



everyone is given the opportunity to be informed, involved, inspired and invited so that responsible, God-pleasing decisions can be made. Our goal of \$500,000 is substantial, and calls for the significant participation of everyone. We are not asking for equal gifts, but we are seeking equal sacrifice by those who make Agnus Dei Lutheran their church home.

Can people give appreciated stock or other property?

Yes. For the proper procedure, talk to a stock broker or other financial advisor. This is also a good time to consider other ways to give from accumulated assets as well as regular income. For example, you might transfer all or part of a paid-up insurance policy, give government bonds that have reached maturity, or give from savings. Use your imagination for the cause of Christ in this world. All gifts are tax deductible, in accord with IRS regulations.

How will the program be conducted?

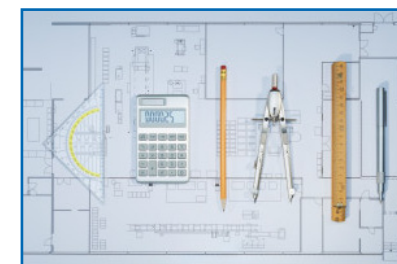
Information to help everyone determine their part will be provided in various ways. This will include Bible reading and reflection, prayer, and opportunities

to learn about ways of giving. Everyone in the congregation will be encouraged to participate, as we help each other gain a vision of what our congregation can be and do, and to grow in generosity.

What other results can we expect from the “Growing in Faith” program?

Working together on an important project like this will continue to strengthen the people of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, inspiring unity and generosity. This campaign calls for us to give “over and above” our regular giving to the church. Through *Growing in Faith*, we can expect that the Spirit will stir us up to even greater things! Growth in stewardship stimulates faith as well as expresses it. This promises to be a time of personal and congregational renewal. Pray that it may be so.

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Questions & Answers

About
Our Congregation's

GROWING IN FAITH
Program



What is the purpose of the “Growing in Faith” program at Agnus Dei Lutheran church?

G*rowing in Faith* will bring the people of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church together to accomplish three goals that are part of strengthening our congregation’s education ministries in Phase 1 of our building expansion program. Agnus Dei is an ‘education church’ and our ministry as ‘life-long learners’ is a vital part of our mission. Throughout this first Phase our aim is to grow together in faith as we respond together to God’s invitation into ministry.

Goal One: *Growing in Faith* will provide the congregation with an opportunity to celebrate God’s faithfulness to this congregation. Serving in a growing community, Agnus Dei has been blessed to see our educational ministries grow. Our pre-school, Sunday school, middle and high school ministry and Adult Education ministries continue to equip and confirm the faith gifts of our community.

Goal Two: *Growing in Faith* will provide the financial resources to add 6100 Sq. ft. to our facility which will provide four classrooms, a small fellowship hall, an office/workroom space for our pre-school director and Sunday school, new restrooms and an expanded

kitchen! These additions will strengthen every aspect of our ministry.

Goal Three: *Growing in Faith* will help extend the ‘hospitality’ of the Gospel in and to the community in which we live and serve. Updating and expanding our facility so that Agnus Dei is an inviting place with adequate facilities for young families, parents and people of all ages is a key part of sharing the hospitality we have known through God’s goodness. We are thankful for every gift that lifts us toward this goal. In summary, *Growing in Faith* will build on the strengths of our congregation and help carry Agnus Dei forward with exciting and meaningful opportunities for our future as an ‘education church’.

What is the goal of the program?

The goal of *Growing in Faith* is \$500,000. Reaching this goal will help fund Phase 1 of our expansion program and help us secure additional funding to complete our expansion. Our goal is bold, just like the gospel we proclaim! God invites each of us to stretch so that God’s love can be communicated through Agnus Dei Lutheran Church to the Gig Harbor community and to the world.

Will we be encouraged to make a commitment?

Yes – everyone will be asked to make a commitment for the three-year giving phase of the program. A stated plan for giving has proven to be an excellent discipline for individuals and congregations. Individuals are helped to live up to their best intentions and congregations can plan their life and mission realistically and responsibly. Those who are not accustomed to this practice are urged to try it.

When will we be invited to make our commitment?

At worship on Sunday, October 25 – Commitment Sunday at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church.

How much are we expected to give?

That, of course, will be answered by us individually and as families. Our outside leader, Pastor Philip Reitz, will help us with our program and will develop giving charts to guide us in our thinking as we make our decision. Using the ELCA’s Stewardship Key leader program, he will see that