

NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 4



Dear Woodlands Faith Family,

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry at Woodlands Lutheran Church and Early Learning Center. For the last 36 years as a church and 31 years as a school, Woodlands has been investing in the lives of people and reaching out with God's Word to "Connect People to Jesus." People young and old have been called to faith and have been blessed with the opportunity to grow spiritually. As your Campaign Leadership and pastors, you have played a significant role in being used by God to make these things happen. We are glad that God has led you here to be a part of this ministry!

As you know, since coming out of Covid, God has blessed Woodlands with tremendous growth both in the congregation and the school, giving us an opportunity for future ministry possibilities. Many of those in our faith family have a clear sense of the blessings God has bestowed on them and the importance of discovering His purposes in their lives. We are thankful that over 175 Woodlands' families have taken a bold step forward with a commitment or gift to the "Look What God is Doing" ministry expansion campaign.

We are thrilled that through this Newsletter we can bring to you some exciting updates from the present looking into the future.

In Christ who loves you,

Rev. Joshua Pettit
Senior Pastor

In His service . . . and yours,

Rev. Dr. Robert M. Roegner
Assistant Pastor for Administration

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Clinton and Ann Lowe
Campaign Director

RECEIVED TO DATE

\$658,211

COMMITMENTS &
GIFTS PLEDGED

\$1,294,932

LWGID UPDATES



PROJECT UPDATES FOR THE LWGID MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

The “LOOK WHAT GOD IS DOING” ministry expansion campaign case statement focused on three specific areas as to how and where commitments and gifts would be designated. Here is an update on each of these areas:

1. We will donate 10% of all first fruits received in this ministry expansion campaign to our mission endeavors in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. **So far, no funds have been dispersed.**

2. We will designate 25% of all first fruits received in this ministry expansion campaign to Disciples Hall renovation and Sanctuary infrastructure updates. **So far, we have spent funds on our Sanctuary infrastructures as follows:**

- A new roof has been completed.
- Waiting for a second bid on the window wall behind the altar with the expectation that the project will be completed no later than Easter, 2025.

3. We will designate 65% of all first fruits received in this ministry expansion campaign to build a new Early Learning Center. **So far, we have spent funds on our new Early Learning Center building as follows:**

- Expenses related to our Architect and Civil Engineer companies.
- Soil bore testing around the building site (the samples came back giving us approval to build on the selected site near our current Disciples Hall).
- Current bids have been sent by our Architect and Civil Engineer to two General Contractors which our leadership has pre approved, and we are waiting for those bids to be returned.

ELC Fundraising Efforts

"The ELC staff and families have been hard at work already this year raising funds for the Ministry Expansion Campaign.

Our families have sold the Papa John's Nifty Fifty Cards, had a Dunk Tank, put on a Chili Cook-Off, offered Parent Nights Out, and had several Spirit Nights at local restaurants.

In total, we have raised \$6,059, towards our goal of \$30,000 over the 3-year giving period. We are excited to see what the rest of the year holds. Stay tuned as we have more Parent Nights Out, Spirit Nights, a Family Dance, and a Pancake Breakfast Race Day!"

Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power he can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory belongs to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21