



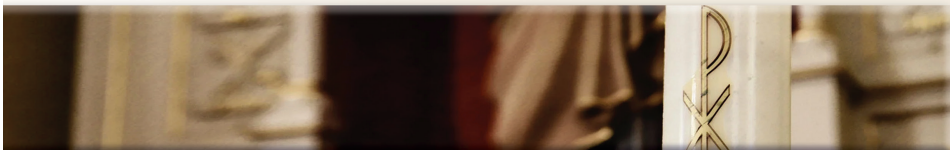
# FORWARD

## Growing in Christ

*T*hey experienced the sorrow of Jesus' death. They felt the joy of his rising from the grave. They observed the triumph of his ascent into heaven. They participated in the excitement of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. How would the first Christians move forward from all this?

God's Word tells us, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42,47 NIV). They spent their time in worship, listening to the apostles' teaching, which is the word of God, praying, and breaking bread, which describes the Lord's Supper. They valued spending time together with their fellow believers, enjoying their Christian fellowship. As they continued in worship and fellowship, the Lord blessed the church with more believers.

Our church moves forward the same way today. We gather for worship, hearing the Word of God, praying for all people, and administering the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. We treasure the time we spend together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We rejoice as the Lord expands our spiritual family, bringing more people to faith in Jesus. We move forward as Christ's church.



*S*t. Lucas Lutheran Church is committed to moving forward as a congregation that is “always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.” A new church building will help us realize this vision. In the next few years, with the Lord’s blessing, we will move into a new worship facility, where we will gather around the Word and Sacraments, join in fellowship, and reach out to our community. As one of our donors said, “I want my church to be a place people are happy to go.”

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### *in Christ*

- **Sanctuary built for Lutheran Worship** — for Word and Sacrament, congregation participation, and music
- **Worship space welcoming for all** — no steps required, accessible restrooms, a room for parent and children
- **Future Ministry Space** — on the lower level to be finished later

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### *together*

- **Gathering Space** — plenty of room to visit with your brothers and sisters in Christ before and after worship
- **Future Dining Area** — on the lower level, a room for meals following special services with walk out access to a patio overlooking the river

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### *to our neighbors*

- **Worship Facility** — welcoming to our guests before, during and after services
- **Guest Friendly Spaces** — to show Christian love for our neighbors on holidays and services such as weddings and funerals

