



Zion Lutheran Church

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Zion Lutheran Church Moves Forward

*By Kevin Thomas and Carol Matson –
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Welcome to the first newsletter for the Zion Lutheran Church **Forward in Faith** campaign.

This campaign is not just about a building. It is about our ongoing mission as a Christian community to worship God, to celebrate His love and forgiveness, and to serve others. The new portions of our building will not only provide us with the physical ability to welcome current and prospective members, but it will also open for us the opportunity to consider how we want to enhance and expand our ministry programs in the years ahead.

Throughout the next several months, we will focus on

Christian growth and commitment. You can get involved in many ways – the **All-Church Bible Study**, informational **All-Church Enrichment Gatherings**, a **Prayer Vigil**, our **All-Church Banquet**, and other activities will be offered in the coming weeks. Watch for announcements, newsletters and other materials from the **Forward in Faith** campaign to learn how you can participate.

Ours is the privilege and opportunity to share in building up the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church – a future that will make a difference in countless lives for years to come. God invites us to step **Forward in Faith** as we journey together on this campaign. May the Holy Spirit work in each of us as God shapes us to be his disciples.





Phase I of the Forward in Faith campaign involves a combined General Fund and Building Fund Campaign



What is the *Forward in Faith* Campaign?

Forward in Faith is Phase One of Zion's long-term Master Plan for our church. In October the congregation voted to take the first step in our long term vision to enhance the ministry and mission of Zion through a multi-phase site development process. Phase One involves a combined General Fund and Building Fund Campaign. The General Fund supports the ongoing mission and ministry of the congregation in support of staff, programs, worship and building maintenance. The Building Fund will raise money to address ministry needs in three areas:

Narthex expansion. The plan calls for an expansion of the existing narthex area to double in size. The narthex is the welcoming center of the church. Having more room for folks to mingle before and after worship will enhance our ability to greet visitors and encourage fellowship time with all Zion members. We envision moving the coffee hour following worship service to the expanded narthex. In addition, we plan

to remodel the bathrooms to bring them up to code for handicapped access. These additions will make our building more "user friendly" and create a warm, welcoming entrance to the church.

Office expansion. The plans also include a major expansion/revision of the office space. The offices are where staff and volunteers plan programs that are vital to the congregation's life. The planning work done in the offices during the week is seen on Sunday in worship services, Sunday School classes and youth activities. This work can be done more efficiently with all the staff closer together in their working environment. Currently, the staff is spread out in two buildings and three offices. We hope to pull all the offices together to enhance efficiency and safety. It will also free up Pastor Shaw's office and the Christian Youth and Family Ministry office to be used for classrooms. This space will be designed to easily convert to other ministry uses in the future.

Kitchen renovation. The church kitchen serves the congregation's fellowship ministry. It is currently very small and needs upgrading both with new appliances and dish washing capacity. Fellowship and hospitality are important values at Zion and a new kitchen will enhance our ability to do more hospitality and fellowship ministry.

Next Steps
Between now and May, the **Forward in Faith** fund drive will include an opportunity for all Zion members to make commitments to support both the on-going work of ministry through the General Fund and the special needs of the Building Fund. By June, the congregation will hear a report on the Capital Fund Drive and will vote on the plans as drawn by the architect of the program. This vote is needed to authorize the project to move from the campaign phase into the construction phase. Construction could begin as early as summer 2009!



Enrichment Gatherings: An Important Step on our Journey

By Jerry and Ruth Ogburn, Enrichment Gatherings Directors

There is an exciting bustle of activity around Zion Lutheran Church since we announced the start of our **Forward in Faith** campaign. What are the goals? What are we going to do? What's next?

We invite you to attend one of the Enrichment Gatherings to get answers to these questions. The gatherings will give you a chance to learn the most up-to-date information about the campaign and building renovations. No financial commitments will be asked for or received at these meetings.

The Enrichment Gatherings will take place both in members' homes and at Zion Lutheran Church from March 3rd – April 4th. (Please see the schedule to the right). We hope that the many times and locations will make it easy for all members of Zion to get involved.

Each gathering will include a video that details the project as well as informative materials. There will be time for questions and discussion led by church leaders and a time to share in fellowship.

Many Zion members are engaged in the **Forward in Faith** effort. We want to thank all of those who responded so generously to our requests for their assistance. We especially thank those who agreed to host Enrichment Gatherings in their homes.

A member of the Enrichment Gatherings committee will contact you soon to take your reservation for the adult and teenaged members of your family. You can also make reservations on the Sundays of March 15th, 22nd and 29th.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

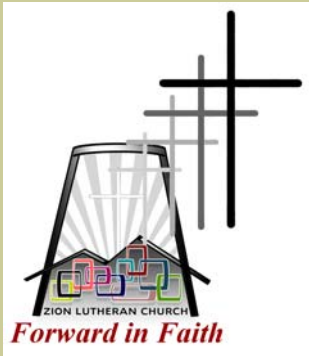
Date	Time	Host Family	City
March 3, 2009	7:00 PM	Bob & Barbara Hilde	Kent
March 5, 2009	2:00 PM	Bill & Janise Hastings	Renton
March 7, 2009	7:00 PM	Tim & Jenny Irwin	Kent
March 7, 2009	7:00 PM	Jim & Jackie Schack	Kent
March 8, 2009	2:30 PM	Kevin & Jenna Hanson	Kent
March 8, 2009	7:00 PM	Keith & Debbie Felderman	Ravensdale
March 10, 2009	7:00 PM	John & Barbara Brassfield	Kent
March 12, 2009	2:00 PM	Paul & Marcella Guay	Maple Valley
March 12, 2009	7:00 PM	Chuck & Angel Sas	Kent
March 14, 2009	7:00 PM	Dale & Pat Mjelde	Kent
March 15, 2009	2:00 PM	Evelyn Dahlman	Kent
March 19, 2009	6:00 PM	Kevin & Linda Schemm	Kent
March 21, 2009	2:00 PM	Tom & Vicki Foege	Kent
March 22, 2009	3:00 PM	Joe & Ramona Fish	Kent
March 22, 2009	4:00 PM	Ken & Nancy Anderson	Kent
March 23, 2009	7:00 PM	Jose & Danielle Acay	Renton
March 24, 2009	7:00 PM	Richard & Margaret Geffrey	Kent
March 26, 2009	7:00 PM	Jerry & Ruth Ogburn	Kent
March 28, 2009	7:00 PM	Bill & Carol Matson	Kent
March 29, 2009	2:00 PM	Brian & Heather Rose	Black Diamond
March 30, 2009	3:00 PM	John & Barbara Brassfield	Kent
March 31, 2009	7:00 PM	Brett & Kris Garner	Kent
April 4, 2009	7:00 PM	Bill & Carol Matson	Kent
TBD		Don & Ann Lantz	Kent
TBD		Pete & Kelly Mullin	Covington



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www.zionkent.org/ForwardinFaith/ForwardinFaith.htm

Upcoming Forward in Faith Events

All-Church Bible Study
Sunday, February 22nd

Sunday School Art Day
Sunday, March 22nd

24-Hour Prayer Vigil
Friday, April 10th, noon —
Saturday, April 11th, noon

Advance Commitments Event
Friday, May 15th

**All-Church Banquet &
Children's Party**
Saturday, May 30th

