

Come and Follow Christ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church stands at the doorway to an exciting future. Years of talking, praying and planning have brought us to the point that we are ready to improve and expand our church home. This coming Sunday will provide you with the opportunity to make your generous financial commitment to this great opportunity. With all of us joining together, Gloria Dei will move through the doorway as we *Come and Follow Christ*.

What improvements and additions will we make?

There are four major areas of improvement and addition. These are:

- Our entry area (narthex) will be dramatically expanded. This will happen in two ways. First, the front doors to the church will be moved out, creating more space. Second, the current office area will become part of the entry area. The roof over this entire space will be raised, and a new skylight will be added.
- Our recently renovated sanctuary will gain flexibility. One back wall of the sanctuary will be replaced with a sliding glass wall. This will allow us to expand our seating capacity for festival services.
- We will create a new outdoor worship area and meditation garden. Our very meaningful summer outdoor service will be strengthened.
- A new office area will be built beyond the Fellowship Hall. This new office area will include offices, a chapel, a conference room, and an additional restroom. Not only will this free up space for the expanded narthex, it will also provide our staff and committees much more effective work space.



Our improved building will strengthen the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Here are some of the benefits our new building will bring to our congregation and community:

- Gloria Dei is a warm and welcoming community. However, on Sunday morning the primary place for this welcoming to happen – our entry area – is often so crowded that our facility inhibits our community. We will solve this problem, and our building will support and enable our desire to greet, welcome and care for one another.

- Worship is important to who we are as God's people. The moveable wall will allow us to accommodate everyone who wants to worship God on festivals such as Christmas and Easter. The new outdoor worship area will allow our very popular outdoor summer worship to be an even more wonderful way to praise our God in the beauty of God's creation. The chapel will provide new opportunities for small groups to worship.
- As our congregation has grown, our offices have become more and more limiting. The new addition will change this. Our staff and committees will be able to work more efficiently in a space that is designed for a congregation and staff of our size.

Come and Follow Christ needs your significant participation

Come and Follow Christ is the capital appeal that will make all of this happen. The goal for *Come and Follow Christ* is \$850,000. This amount will be given over a three year period, beginning in March, 2008, and concluding in March, 2011. Each member of Gloria Dei has an important part in the success of this venture.

God has blessed each of us differently with financial resources. The call of *Come and Follow Christ* is not for equal gifts. Rather, the call is for equal sacrifice. Our Lord regularly stressed proportional giving.

You are asked to be creative as you plan your giving to *Come and Follow Christ*. Many people will make significant gifts each week to this program. Others, in addition to weekly giving, will make gifts of stock, the cash value of an insurance policy, a gift from an IRA, or a gift from savings. Only you know what gifts are possible from the abundance God has showered upon you.

Giving together, we can reach our goal

This coming Sunday, you will have the opportunity to make your financial commitment to *Come and Follow Christ*. As you consider what your commitment will be, please prayerfully consider the following giving chart. To attain our goal, we will need:

1 gift of \$75,000 (\$ 25,000 per year)	12 gifts of \$9,000 (\$ 3,000 per year)
1 gift of \$50,000 (\$ 16,666 per year)	12 gifts of \$7,800 (\$ 50 per week)
2 gifts of \$30,000 (\$ 10,000 per year)	15 gifts of \$4,680 (\$ 30 per week)
2 gifts of \$24,000 (\$ 8,000 per year)	20 gifts of \$ 3,900 (\$ 25 per week)
2 gifts of \$20,000 (\$ 6,667 per year)	30 gifts of \$2,340 (\$ 15 per week)
4 gifts of \$18,000 (\$ 6,000 per year)	35 gifts of \$1,560 (\$ 10 per week)
6 gifts of \$15,000 (\$ 5,000 per year)	40 gifts of \$ 780 (\$ 5 per week)
12 gifts of \$12,000 (\$4,000 per year)	Many gifts of less than \$5.00 per week

