

Fearlessly
FORWARD *in* *Faith*

**2023
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



Mission Statement

To draw people closer to the person of Jesus Christ and assure them of His gifts, namely, the abundance of life on earth and the endless life in heaven.



DID, DONE, so we can DO!

In a leap of faith 26 years ago, the people of Immanuel made a promise to expand our church and school ministry. Since 1862 the congregation, faithfully in Word and Sacrament, proclaimed Jesus' love and saving sacrifice shown best at Calvary's cross and the empty tomb. In 1886 our current church was built. In 1912 our current school was built. In the late 1990's the family of God, called Immanuel, said more needed to be done in the name of Jesus. Realizing there was much ahead, the congregation DID make a pledge to first shore up the sanctuary adding more space for ministry. The mortgage was paid off this past May (10 years early!) and so the first part of Immanuel's pledge was DONE.

Now onward to fulfill the second part of our pledge! God has been so faithful to our congregation and school, we in turn are being faithful in going forward with the plans set down over a quarter of a century ago. So that we can DO this second phase we are launching a new "Advance Campaign" to raise awareness and funds. This campaign is called "Fearlessly Forward in Faith!"

Our theme verse is Joshua 1:9 *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

The goal of this campaign is to:

- Provide funds to expand the school through necessary feasibility studies;
- Expand our outreach and marketing efforts;
- Reduce the debt of the D'Angelo property;
- Build an expanded church entrance and welcome center.

This campaign does more than just fulfill a pledge of the past, but more, it ensures we're pledging to lift high the cross of Jesus Christ in the future! As you read this campaign booklet, we're asking all family members of Immanuel to pray about and consider a few things. First, pray for the success of this campaign for Immanuel's future; second, pray about what level of participation to which the Lord is leading you; and third, watch how our faithful God does great things for us and through us in this advance campaign!

Yours always in Jesus,

Pastor Yonker

From the Principal

Immanuel Lutheran School has operated continuously since January 1863. It has grown from a one-teacher school to the present faculty and staff. Over the past decade, Lutheran schools in surrounding towns have either closed or reduced grade levels. I am proud to say that Immanuel is staying strong, but we have hope for an even bigger and brighter future. This campaign can ensure that Immanuel Lutheran School continues to move fearlessly forward in faith to operate and draw more people to Jesus.

I am proud to be part of Immanuel's ministry team and lead this fantastic school. I pray that we all rise to this opportunity God has placed before us, the one laid out in this booklet. I hope you see your place with it and commit so we can continue drawing more people to Jesus for generations to come.

Blessings,

Kevin Becker



From the Board of Trustees

Matthew 16:18 states emphatically ***"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"***.

Immanuel is more than a building, a school, and the land upon which they reside. It is a living multi-generational experience going back over 160 years and we share the responsibility of outfitting it for the generations of families and students to come. The world is far different than it was when our cornerstone was laid yet our mission has not changed. Preserving our past while building our future is what this effort is all about.

The proper outfitting of our mission to a stressed and overburdened world comes through more meaningful outreach, not just print and word-of-mouth as it has in the past. Equipping ourselves to thrive in the current media streams the world has come to rely on is imperative. The enhancement of our "front door" will ensure that our light will always be visible to all those who aspire to enter. Debt reduction will enable us to deftly act and react to our surroundings and a school that is bright and up-to-date will only make for a more compelling choice for parents and their children from all walks of life.

Ambitious, yes, but then all plans are. We are not meant to live alone. God's reflections in Genesis 2 make that quite clear, and our own inner longings for community confirm the truth that we were created for authentic relationships. What better way to meet that desire than through a church that is alive, healthy, and equipped to meet its needs head-on. The result of this campaign will be an Immanuel that is lighter, more nimble in its ability to respond to its congregation and the greater community and has a greater presence in the world around us. Within these pages is this pathway and be assured that your board is Onboard with these efforts.

In Him,

Keith McGuigan
Immanuel Board of Trustees

Core Values and Explanation

Centered in Christ – Christ is the reason why we are who we are and do what we do. We believe, teach, and confess what is written in the Scriptures.

Drawing People to Christ - Bringing children, youth, and adults closer to Jesus Christ.

Growing in Christ – As His disciples we strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Honoring God - Giving honor and glory to God through worship, praise, thanksgiving and our lives.

Advance Christian Education – Expand early childhood, elementary, and middle school education and ministry.

Serving People - Loving our neighbors by serving them physically, socially, intellectually, and spiritually.

Helping People Find Purpose - Provide an atmosphere where all can find God's purpose and meaning in their life.

Connecting with Others - Providing time for individuals to pray, share their stories and enjoy one another's company.

Joyful, Friendly, and Caring- Showing God's love to all who God places in our lives.

Campaign Launch Forum September 16th, 17th and 19th

Prayer Event October 7th

Commitment Celebration November 5th

1st Gifts November 19th

Our Goals

- The first \$200,000 of this “advance campaign” would help prepare Immanuel to strengthen and expand our school ministry by providing funds to examine new opportunities and facilities through necessary feasibility studies. These studies would offer expert direction and decisions as the congregation goes into the future.
- The lion’s share of this campaign, \$1,000,000 would go to eliminate the debt of the D’Angelo property so the studies and planners could make decisions free and clear of any indebtedness. Visions of where God is leading Immanuel would be unobstructed by property financial concerns.
- In our desire and need to expand our outreach and marketing efforts, \$150,000 would be used to provide for more awareness, knowledge and visibility of our church and school in our surrounding communities and nearby region. Immanuel Lutheran School would be understood to be accessible and affordable and Immanuel Lutheran Church would be seen as a Christ-centered, Spirit-powered congregation.
- Finally, \$150,000 would be used to build an expanded church entrance and welcome center at the south end of the church off the parking lot. This would help acclimate visitors to our church building – including restrooms, church offices, conference room, The Vine, kitchen, Luther Hall, downstairs preschool and access to the balcony. It also would offer information on our school, Bible classes, programs, fellowship groups and other church and school activities.

Giving Examples

# OF GIFTS NEEDED	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	3 YR GIFT
1	\$ 641	\$ 2,778	\$ 33,333	\$ 100,000
3	\$ 481	\$ 2,083	\$ 25,000	\$ 75,000
4	\$ 321	\$ 1,389	\$ 16,667	\$ 50,000
6	\$ 192	\$ 833	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000
13	\$ 96	\$ 417	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
15	\$ 64	\$ 278	\$ 3,333	\$ 10,000
24	\$ 48	\$ 208	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,500
31	\$ 26	\$ 111	\$ 1,333	\$ 4,000
43	\$ 13	\$ 56	\$ 667	\$ 2,000
60	\$ 6	\$ 28	\$ 333	\$ 1,000
MANY GIFTS < \$1,000.00				
TOTAL GOAL \$1,500,000				

Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.

A Call To Action

So, after going through this booklet, I hope you can see where Immanuel is aiming to go and what Immanuel is aiming to do. We are trusting that our efforts are going to go further in lifting high the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. More than ever, we as a congregation and family of believers, move “Fearlessly Forward in Faith” to assure all we can tell of His love, His sacrifice and His victory over sin death and even hell. We want to share that Jesus desires to draw all people into His kingdom, into His family and into His forever.

I invite you now to consider, talk over with your family, and pray about how you can support Immanuel’s drive into the future in this campaign. We ask that your contribution would be above and beyond your regular offering and tithe. We also ask that you consider how important it is for us in our congregation to go “Fearlessly Forward in Faith” at this time in history where more and more people have not yet heard the grace and love of Jesus Christ. The good news for us is that we are ready, willing and able to go and share Jesus like never before. I thank you in advance for your consideration, prayers and contribution to joining in on this journey!

I am yours in Jesus,

Pastor Bill Yonker

