

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Believing  
Belonging  
Becoming  
Update



The members of St. John's are, indeed, a Believing, Belonging and Becoming people! We are a forward-moving, forward-thinking people who are committed to making a significant difference in the community of which we are a part. In faithfulness, in the experience of dynamic relationships with one another, and in the development of effective ministries and the resources with which to affect them, the congregation of St. John's continues to actively pursue the vision which has grown from Believing, Belonging, Becoming!

**MISSION SUPPORT:** As part of the Church -- which is the extraordinary community of which we become a part through our Baptism into Christ -- we are bound to one another and to Believers of every time and place! It is out of this awareness that we embrace the practice of "first-fruits giving" ... providing for the larger work of the Church our first response to our experiences of God's Grace. A reasonable starting-place for this response is a tithe, or 10%, of the gifts we receive from the Lord of our lives.

Based upon our campaign goal of \$1,200,000 -- a target-Offering of \$120,000 has been embraced for "first-fruits giving" through the Believing, Belonging, Becoming Appeal. This part of our Offerings has provided support to the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, to Tyson House Campus Ministry, to the Volunteer Ministry Center, and to Lutheridge and Lutherock Ministries. We have currently reached \$36,200 of our original \$120,000 goal.

**MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT:** Along with our growth in ministry, we have also continued to fulfill the implicit responsibility of caring for and maintaining our facilities for ministry. Capital maintenance has ensured the care of the exterior of our educational building, the painting of the interior Sanctuary and the restoration of stained-glass windows.

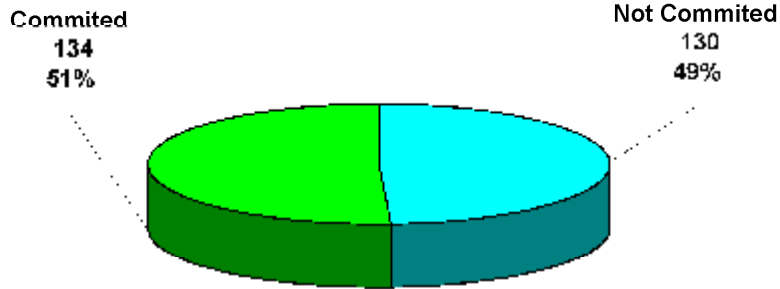
An additional goal in this area of ministry still includes securing specialized staff for the development of small group ministries and community programs ... and the greatest part of work that remains to be accomplished is the purchase of the Beaman Building for use in ministries of outreach. Significantly, the congregation has received \$100,000 from the Cornerstone Foundation, intended for the purchase of the Beaman facility when it becomes available. (The Cornerstone gift will be received over the next three years).

**PROPERTY PURCHASE:** The congregation of St. John's is fully committed to being an instrument through which revitalization is coming to this part of the city of Knoxville -- the setting to which we have been Called by God to carry out our ministries. Thankfully, we are partners with a number of additional agencies, congregations and city-leaders who share a vision for our community which is characterized by growth, hope and creative renewal.

Our vision for the community that surrounds St. John's Lutheran Church -- and our preparation for future growth and expansion -- has included the purchase of property which was initially proposed at a cost of \$550,000. The actual costs have proven to total \$566,000 -- and through our faithful Offerings to the Believing, Belonging, Becoming campaign, we have already paid down \$255,000 of this debt. We now have \$311,000 of this responsibility remaining.

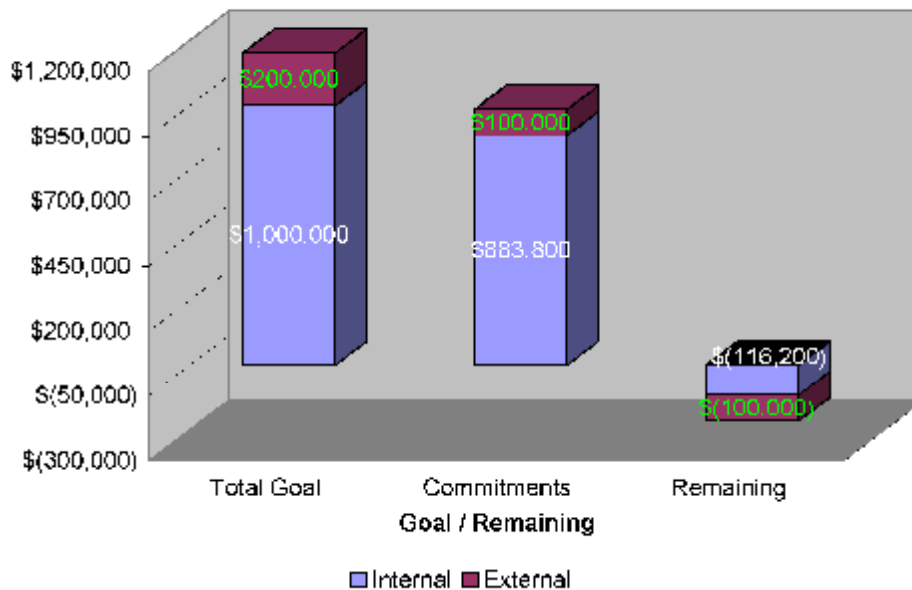
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### BBB Capital Campaign Giving Family Units



- Participation by over half our giving units is to be celebrated.
- The opportunity to GROW together toward greater participation is also a gift!

### BBB Campaign Commitments



- The size of your commitment is not as important as your commitment.
- Any commitment multiplied by 130 families would have a lasting impact.
- God truly does multiply our efforts!

## FAQ PAGE

Why am I receiving this brochure?

Your congregation is committed to ensuring that an ongoing flow of information be directed to every member at St. John's. Together, we have committed ourselves to engaging in a remarkable ministry... one that is unique among congregations that are Called to ministry in urban settings! In order to provide for a broad scope of awareness and understanding about how our work is progressing, this information is being sent as a primary vehicle of communication.

Will these mailings continue?

Absolutely! In fact, we have planned to provide a quarterly up-date to members and friends of St. John's, meaning that you will likely be receiving a total of six (6) "editions" of these brochures between now and the completion of the Believing, Belonging, Becoming campaign... each containing fresh information.

Is this really necessary?

We believe that it is vital to the success of our ministries that our family of faith be kept current with regard to the important work that is being done. We also believe that it is essential for all who are a part of St. John's to be encouraged to actively participate in the Believing, Belonging, Becoming campaign and in related activities that are being planned. St. John's is definitely NOT a 'static' community! We are a growing community of Believers, and we want to fully integrate every new partner-in-ministry into the fabric of congregational life at St. John's Lutheran Church.



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