



Over the next six weeks, we will be sharing the details of our **Growing Together in Grace: Renew. Refresh. Rejoice!** Campaign through temple talks, bulletin inserts, special events, and more. We hope that you will receive this information, listen for how God is calling Grace Lutheran Church for future ministry, and prayerfully consider your support.

The campaign will culminate with the return and celebration of our financial Statements of Intent on Sunday, November 17.

GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE: SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS

For the past ten years, this congregation has pulled together to renovate the campus those early members left for us. The first of three capital campaigns began ten years ago, having a huge impact on our ministry.

- ▶ A new narthex provides space for us to gather, mingle, and build relationships
- ▶ A new parking lot welcomes people to our campus
- ▶ New roofs protect our buildings, sustaining them for years to come
- ▶ Significant updates to the interior of the Education Wing help focus on faith formation in Jesus
- ▶ Refreshed bathrooms have helped with our accessibility and hospitality
- ▶ Updates to our primary parsonage show our commitment to the leaders of this ministry

Through **Growing Together in Grace**, we'll take the next step on this journey.



As we prepare for this campaign, each week we will share excerpts of *Six Steps to Joyful Giving*, written by Dr. Bob Gronlund, which will remind us that generosity is a faith practice. Like prayer, study, and worship, it requires our attention.

STEP I: RECOGNIZE YOUR NEED TO GIVE

It is a fundamental spiritual and psychological principle that life and its gifts are to be used and shared. Life cannot be hoarded or it turns in upon itself and you lose it.

“Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
(Matthew 16:25)

We each have a deep, inherent need to give. To give is to live!

But unfortunately, instead of focusing on our own need to give, all too often we center on the need of the church to receive. The church does seek our support, but we must remember it is God’s church and it will prosper and flourish in God’s own good time whether we give to it or not. The wonder of it all is what God invites us to be a part of — God’s church and to experience the joy and blessing of generously supporting and extending its mission.

Just as a coin, Christian giving has two sides. For too long, we centered mostly on the side titled “The Need of the Church.” We need to begin concentrating on the other side, “My Need to Give,” because giving is an integral part of spiritual life and growth.



*“Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,
I know I am moving from fear to love.”* – HENRI NOUWEN