1,300.00	15,600	46,800
200	866.67	10,400	31,200
150	650.00	7,800	23,400
125	541.67	6,500	19,500
100	433.33	5,200	15,600
80	346.67	4,160	12,480
60	260.00	3,120	9,360
40	173.33	2,080	6,240
20	86.67	1,040	3,120
15	65.00	780	2,340
10	43.33	520	1,560
6	26.00	312	936

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

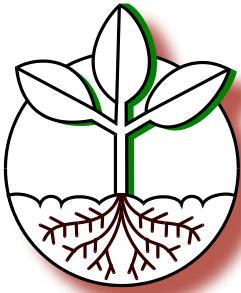
1 Chronicles 29:14

Where you might sacrifice:

- Salary and/or budget
- Double tithe
- Savings, investments, assets (stocks, bonds, inheritance, real estate)
- Collections (art, cars, guns, stamps, coins, antiques)
- “Gifts in Kind” (landscaping, furnishings, electrical, plumbing)
- Selling/giving up something

Real examples:

- A man gave his annual bonus.
- A pastor in Kansas doubled his tithe.
- A pastor in Indiana gave his entire inheritance.
- A man sold a family collection of stamps and gave the proceeds.
- Members of a Colorado congregation donated all the plumbing, concrete, masonry, and architectural work.
- A couple gave up a planned trip around the world and gave the total projected cost as their gift.



Pastor

Rev. Jim & Karen Menke
Pastor provides leadership and vision in the emphasis. His example of Christian sacrificial giving and enthusiasm is personally shared.

Emphasis Directors

Jim & Diane Hughes
The Emphasis Directors keep in close contact with the emphasis leadership team. They step in where needed and give direction to the final goal.

Emphasis Secretaries

Dennis & Marty Nutt
Dan Wiethorn
The Emphasis Secretaries organize the necessary forms to be used throughout the emphasis. They assist in tallying the results of the commitment visitations and assist in preparing the general meetings.

Communication Coordinator

Janet Hurta
The Communication Coordinator creates and coordinates the

publicity for the campaign. She is charged with getting the meaning and message of the emphasis out to all the people of the congregation.

Awareness Coordinators

Glenn Hurta
Jody & Sheryl Kuehl
The Awareness Coordinators are to build a strong, positive foundation for this Stewardship Emphasis in structuring and monitoring the Awareness Forum and Follow-up Awareness Visits.

Spiritual Nurture Coordinators

Mike & Karen LiBassi
Alden & Diane Smith
The Spiritual Nurture Coordinators are responsible for the 8-hour Prayer Vigil at which we present our congregational prayers and special member petitions to God. They encourage all in the congregation to seek His guidance and direction for the emphasis and for the church.

Initial Commitment Coordinators

Bob & Debbie Leiker
Tom & Sheila Robertson
The Initial Commitment Coordinators manage the work of those arranging the initial Commitment Dinner for the emphasis.

Reservations/Hosting Coordinators

Craig & Sandy Row
Debra Vorderkunz
The Reservations/Hosting Coordinators enlist captains who organize host and hostesses to telephone every church home for the Commitment Events reservations.

Congregational Commitment Event Coordinators

Grant & Janelle Carroll
Mike & Carol Trantham
The Congregational Commitment Events Coordinators manage the work of those arranging the Congregational Dinner for the emphasis as well as the Children's Event that same evening.

Commitment Follow-up Coordinators

Hubert & Gladys Noack
Ken & Sue Krause
Glyn Vorderkunz
The Commitment Follow-Up Coordinators organize the volunteers calling on Trinity families for their stewardship emphasis commitments.

Fulfillment Coordinators

Bob Dube
Elio & Lisa Smythe
The Fulfillment Coordinators provide each church home with

Emphasis Captains & Teams

the opportunity to make a commitment, including families new to our congregation. They record updates on the emphasis accomplishments, providing information to church leadership and projections based on pledges and patterns of giving.

Communication Team

Workers:

Lindsey Abel
Sharron Harding
Diane Hughes
Jenny Hunt
Emily Pauly
Mark Randolph

Awareness Team

Captains:

Scott Abel
Jon Blalock
Aaron Kuehl
Jerry Shaw

Workers:

Jessica Gastler
Tom Palister
Emily Pauly
Ethan Pauly

Initial Commitment Event Team

Janet Hurta
Hubert Noack
Tom Robertson
Glyn Vorderkunuz

Congregational Commitment Event Team

Joe Gastler
Jamie Grohoske

Children's Event Team

Robin Kanz

Commitment Follow-up Team

Captains:

Mike Abel
Lisa Abel
Fred Ferguson
Betty Ferguson
Cody Kuehl
Dennis Nutt
Sam Redden
Linda Redden
Elio Smythe

Fulfillment Team

Jim Hughes
Glenn Hurta
Janet Hurta

Emphasis Secretary Workers

Sharron Harding
Martha Nutt

Reservations/Hosting Team

Captains:

Mary Hoermann
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Wesley Lehrmann
Laura Stevener
Workers:
Terri Miller

Spiritual Nurture Team

Captains:

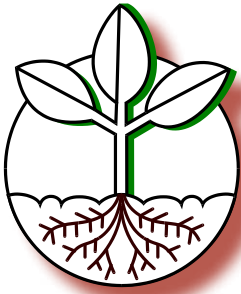
Brent Bower
Pat Bower
Carol Kuehl
Andrew Kuehl
Stephanie Kuehl
Reid Makowsky
Katie Smith

Workers:

Matt James

***...And many others
who assisted in the
spirit of the moment,
offering prayers and
encouragement in the
name of Jesus.***

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."
(2 Corinthians 9:8-9)



No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (Matthew 6:24)

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