

About Our Capital Campaign: Come Grow With Us

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The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

—2 Corinthians 9:6 and 8

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Growing for the future

At Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, we are experiencing new birth and the desire to expand our mission even further. We have planted the seed to grow our congregation and extend God's word into our community. Together we are establishing deep roots to sustain our congregation and our community for many generations to come.

Six years ago, as a church family, we stepped out in faith and made the decision to build our parking plaza. We invested in a vision and in the growth of MLLC. Together we are committed to expand our place and extend our mission, and this long-term commitment requires long-term support to grow for the future.

We have already seen our vision flourish in the relationships within our congregation and in our stewardship with our community. But there is still work to do. Let us remember that part of our call as Christians is not only to preach the love and grace of God but also to show it in our work in the community.

Please join in supporting this capital campaign as we nurture the seeds we have sown and watch our work take shape. Come grow with us!

—Lee Foster, campaign chair

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Pastor's message

Our Campaign scripture says, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." Our congregation has always shared this abundance, and now Maple Leaf Lutheran Church pursues its vision to share and grow in northeast Seattle, reaching more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and doing ministry in this neighborhood.

We each have an opportunity and responsibility to join in these ongoing plans for our church and community. Prayerfully consider what your participation will be according to what God has given us. Ask God to guide you and this church in these exciting and challenging times.

May God continue to bless you and our ministry together

—Pastor Julie Blum

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A story of commitment and faithfulness

Our congregation's commitment and faithfulness follows the faith move of Maple Leaf

Lutheran Church founders more than six decades ago when they built their church and instituted their ministry, planting a seed that grew into what we are today.

In 2004, the MLLC congregation also made a faith move: to expand our place and extend our mission by purchasing land to build a parking plaza. This was a big move, but we trusted God and stepped out in faith. We planted a new seed, and as it grows today we invite all to join us in loving and serving God and our community.

The contributions from past capital campaigns totaled \$1,130,000 through the end of 2009, with about \$75,000 in pledges still to come from the second campaign. This commitment and faithfulness allowed us to purchase the property, build the parking plaza, and make payments on the loan. By the end of 2009, we had sufficient contributions to pay on the loan through mid-2012. The contributions from our 2010 campaign will provide time to develop additional funding opportunities for retiring the loan.

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10% to Endowment Fund to support ministries and programs

Our capital campaign supports expanding our mission, building relationships, and growing. Recognizing this, the church council has elected to assign 10 percent of the pledged contributions to the MLLC Endowment Fund to use for programs and ministries. This action will increase the amount available for our ministries to both our congregation and our community and will expand our ability to carry on Christ's work.

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Outreach Message

The vision of a parking plaza that supports Maple Leaf Lutheran Church outreach has evolved into a site for community events. It is the home of plant exchanges, a p-patch for our SHARE residents, an annual neighborhood barbecue, an Oktoberfest celebration, a fun run fundraiser, and more. The parking plaza is a very visible extension of our outreach mission that already supports such programs as the Lake City Holiday Project, English as a Second Language classes, creek stewardship at Meadowbrook Park, and the Urban Cross Trek summer visits from rural church youth groups.

As we reach out to our neighbors and show God's word at work, we partner with corporations, other faith communities, food banks, civic groups, local community centers, human service providers, other nonprofits, and private individuals. Together, we support families in need, homeless individuals, local schools, and Seattle parks. Our commitments nurture not just Maple Leaf Lutheran Church but our entire community.

—Terry Vogel, MLLC Outreach Director

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