

Our Final Building Fund Appeal

We can see the light. . .
and it's just the beginning to keep our vision glowing!

In 1877, Pastor Jacob Kogler gathered 19 families to form St. John's Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Belle Plaine. WOW - that's a vision! We are now going on 141 years of ministry. Many of the members today have ties to these founding families and many new families have joined too. Whether an old or new member we all have our stories as to what this church means to us and our own precious memories.

We want to keep these stories and memories alive and growing as we move toward the future. Our church building provides a home to enable our ministry and our memories from the very young to the very old. On April 30th the current three-year Building Fund Appeal comes to a close. In moving forward, the Church Council decided it was in the best interest for our Church Community to do our final three-year Building Fund Appeal, in house. A committee of 13 spirited individuals have been meeting regularly to put a plan of action in place. This committee has set a goal of paying off our church home mortgage in three years - this allows us to be debt free! To achieve this goal requires commitment of \$550,000 in gifts. We need to determine if and how we can effectively do this and succeed without incurring the costs of the consultant.

Please plan to attend one of the following informational sessions:

- Sunday April 15th, 9:30 – 10:15am, or
- Wednesday April 18th, 6 – 6:30pm*

We as a church family all need to help. Please prayerfully consider completing a "Statement of Intent" for this three year Building Fund Appeal (you will receive it in the mail soon). Psalm 36:9 states "you are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light."

Do you see the light?

*NOTE: This meeting will be held at the start of Connect / Confirmation for students and their parents; and any interested member of the congregation.