



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

2025-2028

That a people not yet created may praise the LORD
(Psalm 102:18b)



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTORS



Dear Little Church and Lakewoodgrace,

Through the years, as we have worshiped, worked, and served, we have carried a clear vision: to make disciples, grow disciples, and share the love of Jesus Christ with all people. This vision is not only for today but also for future generations so that, in the words of the psalmist, “a people not yet created may praise the Lord” (Psalm 102:18).

As we launch our Little Church with a Big Future campaign, we set our sights on renewing our facilities and carrying this vision forward in ways that will enrich and strengthen our future.

This campaign invites each of us to take part in something extraordinary. For many, it will mean a “once-in-a-lifetime” gift. We are called to give generously and sacrificially, over and above our regular offerings, for the next three years. Every gift matters, and each of us has a vital role in God’s work. Jesus reminds us, “Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over...” (Luke 6:38).

We are ready for this challenge. With God’s help, our efforts will bear fruit and bring glory to His name.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Kim".

The Rev. James Kim, Senior Pastor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Epperson".

The Rev. Brad Epperson, Pastor, Lakewoodgrace

A LETTER FROM OUR CAMPAIGN CHAIRS



To the Friends and Members of Little Church and Lakewoodgrace,

When we think about what a church is, we know it is more than buildings. A church is people. At The Little Church, we are a community bound together in loving fellowship and inspired to serve in countless ways.

Our Little Church with a Big Future campaign reminds us that we are moving forward together, seeking new ways to strengthen the vision we share of being a place of welcome, renewal, and inspiration for all. We want to continue the good work God is already doing among us—and do it even better.

Your generous giving will help us meet our financial goals so we can invest in a strong future by renewing our campus. Yet this campaign is about more than buildings. It is about growing in spirit, deepening our fellowship, and expanding our capacity to serve. Generations to come will be blessed by the faith-filled commitments we make today.

We invite you to join us as we commit to the future. With God’s help, we will continue to do amazing things together.

With you in the Lord’s service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Brockhoff".

Judy Brockhoff
Campaign Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Semon".

Lisa Semon
Campaign Co-Chair

Frequently Asked Questions

What is our Little Church with a Big Future campaign about?

Our Little Church with a Big Future campaign is designed to involve each of us in a focused time of inspiration and personal reflection on what it means to be part of the Little Church family, and the ways we feel called to serve and give through our church.

Every church household will be invited to make a special three-year financial pledge, in addition to our regular giving, to our capital campaign. The gifts received from our campaign will be used to complete the initial phases of our building redevelopment.

What are the projects we’re seeking to fund?

Our campaign redevelopment project is intended to rebuild our church facilities over several phases so that we will have stronger, more serviceable buildings in which to worship, share fellowship, serve, and welcome others for years to come so that “a people not yet created may praise the Lord.” (Psalm 102:18b)

The initial phases focus on constructing a new building for fellowship and church and community group gatherings, with the hopeful addition of space for worship. During Phase I, the education wing/McCormick Hall will be replaced with parking.

Our Session will determine the extent to which we will build once we know the financial outcome of our campaign.

How was the redevelopment project discerned?

The session has been praying and listening for God’s direction and guidance for the past four years. We have also had multiple gatherings and fireside chats with the congregation to hear what is most important for our future facility needs. Having taken all those things into account, we have been working with the architect to come up with the plans that will best meet our needs for the future.

How much will these projects cost?

The estimated cost to complete the initial phases of redevelopment (Phases I and II) is \$5 million.

Have we considered remodeling?

The cost to remodel is far higher. If a remodeling project were to take place, we would first have to bring the existing building up to 2025 codes.

What will be done with the organ?

We will do our best to relocate the organ to the new worship center.

Are we thinking about additional forms of financing, loans, etc., to accomplish our project?

We have explored multiple financing options, including loans. However, we have concluded that the added burden for payment on the loans will be too burdensome for our congregation.

What is the projected timeline for building?

The general contractor has informed us that the timeline for the first phase will be nine to twelve months.

When and how do I pay my pledge?

Your three-year commitment to the Little Church with a Big Future capital campaign may be paid incrementally in weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual installments, or as a one-time gift. Remember that these are gifts above and beyond our annual giving or regular offerings. The gifting period will be December 2025 through December 2028.

What are the spiritual benefits of this project?

By focusing on the future of our church, we are not only tending to our own needs for weekly worship, learning, fellowship, and service, but we’re also actively living the mission God has for us to “make disciples, grow disciples, and share the love of Jesus Christ” in this generation and for generations to come.

Why is our campaign so important?

There have been many times over our 86-year history when the members of The Little Church have taken a leap of faith and committed significant resources to invest in our beloved church. And we’ve been the fortunate ones who have inherited everything they’ve given and been blessed by it. Now it’s our turn to gather afresh and invest in our church, to do what needs to be done, so that future generations can be blessed by the unique witness that The Little Church offers to a world that is longing to know the redeeming love of God.

Come, be a part of God’s promise for us by supporting our Little Church with a Big Future campaign.



Campus Vision Phase 1 & 2



Above: Architectural rendering showing the new 4,368 square foot Phase I building. Below: Phase 2 showing our new Worship Center



Campus Vision Phase 3



Above: Architectural rendering showing the new sanctuary building that will be built during phase 2.

Below: Site plan showing the new sanctuary building, and a detailed drawing of the interior space.



CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL GOALS

“HALLELUJAH!” GOAL = \$5,000,000

CHALLENGE GOAL = \$3,000,000

CORNERSTONE GOAL = \$2,000,000

How we'll reach our 'Hallelujah!' Goal. It takes everyone!

# of Gifts	Amount (Total Over 3 Years)	Total	Cumulative Total
1	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
2	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,750,000
3	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$2,500,000
4	\$100,000	\$400,000	\$2,900,000
5	\$75,000	\$375,000	\$3,275,000
7	\$60,000	\$420,000	\$3,695,000
10	\$36,000	\$360,000	\$4,055,000
12	\$24,000	\$288,000	\$4,343,000
14	\$18,000	\$252,000	\$4,595,000
16	\$12,000	\$192,000	\$4,787,000
18	\$6,000	\$108,000	\$4,895,000
20	\$3,000	\$60,000	\$4,955,000
38	\$600 - \$1,800	\$45,000	\$5,000,000
150			\$5,000,000

GUIDANCE FOR GIVING

Use this chart to see how weekly or monthly gifts add up over the three years of our campaign.

Discern
Pray for a spirit of discernment to guide you as you consider how to share your financial resources in our Little Church with a Big Future campaign. The call is to offer a generous gift above and beyond annual stewardship to our capital campaign. Tune your heart to discover new ways to share.

Commit
As you feel called, make your commitment. More than the dollar amount, the key is the level of generosity each of us expresses. Everyone’s precious gifts are needed!

Celebrate
Give thanks for the abundance in your life and for the calling you have to carry out God’s work in this place.

Weekly	3-Year Total	Monthly	3-Year Total
\$700	\$109,200	\$3,000	\$108,000
\$500	\$78,000	\$1,500	\$54,000
\$400	\$62,400	\$1,200	\$42,200
\$300	\$46,800	\$1,000	\$36,000
\$200	\$31,200	\$800	\$28,800
\$150	\$23,400	\$600	\$21,600
\$125	\$19,500	\$500	\$18,000
\$100	\$15,600	\$400	\$14,400
\$90	\$14,040	\$360	\$12,960
\$80	\$12,480	\$320	\$11,520
\$70	\$10,920	\$280	\$10,080
\$60	\$9,360	\$240	\$8,640
\$50	\$7,800	\$200	\$7,200
\$45	\$7,020	\$180	\$6,480
\$40	\$6,240	\$160	\$5,760
\$35	\$5,460	\$140	\$5,040
\$30	\$4,680	\$120	\$4,320
\$25	\$3,900	\$100	\$3,600
\$20	\$3,120	\$80	\$2,880



Creative Gift Planning

Many of us are experienced at stewardship to the mission and ministry of Little Church. Many of us provide from our current resources – checking and savings – to supply our support of the church. Often, however, gifts for capital campaigns are contributed in ways other than cash and checkbook. Let's think outside the conventional box and be creative in our giving.

Gifts of Appreciated Investments

Donations of appreciated long-term stocks, mutual funds, or other investments are an excellent way to support our church. When you donate appreciated investments, you do not pay capital gains tax, and you receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value on the date of the donation.

Gifting from an IRA

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can make a tax free Qualified Charitable Distribution to the church from your IRA. The distribution must be made directly from your IRA to the church and it may be applied to your Required Minimum Distribution.

Bundling

With the significant increase of the standard deduction, there's a reduced incentive to itemize. Since you must itemize to claim a charitable deduction, consider “bundling” your charitable gift. With bundling, you simply alter the timing of your giving so that you exceed the standard deduction and reap a tax deduction. For example, instead of donating \$5,000 annually for each of three years, consider giving \$15,000 all at once. It's the same gift as before, but if you coordinate it with your other potential deductions, you may be able to take advantage of the deduction in a year you itemize.

Life Insurance

You may consider donating existing life insurance by making the church both the owner and the beneficiary of the policy. Suppose the policy is whole (ordinary) life insurance. In that case, you will receive an immediate tax deduction for the cash value on your federal income tax, and, if you continue to pay future premiums, you can take future deductions.

Lifestyle Giving

Another way to generate gifts for our campaign is to consider lifestyle adjustments. Postponing the purchase of an automobile or remodeling of a home are all ways to “find money” in order to make a generous gift.

Real Property as a Charitable Gift

There are two main methods for real estate to be given as a charitable gift. The first is an outright gift of the property. This is the simplest, most direct method resulting in the most immediate tax benefit. The second method involves bequests either through one's will, establishment of trusts, or annuities. For the latter, there are various tax benefits depending upon the specifics of the bequest and upon the individual's life circumstances and desires.

Note: The Little Church on the Prairie cannot give legal advice. You are encouraged to consult your professional advisor before implementing any of the above plans.

God's Grace Flowing . . .

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh,
and the fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks.

Trees spread their branches over it and
stretch out their roots to sip of its healing water.
Along its shores, the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with
sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs
in the sunshine. And people build their houses near it,
birds make their nests, and every kind of life
is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea.
There is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf,
no song of birds, no children's laughter.

Travelers choose another route unless on urgent business.
The air hangs heavy about its waters, and neither
humankind nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this difference in these neighboring seas?
Not the River Jordan. Not the soil in which they lie;
nor the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee
receives but does not keep the River Jordan.
For every drop that flows into it, another flows out.
The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously.
It will not be tempted into any generous impulse.
Every drop it gets, it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives.
The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

“Two Seas” Original by Bruce Barton, adapted by Bruce Rockwell

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