



**ONE FAMILY
ONE VISION
ONE CAMPUS**



*"Today's faithfulness becomes
tomorrow's blessing."*

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A CASE FOR SUPPORT FOR PEACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



A Legacy Worth Continuing

For more than 80 years, the people of Peace Lutheran Church have shown an unwavering commitment to Christian education. When our founders gathered back in 1940, the first building they raised wasn't a sanctuary. It was a school. Today, we carry that same legacy forward under a new banner: **One Family, One Vision, One Campus.**



THE VISION: Unity in Purpose, Unity in Place

Picture a Peace Lutheran Ministries where worship and education flow together naturally, and every space is built for ministry, fellowship, and growth. Bringing our ministries onto a single campus creates one place where every member of our Peace family can grow, serve, and thrive together.

THE IMPACT: Transforming Lives Daily

More than 350 children walk through Peace's doors every day. They are future teachers, pastors, business leaders, parents, and servants in our community and God's kingdom. As families move seamlessly from our Early Childhood Center to elementary school to worship, they experience what it truly means to be One Family with One Vision.

From our 570 weekly in-person worshipers to the 2,000+ who join us online, Peace serves a diverse community hungry for authentic Christian connection. One Campus creates spaces where faith can flourish and relationships can deepen across every generation.

THE CRITICAL NEED: A Decision Whose Time Has Come

God has entrusted Peace Lutheran with a legacy worth protecting: faithful people, growing ministries, and two campuses built by the generations before us. Being good stewards of what we've been given means asking an honest question. Do we keep patching and repairing an aging Adams Campus, or do we invest that same faithfulness into something built to serve our families for the next 80 years?

Our Adams Campus is telling us it's time. Non-ADA compliant spaces limit who we can welcome. Parking lots are cracking under the weight of daily use. Sound and lighting struggle to keep up with a growing, worshipping community. None of this is an emergency yet, and that is exactly the point. Every month we wait, the cost of fixing it (or replacing it) keeps climbing.

Our Lawndale Campus holds real promise, but it isn't finished, and running two campuses at once is stretching our people, our budget, and our capacity to serve well. The township around us is growing, especially among young families. Meeting them well means positioning ourselves now, before the need becomes urgent rather than after.

This is a decision about stewardship as much as it is about buildings. We believe the wisest use of what God has already provided is to invest in one unified campus built for decades to come, rather than continuing to invest piecemeal in a facility that only grows older.

The Scope: What We're Building

Words can only carry a vision so far. The renderings below give our Peace family a first look at what One Family, One Vision, One Campus could look like: a new sanctuary to gather our whole church in worship, administrative space that lets our staff serve efficiently under one roof, and fellowship and small group spaces built for real relationships to grow.



Exterior Rendering: The Unified Peace Lutheran Campus

A single campus designed to bring worship, education, and fellowship together in one place.





Interior Rendering: The New Sanctuary

A worship space built for a growing congregation, honoring the pipe organ and stained-glass windows entrusted to us by generations past.

THE PLAN: Strategic Growth for Lasting Impact

The essential first phase focuses on a new sanctuary to connect our community in worship, administrative offices to enable efficient ministry coordination, and fellowship and small group spaces to foster deeper connections.

Future phases could include additional classrooms to serve growing enrollment, enhanced Early Childhood Center facilities, and dedicated space for fellowship. We are committed to thoughtful stewardship of our treasured pipe organ and stained-glass windows, honoring our history while building our future.

The cost to build everything at once exceeds our current capabilities, so our building plan completes meaningful work in stages, while keeping our existing \$2.5 million debt manageable.



A PROMISE of Multiplication

Faithful stewardship in God's work multiplies beyond what we can imagine. The \$32,000 invested in our first building in 1940 has touched thousands of lives over eight decades. Our \$3.75 million Early Childhood Center investment now serves over 100 families every

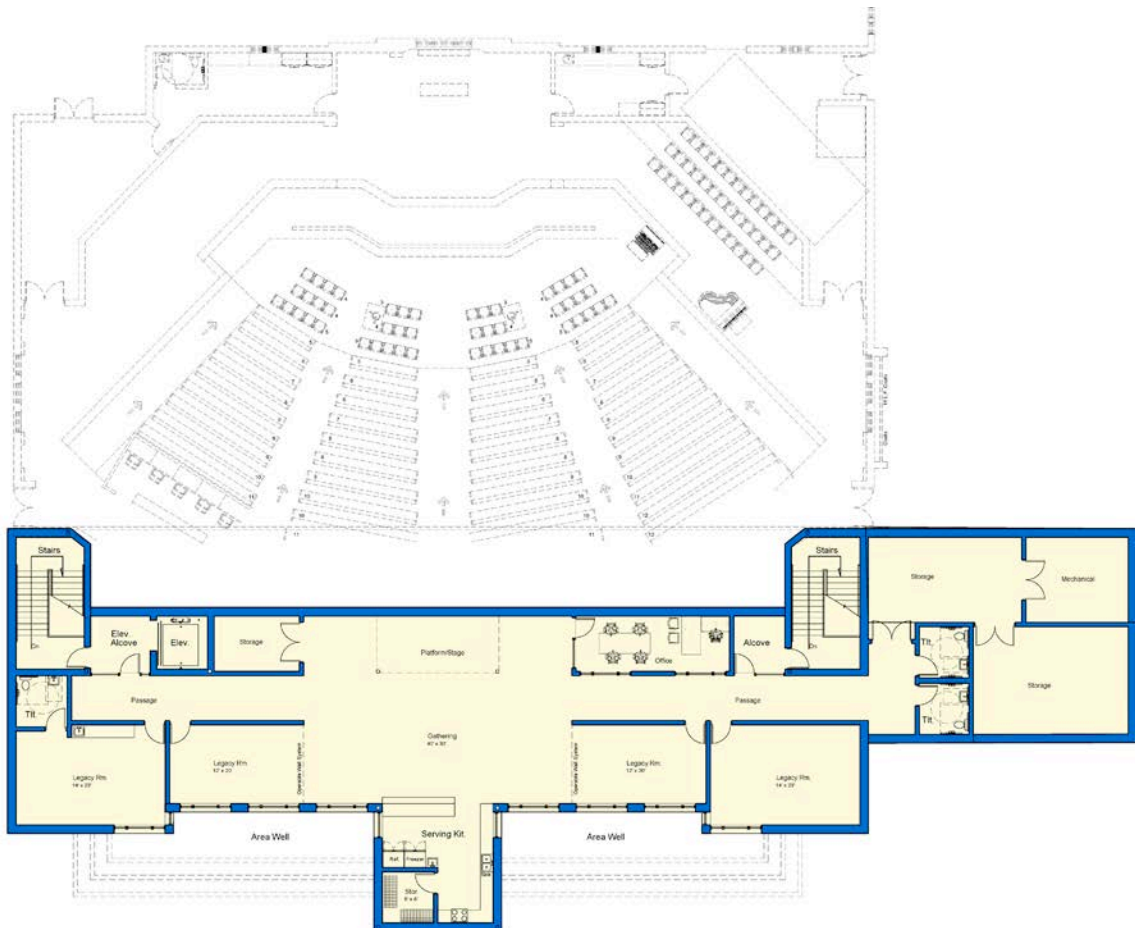
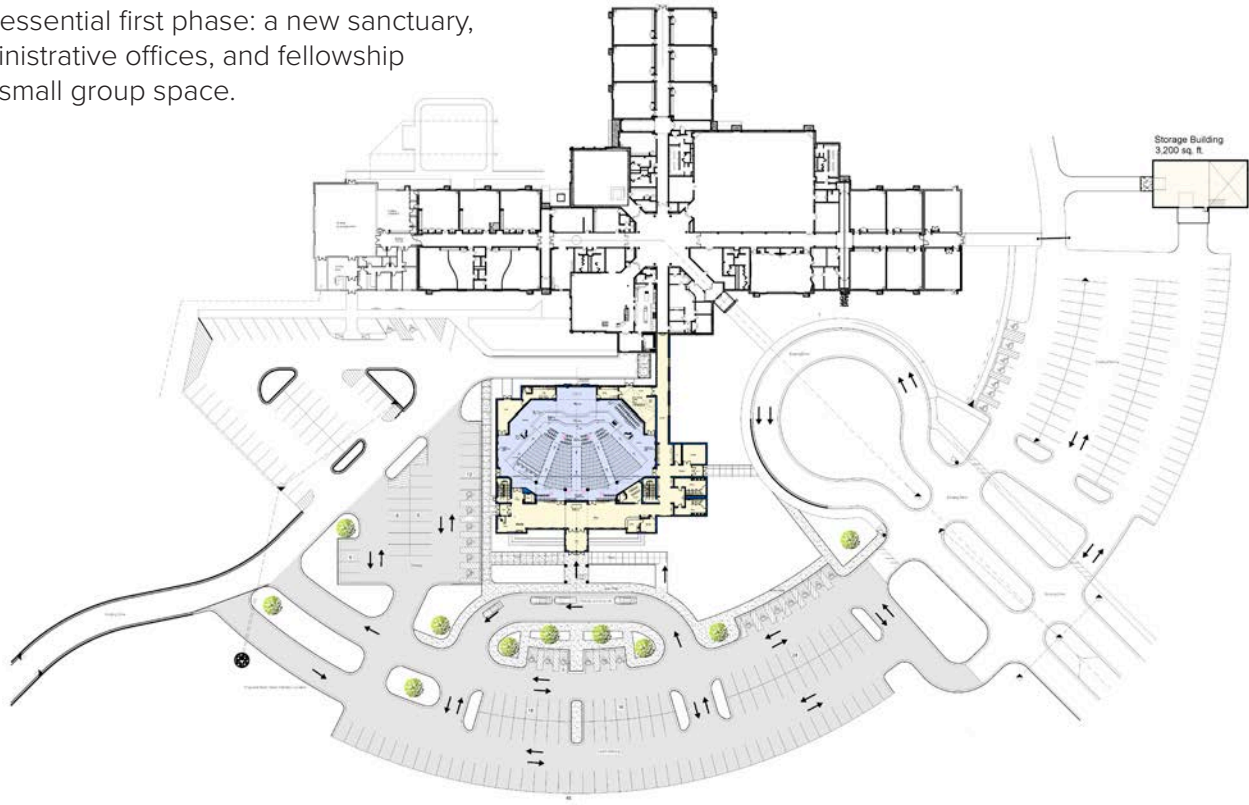
year. Families who experience the full spectrum of ministry in one place become more engaged, more committed, and more effective in their own ministry to others.

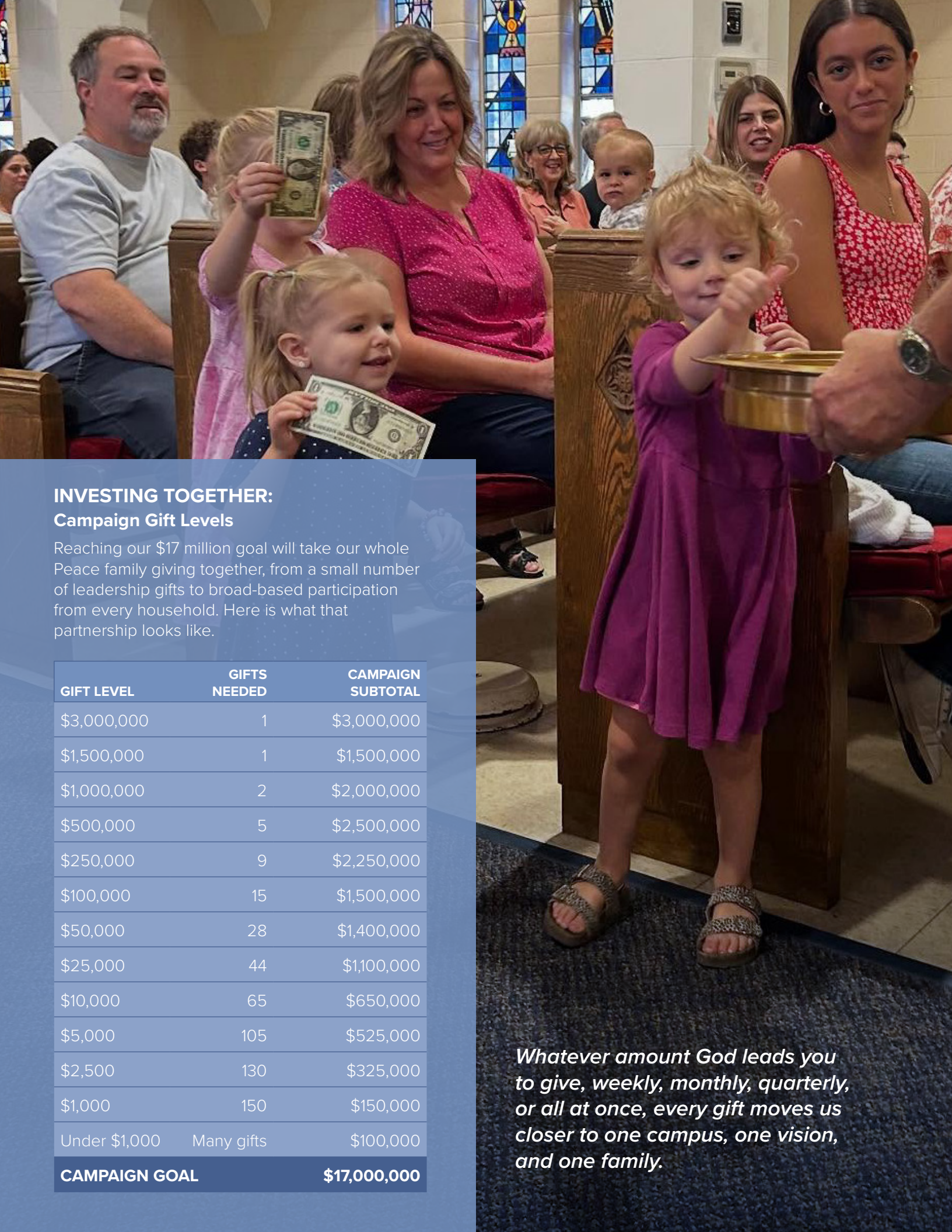
Expanding our capacity lets us welcome entire families, instead of facing the heartbreaking choice of accepting one child while turning away a sibling. This is what makes Peace Lutheran the go-to choice for families who want all their children in excellent Christian education together.

SITE PLAN:

The Phase One Footprint

The essential first phase: a new sanctuary, administrative offices, and fellowship and small group space.





INVESTING TOGETHER:
Campaign Gift Levels

Reaching our \$17 million goal will take our whole Peace family giving together, from a small number of leadership gifts to broad-based participation from every household. Here is what that partnership looks like.

GIFT LEVEL	GIFTS NEEDED	CAMPAIGN SUBTOTAL
\$3,000,000	1	\$3,000,000
\$1,500,000	1	\$1,500,000
\$1,000,000	2	\$2,000,000
\$500,000	5	\$2,500,000
\$250,000	9	\$2,250,000
\$100,000	15	\$1,500,000
\$50,000	28	\$1,400,000
\$25,000	44	\$1,100,000
\$10,000	65	\$650,000
\$5,000	105	\$525,000
\$2,500	130	\$325,000
\$1,000	150	\$150,000
Under \$1,000	Many gifts	\$100,000
CAMPAIGN GOAL		\$17,000,000

Whatever amount God leads you to give, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or all at once, every gift moves us closer to one campus, one vision, and one family.



Ways to Give

At Peace Lutheran, our greatest motivation for giving is advancing the cause of Christ. Every gift fuels ministry and helps more people encounter the hope of Jesus. Your most effective giving strategy depends on your unique situation. Many donors find that giving appreciated assets or real estate lets them give more generously while receiving significant tax benefits. We encourage you to talk with your financial advisor about which approach best serves both your giving goals and your financial stewardship.

Cash Gifts

The simplest and most direct way to give is through cash. Your gift can be made using:

- Cash, personal checks, or cashier's checks
- Automatic transfers from your checking or savings account

Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Giving appreciated securities, such as stocks or bonds, can be a wise and generous choice. When transferred directly to Peace Lutheran Church before being sold, these gifts may offer real tax advantages:

- You may qualify for an income tax deduction for the full market value of the asset
- You avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value

For example: Tom and Sarah owned stock purchased 15 years ago for \$10,000, now worth \$50,000. By transferring it directly to Peace Lutheran, they avoided \$6,000 in capital gains tax and received a \$50,000 charitable deduction, giving \$50,000 at a net cost of about \$32,000.

Gifts of Real Estate

Donating property, such as a personal residence, vacation home, income property, or vacant land, offers a unique way to make a lasting difference. When held for more than one year, these gifts can allow you to:

- Deduct the full fair market value of the property
- Avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value

This form of giving can be especially meaningful for both the giver and the mission of Peace Lutheran Church. As always, please talk with your tax advisor with any questions.

Gifts of Tangible Personal Property

Items of significant value, such as artwork, rare books, collectibles, or other tangible assets, can also serve as meaningful gifts. When appropriately appraised and given for ministry use, these items can provide both a charitable deduction and a way to invest in eternal impact.

No matter the form or size of your gift, every contribution helps us reach more people with the Gospel, strengthen our ministries, and expand the mission of Peace Lutheran Church and School.

MAKING YOUR COMMITMENT: Three Simple Steps to Generous Faith

At Peace Lutheran, we believe generosity is not simply about money. It's about faith, trust, and joining in what God is doing among us. As we begin the One Family, One Vision, One Campus campaign, we invite every family to prayerfully consider how you can be part of this gift.

1. Pray

Ask God for wisdom and faith as you consider your gift. Scripture teaches, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God" (James 1:5). Giving is a spiritual decision. Ask God to stretch your faith and show you how He wants to use your resources to bless others. As you pray, He will give you peace and clarity about your part in this campaign. Don't rush your decision. Take time to listen for God's still, small voice, and reflect on both how much and how you'll give.

2. Discern

Have a family conversation. Generosity is a lesson worth sharing. Include your spouse, kids, or close family members in the process. Read and discuss passages like Proverbs 3:9-10, Luke 6:38, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-12. This is a meaningful opportunity to teach faith and stewardship together as a household.

Take practical steps to prepare for your commitment. Ask yourselves:

- How much could we gather by the campaign deadline?
- Is there anything we could sell or convert to cash?
- Could we reduce any current expenses to increase our gift over 36 months?
- Are there expenditures we could delay?
- How might we increase our income to make a greater impact?
- What amount would stretch our faith?

3. Commit

When you've determined what God is leading you to give, take time as a family to dedicate it in prayer. A simple prayer might sound like this:

"Father, everything we have comes from You. Teach us to be cheerful givers and to trust You to meet our needs. Thank You for the gift of eternal life through Your Son. Use our gift to reach more people with the light of the Gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen."

These three steps, Pray, Discern, Commit, guide your journey toward generous faith. We invite you to embrace each one as God leads you toward your most meaningful gift.

Gift Planning Guide

As you prayerfully consider your commitment, this quick reference can help you plan your gift over 36 months.

GIVEN WEEKLY	GIVEN MONTHLY	GIVEN ANNUALLY	3-YEAR TOTAL
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$25	\$108	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$250	\$1,083	\$13,000	\$39,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000

Your commitment can be fulfilled weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually over 36 months, in whatever rhythm best fits your household.



“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” — Ephesians 2:10

A Faith Step Forward

The funding for this project will come from campaign pledges and a potential loan that can be paid down through annual giving. This entire project, along with the fundraising goal and any potential financing, will be recommended by the Board of Directors, in partnership with the Strategic Planning Group and other relevant committees, and approved by the congregation.

One Family, One Vision, One Campus is more than a slogan. It’s an achievable reality. Together, we can create a place where every member of our Peace family can flourish, where excellent education and vibrant worship happen side by side, and where the next generation learns that following Christ is a seamless, integrated way of life.

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