



September 26, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

These are exciting days! Immanuel will officially begin a focused, six-week fundraising campaign on Sunday, October 2, to preserve, restore, and make new again our church home. Our goal is to raise \$950,000 to complete the essential building improvements identified by the Rejuvenation Task Force.

It's an ambitious goal. But as Immanuel's name implies, we know "God is with us" because it's not just a building we are raising money for. It is for the many ministries—downtown food fellowship, children and youth programs, Sunday School, Bible study, and weekly worship—that cannot happen without a well-functioning, up-to-code, and safe building. So while our goal is lofty, it also gives us joy because it serves God's purpose.

We have chosen "Build Us Up, Lord!" as our campaign theme. It comes from Isaiah 57:14: "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."

The Rev. Nancy Amacher will be our special guest on October 2 to help us launch "Build Us Up, Lord!" Pastor Amacher is a consultant for Capital Campaign Services of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

After each service, you are invited to a presentation by Pastor Amacher in the Thomas Chapel. We'll provide a coffee and juice bar, pastries, and a special activity for children so you may learn more about the campaign.

We hope the enclosed brochure answers your initial questions. You'll be invited to learn more and participate in campaign activities in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you on October 2!

Sincerely,

Pastor Gretchen J. Bingeo

Susan Rowe