

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Capital Campaign for 21st Century Mission

The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD in Jerusalem.

† Ezra 1:5

Vision Statement

Our capital campaign is an ambitious, progressive vision to equip our facilities for ministry in the new millennium. The campaign centers on how we use space and energy. With growing needs for ministry work space, and rising costs of energy use, we have been called to think creatively and act faithfully.

Our first component is complete.

A) Lochinvar Knight Boiler KBN399

- This system heats the Parish Hall, Education Annex, The Office and Room A.
- The new system is Energy Star rated for high energy efficiency.
- In a season colder than last year, January 2010's bill was \$800 less than 2009.

At our annual celebration January 24, 2010 the congregation approved the commencement of our second component.

B) Parish Hall Renovation

- *New room configuration: Feast of Justice† ministry room, classroom, office, "New Hall"*
- *New Energy Efficient Windows custom fit to the Hall.*
- *Insulation of walls will increase energy efficiency and work in cooperation with the new windows to save energy resources.*

How will the Campaign be paid for?

Congregational giving - \$150,000 over two (2) years

Grant opportunities for energy efficiency projects

Churchwide grants (ELCA, SEPA Synod)

Public and private partnerships

Energy Savings from high efficiency heating system and energy efficient windows and insulation

Mission Investment Fund Loan – To be paid off within 10 years after project completion

† Feast of Justice is a 501c(3) organization born out of St. John's ministry to people in poverty. Our vision for our mission includes the work of this vital ministry as it directly serves more than 1,200 families through hunger, literacy, and counseling resource programming.

Our vision for the renovation of our parish hall has two primary goals:

- To provide Ministry Space for Feast of Justice, our partner agency serving more than 900 families in Philadelphia through hunger, literacy, and resource counseling.
- To renovate our space for optimum energy efficiency, thus saving natural resources as well as future financial resources of the congregation.

Our current situation:

Feast of Justice, our partnering social service agency, operates the food cupboard out of a 6' x 25' hallway. The cupboard serves an average of 1275 individuals monthly, distributing more than 8350 bags last year. In addition, an average of 130 households receive fresh produce weekly. Between November and December 2009, 662 holiday baskets complete with frozen whole turkeys (or hams) and all the fixings were given out.

This ministry plan creates a distribution center for Feast of Justice where guests can “shop” for their food package instead of receiving a “hand out” out the door. This vision includes the installation of a walk in cooler/freezer replacing 9 household units currently being used, saving a tremendous amount of energy. Finally, this plan creates a new office for Feast of Justice as well as a shared classroom.

The ministry plan also creates the opportunity for dual programs functioning within the hall. At any given time only one program can operate at a time. This new configuration opens up new mission opportunities as well as operating the hall more efficiently.

Energy Efficiency. The current design and structure of the Parish Hall includes no energy efficiency qualities. The structure was built in 1955 and has not been renovated in it's history. The installation of energy efficient windows, insulated walls (currently cinder block with no insulation), and the framing of a new room configuration will work in conjunction with a new heating system to save energy.

Architectural Update

The congregation has received the first proposals from the architectural firm and the campaign team is working with the firm to finalize the scope of the construction.

Ability to Repay:

The goal of the Capital Campaign is to raise \$150,000 over two years. We are off to a good start, but have a lot of work to do. This spring members of the campaign team will be doing one-to-one visits with members of the congregation who have not pledged and encouraging

those who have to increase their commitment where possible. Several special events are planned throughout the next year and a half to commemorate the campaign and raise funds.

The campaign team has decided to institute gifts to the campaign to extend after the 2-year period, thus members can give to their regular offering and to the building campaign.

Payments against the mortgage will be in addition to the regular budget.

Feast of Justice also is in the process of acquiring grants toward the building project. To date they have received a commitment of \$15,000 toward the purchase of the walk in cooler/freezer.

How can you help?

St. John's is currently receiving gifts towards the Campaign for 21st Century Mission. You may make your contribution payable to *St. John's ELC* with "Capital Campaign" on the memo line. Please mail your check to St. John's at 3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149. Donations are also received during regular worship services by using a "Building Fund" envelope. Thank you for your generous giving.