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Capital Campaign News from Ascension Lutheran Church, School, & Foundation

## Upcoming Campaign Events

**Mission Possible  
Gatherings**  
(informational meetings)

- Oct. 1 - 29

**Prayer Vigil**

- Sat., Nov. 4

**Small Group Bible  
Studies**

- Sun, Oct. 8, 15, & 22

**Children's Sunday  
School Activity Day**

- Sun., Nov. 12  
8:00 & 9:30 services

**Advance Commitment  
Gathering**

- Fri, Dec. 1 or  
Sat. Dec. 2

**Mission Possible  
Celebration Luncheon**

- Sun, Dec. 10

**Commitment Worship  
Services**

- Sat., Dec. 16 &  
Sun., Dec. 17

## Correction

Last month's newsletter article regarding spiritual growth and Bible study opportunities contained the wrong email address for Kathleen Rudrud. The correct email address is: [kdrudrud@yahoo.com](mailto:kdrudrud@yahoo.com)



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## ONE ASCENSION - PRAYING FOR THE FUTURE

**One Ascension's** *Mission Possible* campaign is not only a fund-raiser, it is, most importantly, a "faith-raiser and friend-raiser." Therefore, we all should start with the foundation of daily meditation and contemplation, especially during the focused time of prayer during our Prayer Vigil taking place from dawn to dusk (7AM to 7PM) on Nov. 4th. These are very important days for us and we need them all to be strengthened in the power of prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us.

Ascension's prayer group led by Prayer Ministries Chairperson, Suzie Bothke, includes nearly 100 prayer warriors who are committed to praying for our entire Ascension family as well as our recently launched capital campaign. And now, we are calling upon each and every person, young and old, in our Church, School, Early Childhood Center, and Foundation to pray for our future growth and ministries; creativity, guidance, and perseverance. We ask that everyone commit to one hour of prayer during this time. You pick the hour that works best for you to pray in our Prayer Chapel, Sanctuary, or by walking our campus and praying for the many ministries of Ascension. If you're unable to come to Ascension on Nov. 4, commit to an hour of prayer wherever you are.

We will ask for God's will to be done in our lives, through our One Ascension vision, ministries, Mission Possible campaign, and in the calling of our third pastor. Our prayers will be for our community, state, country, and the whole world as well as all individuals and families on our prayer lists.

Watch for more information, resources for our prayers, and ways to be part of this spiritual renewal opportunity!

Ascension's Prayer Ministry's guiding verse is Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving." We're asking that you keep this verse in mind as you pray for **our vision and our future - all for God's glory!**

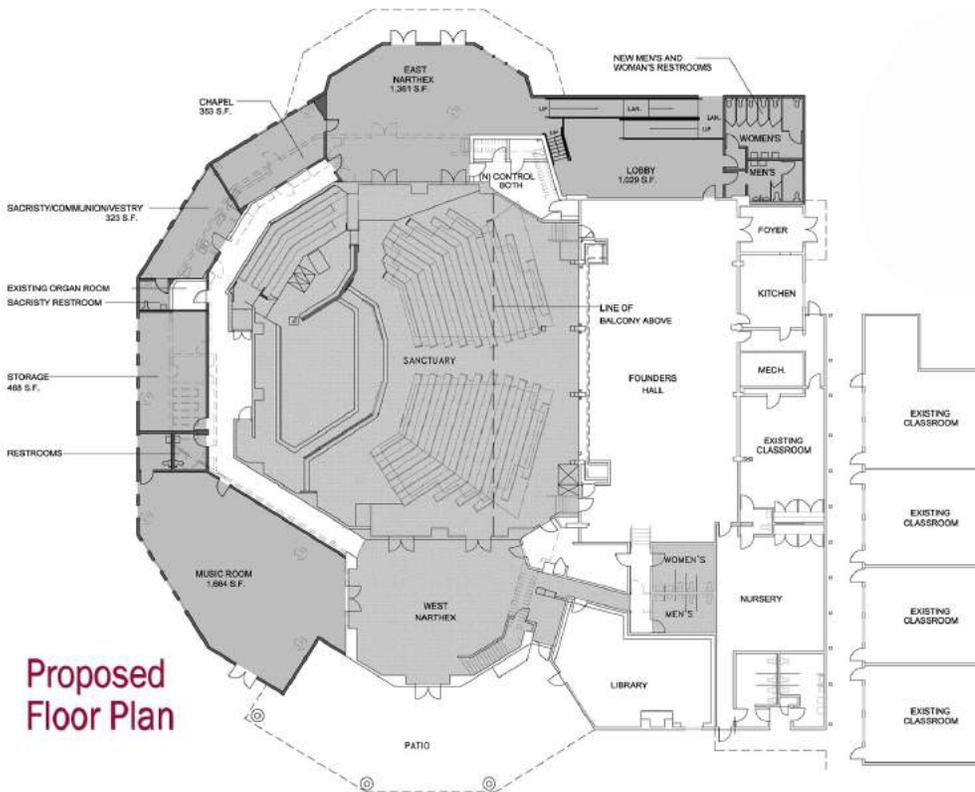
## Children's Prayer Activities

During the dawn-to-dusk prayer vigil on November 4th, K thru 6th grade children are invited to meaningfully participate in the vigil through fun, prayer-focused activities. These activities will take place in Pederson Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Daycare will also be available in the nursery during that same time.

Having daycare and children's activities available, helps make it possible for parents in our congregation, school, and Early Childhood Center with small children to spend quiet, meditative time in prayer. Mom and dad (guardians or grandparents) can come to the Ascension campus any time during that 2-hour period for quite and focused prayer, knowing that their children will be cared for and taught about the meaning and importance of prayer.



## A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE



*From Todd Klipp, our Capital Campaign Chair*

The artist renderings that you've seen posted around our campus are meant to give you a general visual understanding of discussions between our Master Plan Implementation Team, Worship Committee, and School representatives. What you are seeing with respect to the sanctuary remodel is the expansion of the east narthex, a new music room, expanded sacristy and vestry, and a remodel of the west narthex.

The construction of a permanent structure for our Early Childhood Center includes relocation and enhancement of the outdoor classroom and garden area.

While these projects are being completed, we will be moving forward with planning efforts for the remaining items in the Master Plan. Details on our initial projects include:

**Sanctuary Remodel:** The initial project, tentatively scheduled to begin in May of 2018, includes new flooring, pews, paint, expansion of the raised floor at the front of the sanctuary, an upgraded sound system, lighting and electrical panel, replacement of a section of the organ bank; and, upgrading of bathrooms off the west narthex.

**Early Childhood Center (ECC):** With the placement of modular facilities in 2015, we are under a three-year time allowance to begin the process of constructing permanent facilities to replace them. However, there has been a lot of work put into these facilities to create an exceptional learning environment for our students. Because we have developed a positive relationship with the Thousand Oaks City Planning Dept., they understand that this phase of our construction is part of a larger Master Plan so we hope to be able to continue to use these facilities as long as we show positive movement in implementing the rest of our Master Plan. We anticipate grading and site work to begin in May 2019 with construction beginning in August of 2019 and the facility open for business in September 2020.

**East Narthex Expansion:** As we finish construction of the ECC, we hope to begin the expansion of the east narthex, including everything listed in the first paragraph above; with completion of the project in time for Christmas 2021.



**Proposed Site Master Plan**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that currently we have over 320 opportunities for witness? That's the combined enrollment of the Early Childhood Center and TK through 8th grade school. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ is just one of the many benefits of having a Christian school. There is no substitute for the influence of a child's Christian teachers and peers. When the new Early Childhood Center project is complete, our opportunities for witness will increase by at least 25%.

Each year, children from both campuses participate in chapel worship every Wednesday which is reinforced by daily learning and application of Bible lessons in class. This ongoing teaching and modeling of the Christian faith helps to show our children that God is at the center of every pursuit in knowledge. We are working together to equip our students to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. Much appreciation goes to our church families for believing ministering to children in an educational setting. We can't thank our church families enough for supporting a campaign that is dedicated to building a facility where witness opportunities will expand. The joy received from watching a child grow academically and mature in the Lord makes all the effort, all the time, all the money worth it.

~Karen Jonas, AL School Principal~





Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.  
1 Corinthians 12:27



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## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Fun, Fellowship, and Sharing at Mission Possible Gatherings

An integral part of our **Mission Possible** campaign is a series of small group meetings (Mission Possible Gatherings) which will give participants an opportunity to hear first-hand about the plans and purposes of our capital stewardship program. You are invited and encouraged to join the fellowship, sharing, and information gathering by attending one of these **Mission Possible Gatherings**, scheduled during the month of October.

As each of us is called to support and strengthen the ministries and programs of Ascension Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center, your attendance at one of these meetings is vital. The gatherings are designed to share information and ask questions about Ascension's *Mission Possible* Capital Campaign. There will be time to discuss the purpose of the program and the importance of the participation of all members and friends of Ascension. Please attend one of the Mission Possible Gatherings as an expression of your support and as an encouragement to others. **No financial commitments will be asked for or received at these meetings.**

You can register online for one of the many dates available on the Mission Possible capital campaign page on the campaign's web page (click on the "Register Here" link):

[www.ALCTO.org/Mission-Possible](http://www.ALCTO.org/Mission-Possible)



## SAVE THE DATE

### Mission Possible Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Soiland Recreation Center in the Gilbert Sports Arena - with children's activities in the Lundring Center  
Stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter!



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