



The building campaign of

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## WORDS FROM PASTOR STEPHEN

*"Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."*

*-Psalm 96:6*

I love the word 'sanctuary'! In an age when life pushes and pulls, sanctuary is a must. When our children's activities take our time and energy, sanctuary is demanded. When work becomes tough and deadlines sap every ounce of our attention, sanctuary is required. When illness and the limits of our bodies frustrate us, sanctuary is healing. When our relationships begin to crumble, sanctuary restores.

Sanctuary comes from the Latin word 'sanctus' which means holy. It is a sacred place. It is a place where God dwells.

Throughout history, sanctuaries have been places of asylum. When

men and women faced persecution or desired protection, they would hide in the sanctuary—be it a temple, church, or cathedral.

As we prepare to build Phase 1 of the church building, we need to come to the realization that the church is more than brick and mortar. It is more than rooms and meeting space. The church that God is calling us to build is a sanctuary.

We want people to find healing and restoration in this new church building. If only for a few moments, we want them to step out of the sometimes chaotic world and find refreshment from God - refreshment that brings peace and purpose to life.

*Joy and Hope,  
Stephen Rhoads*

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### Special points of interest:

- Phase 1 includes 7 rooms, designated for children, youth, and adult small groups
- Phase 1 includes a warming kitchen
- Total Phase 1 size is 13,880 sqft
- Phase 1 allows 300 people to worship at one time

## 23 FAMILIES MAKE ADVANCE PLEDGES

On March 6th, 23 families that represent the church leadership decided they wanted to be role models and made their pledges to the building campaign. The total amount pledged is \$339,398.34.



## WHAT ARE GIFTS IN KIND?

What is a gift “in-kind”? A gift in-kind is a donation of materials or services. Some examples of useful materials toward the building of our new structure include windows, carpentry, electrical, air conditioning, plumbing, painting, brick laying, wall papering, landscaping...the list goes on and on.

If you would like to make a gift “in-kind” contribution, please contact Steve Lumpkin at (281) 852-7715 or indicate your intentions on the commitment card. You will be contacted to work out details concerning your gift.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 27:** Commitment Sunday

**April 16:** First Fruits Sunday. Church begins making pledge contributions

**Summer 2011:** Construction begins on Phase 1

*Why do you like Lakeside?*

*“Lakeside gives my family a sense of home!”*

*-Jennifer Niemiec*

## Meet the Campaign Team

Campaign Director: Steve Lumpkin  
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     Scott & Wrynn Homann  
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     Gary Moore  
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     Laura & Chris Migl  
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     Donna Smith  
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     Denise Shirey  
 Commitment Coordinators:  
     Donna and Jim Krohe

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Q: When do we make our commitment?

A: Commitment Sunday is March 27th

Q: Why not stay in the school?

A: We have outgrown the school. We cannot add any more youth, children, or adult groups on Sunday and our contemporary service has become standing room only. I call this a “tough blessing”. God has blessed us with people that want to hear the Word of God but we have no place bigger to worship

until we build a new building.

Q: I want to make a pledge, but I am facing some tough financial times at home. What should I do?

A: God values all gifts given in faith. Not all gifts are equal in size but all are valued and all contribute to sharing Christ. A commitment is a sacrificial gift, but not at the expense of food, housing, bills, and your tithe. If you are facing difficult financial times and have prayed, please write, “AGP” on your

commitment card. ‘AGP’ means “As God Provides.”

Q: When will we actually build?

A: After commitment Sunday, we will secure a line of credit to complete engineering, hire the contractors, and purchase supplies. This takes a few weeks, but our goal is to break ground in late June to early July.

Q: What is this \$339,98.34 pledge made on March 6th?

A: 23 families in our congregation decided to make their commitments early. Most serve in leadership roles throughout the various LUMC ministries.

## FOUR STEPS TO PREPARE FOR THE BUILDING?

1. **Pray:** Prayer for God’s will to be done. Pray for God to strengthen and guide the church leadership. Pray for God to guide your commitment.
2. **Join:** Join a small group or bible study. Join a ministry team that will allow you to serve the community and become part of God’s work through Lakeside.
3. **Share:** Share the news about God’s work at Lakeside. Tell your family and

friends that your church is constructing a building to better meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our community.

4. **Give:** Every gift is needed. Every gift is different, but every gift is needed. Your prayerful and sacrificial financial gift will allow your church to continue reaching children, students, and adults for Christ and will allow your church to continue to provide spiritual and emotional support to members.



## ANY GIVEN SUNDAY WITH CHILDREN AT LAKESIDE

Every Sunday begins at 8:00 am. I enter Eagle Springs Elementary with my set-up crew. We begin the process of transforming the Great Hall into Children’s Church, Sunday School, and Nursery areas. Lunch tables replace pews. Brightly colored portable walls hold Bible verse posters, attendance charts and story characters. Plastic storage tubs are filled with crayons, markers, construction paper, glue and an assortment of other craft supplies. It takes roughly an hour to bring the Hall to life! In addition to the Great Hall, we prepare the

Children’s Worship Folders and Welcome Table.

Finally, at 9:00 am, Children’s Ministry is ready to go! We have 2 Sunday School classes – Crafty Kids (ages 3-Kindergarten) and Elementary Explorers (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade). We look forward to offering more Sunday School classes as space allows. Our ZONE345 ministry will have a dedicated Sunday School for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Our Explorers will focus on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

Children’s Church, which meets

during our 10:15am worship service, has grown by leaps and bounds in the past two years! We see 15-18 kids every Sunday and have seen as many as 24 kids in recent weeks.

We are truly “Growing together. . . Building in faith.” Every week, the kids are excited to see what lessons are in store for them. They remember and recount the stories from weeks’ past. As they sit next to each other at the lunch tables, they fellowship and form friendships. It is a blessing to be part of their lives and watch them grow in their faith.

## ANY GIVEN SUNDAY WITH YOUTH AT LAKESIDE

Sundays are exciting days in the life of Lakeside Student Ministries (LSM). There are so many different programs and activities offered to our students to help them grow in their faith and learn more about sharing the hope and love of Jesus Christ with others. However, some of our programs cannot expand and in some cases are scaled back because we have out grown our physical space in the church.

On Sunday mornings, students meet for Insights, which is our small group time for students in the 6th through 12th grades. We discuss a variety of topics related to youth and their faith using active Bible lessons. We are currently meeting in a small

space shared by 4 other groups. Because of the growth in the Youth Ministry, we need to divide our senior high and junior students into separate classes, however we are not able to do so because there is no space to put another class. We have actually lost students coming to this small group time because we are not able to separate the groups.

On Sunday afternoon LSM meets for Refuel. Refuel, also known as UMYF, is held on Sunday nights from 4pm to 6pm at the Church Office for students in the 6th through 12th grades. During this time, we participate in a variety of community service projects, games, lessons, small

group discussions, prayer and snack suppers. We aim to experience all the different ways we are called to love our Lord! When the church first rented the office space a year ago, we had 5-6 youth attending on a Sunday night. The ministry has grown and we currently have 15-20 students coming, which is such a blessing. However, we are experiencing growing pains and are quickly outgrowing our church office. This drastically effects the programs we can offer and the activities we can provide.

Lakeside Student Ministries is very excited about the plans God has for the youth ministry and building for the church. Thank you for your prayerful and consistent giving towards the plans He has for the ministries of Lakeside.

What do you like about Lakeside?  
*“It is accepting.”*  
 - Logan Brabson

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*A Building Campaign for Lakeside United Methodist Church  
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# A Look at Commitment Sunday

March 27 is Commitment Sunday. It is a time to celebrate the future God has for Lakeside. Throughout March, we have explored the purpose of church and the various ways this new building will empower Lakeside to fulfill God's purpose.

On March 27, during both services, members and guests that feel God's call to support the building campaign will bring their commitment cards to the altar.

Throughout scripture, God's people brought their gifts to the altar of God as a sign of praise and trust. We want this commitment to be a time of assurance and thanksgiving to God.

As we present these commitments to God, we will offer a prayer for God's continual guidance in our lives and the future of our community...our families...our lives.

