

## Capital Campaign

# Frequently Asked Questions

**MARK 9:23**

Then Jesus said, "All things can be done for the one who believes."

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### PHASE II BUILDING PROJECT

This brochure was created for you by the LEAP of FAITH Capital Campaign team to serve as a resource for you of commonly asked questions about this Phase II Building Project.

#### QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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# LEAP OF FAITH

## WHAT IS LEAP OF FAITH?

Leap of Faith is Faith Lutheran Church's new capital campaign designed to raise the funds needed to complete Phase II of our long-term building plan. Leap of Faith was chosen to reflect all the ways that God's work in our family of Faith has made this project necessary and possible, as well as the bold and collective effort the whole family of Faith will have to make in order to achieve this sizable goal.

Leap of Faith is also a subtle nod to the heritage of Faith Lutheran Church, which was founded by Danish immigrants in 1870. The phrase was coined by the great Danish theologian and philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, to describe the Biblical call to trust completely in Christ.

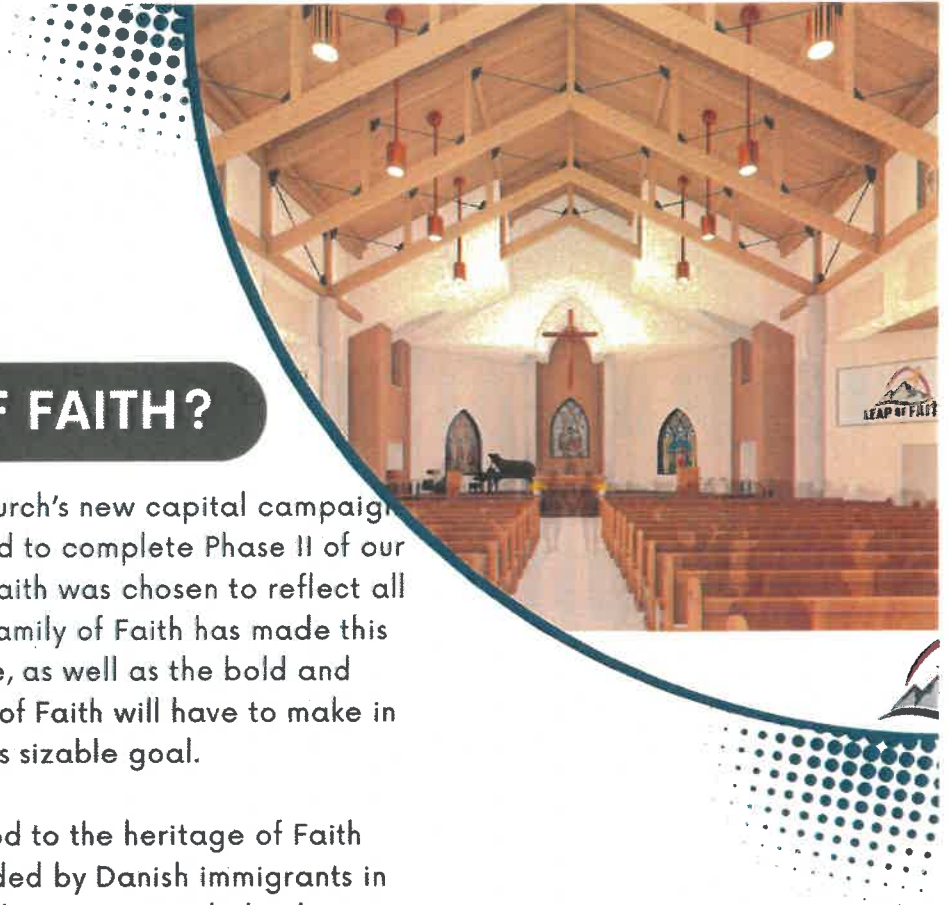
## TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE THEME VERSE OF THE CAMPAIGN MARK 9:23

Mark 9:23 comes from one of the lectionary texts read in worship services during the fall of 2024. It was included in a sermon series on various aspects of Biblical stewardship. In this verse, Jesus assured a father whose son was desperately ill and needed a miracle to heal him. Even as he appealed to Jesus for help, the father also struggled to believe that Jesus could actually heal his son. Jesus responded to his doubt by declaring that anything is possible for a person who believes—not as a reward for faith, but because faith rests in Jesus, God's Son. That promise informs the phrase Leap of Faith and serves as an encouragement for us to believe this campaign goal is possible!

## WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL GOAL?

The goal of the Leap of Faith campaign is to raise up to \$10 million dollars over a three-year pledge period in order to complete Phase II of the building project.

The architect who drew the plans, and also designed Phase I of our project, has estimated that Phase II would cost between \$10 million and \$12 million to complete. Various factors could change that estimate over time.





## HOW MUCH CAN WE BORROW?

The lender we have used previously, Thrivent Financial, would potentially lend the church around \$3 million, which would allow us to finish the project. We have also reviewed other potential lenders. It would be impossible to borrow the entire cost of the project and, even if it were possible, the church would never do it. Any debt that the congregation agrees to secure must be manageable without hindering our ongoing ministry.

## WHAT WORK HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR TO LEAD UP TO THE CAMPAIGN?

The Phase II Finance Team (P2FT) has been meeting monthly since March, 2024. The team interviewed two potential consulting firms to assist us with this process. Significant time was spent reviewing the last 20 years of capital campaigns at FLC and how they were conducted. Data was reviewed in regards to the size of our church, number of family units, and current offerings given annually to our general operational budget. We reviewed public financial data from McLeod County to assist in determining our financial goals. The P2FT decided to move forward using an internal team of Faith Lutheran Church members at this time and not to engage an external consulting firm.

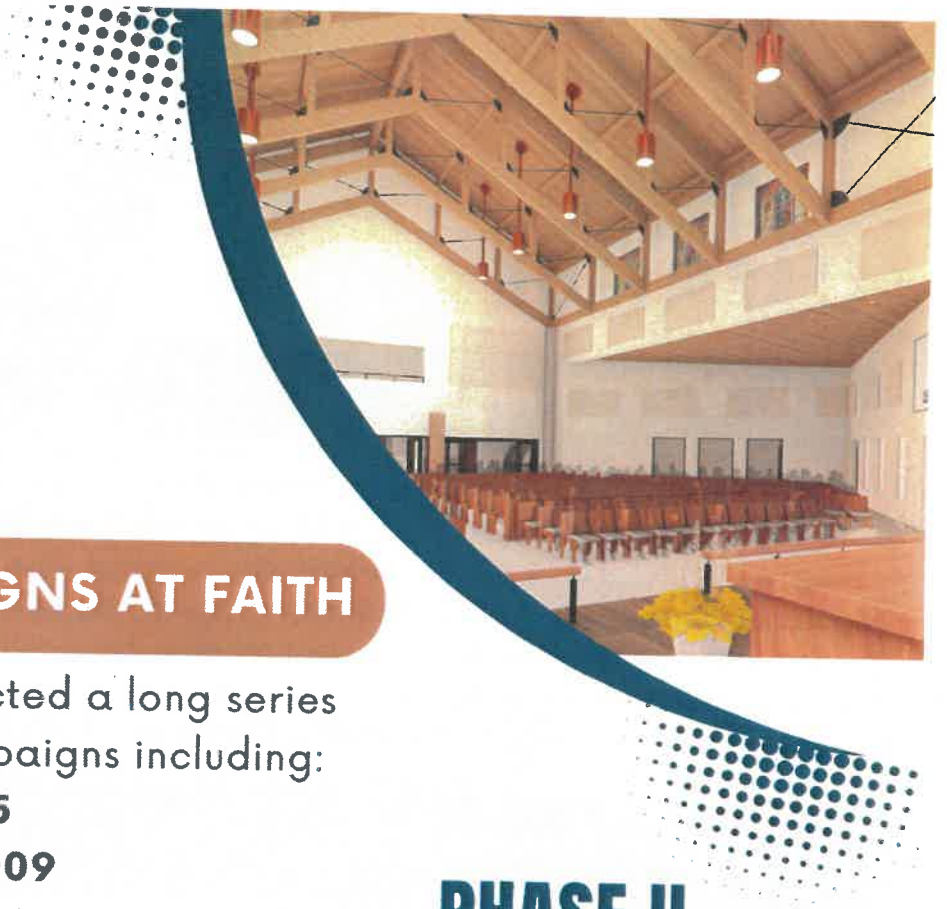
## WILL YOU BE ASKING FOR PLEDGES?

Yes. Leap of Faith is a congregation-wide effort to seek financial commitments for Phase II. The pledge period will last for three years. There will be multiple formats in which you can pledge and give. More information will be provided on this process once the campaign is underway.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF WE FALL SHORT?

What happens if we fall short of the capital campaign goal? Do I get my money back? If the Leap of Faith capital campaign falls short of its goals, the congregation will decide at a special congregational meeting how to proceed.





## CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS AT FAITH

Faith Lutheran has conducted a long series of successful capital campaigns including:

**Word-One-World in 2005**

**The Legacy of Faith in 2009**

**The Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward in 2012**

**Imagine in 2015**

**Upon This Rock in 2018**

Upon This Rock+ was not a separate capital campaign, but a continuation of Upon This Rock to receive gifts since the mortgage on Phase I was completed

**The congregation's generous support of these campaigns allowed the church to pay off its 25-year mortgage in only 10 years, saving many thousands of dollars in interest costs.**

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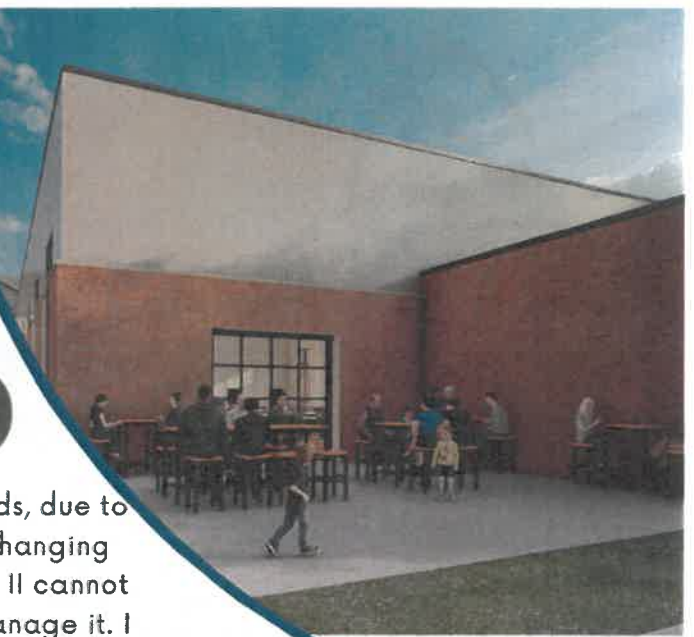
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## WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Capital campaigns typically run for three-year periods, due to turnover in the church's membership and members' changing financial situations. A decision to start building Phase II cannot be made until the congregation has the funding to manage it. I took approximately one year to build Phase I.



## IS THERE A PHASE III? DOES THIS EVER STOP OR DO WE KEEP GOING?

The decision to split Faith's long-term building plan into two phases was made at a special congregational meeting in October, 2008, because the cost of the whole project exceeded the funds that had been raised. The goal of the Leap of Faith capital campaign is to complete the original, though now revised, plan, which should meet Faith's needs for ministry space for many years to come. Due to the estimated cost, the suggestion has been made to split the project again into Phases ii and III, but that would only increase the cost of finally completing it. Phase II, however, is not only needed for future growth. By God's grace, our congregation is reaching the limits of our current building, so this new space is also needed for ministry now.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THE CURRENT SANCTUARY?

Many intriguing suggestions have been proposed, among them a small chapel, a reading room, a larger space for teaching, concerts or plays, or a retreat center. Choosing among those many ideas, however, has not been a primary task for the P2BC until it is clear that Phase II will be built. It is widely agreed that the current sanctuary will not be deconsecrated or used simply as an activity space. Any future uses of it will honor its character, purpose, and history.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS?

The building plan proposes to move the largest stained glass windows to the new sanctuary in order to create a beautiful and enduring connection between the current sanctuary and the new one.



## WHAT WILL WE DO FOR PARKING?

Adequate parking for a downtown building is always an issue. Just to the north of Third Avenue, however, is a half-block of municipal parking. If a new sanctuary is built at the northwest corner of Faith's property, parking in that lot would be more convenient and intuitive than it is now.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE 3 WORSHIP SERVICES?

Even with the size of the proposed new sanctuary, we anticipate holding two worship services each Sunday to accommodate all the different styles of worship in the congregation. No firm decisions will be made until it is clear that Phase II will be completed.

# I'M READY TO LEAP! HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Surround the Leap of Faith campaign with prayer, thanking God for placing this opportunity before the family of Faith and for His guidance and provision as we pursue it.
- Consider carefully, but boldly, how God has blessed you to support the Leap of Faith campaign.
- Attend a Leap of Faith small group meeting or, better yet, volunteer to host one.
- Attend any special congregational meetings or other information sessions about Leap of Faith.
- Return a pledge of financial support in the greatest amount God has blessed you to afford.
- Continue faithfully to pray, worship and support the ministry God is doing through Faith Lutheran.

