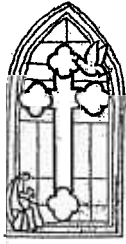


Growing Together



2010  
New Sanctuary

Nativity Lutheran  
Church

## GROWING TOGETHER SANCTUARY CAMPAIGN

*"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."*

~ Matthew 17:20

Nativity Lutheran Church has been **growing together** in grace and faith for over half a century. Our congregation began as a Sunday School that grew out of the ministries of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Allentown. As those early members grew in grace and faith, God inspired a bigger vision in their hearts, and through their labor and love, a new church was established in the west end of Allentown. Now, 51 years later, God has once again inspired a bigger vision in the hearts of the people of Nativity.

Five years ago, this new vision began to take shape. Nativity launched a ten-year master plan with a building project that focused on addressing infrastructure issues, updating the church and improving our education space. To undertake this project we needed 3-year commitments totaling \$600,000. We exceeded that goal, completed the renovations and have successfully laid the foundation for the long-awaited next step in our journey—the new sanctuary and narthex.

Our Worship and Music programs have grown to include a Praise Band and Choir, several hand bell and hand chime groups, various ensembles, and the chancel, children and youth choirs. Our sanctuary is often filled to capacity when only one or two of these groups participate in the worship service, and it is nearly impossible for all of them to participate in the same service. Events that prompt large family support, such as weddings and baptisms, need to be carefully planned in order to provide seating for everyone. For some events it has been necessary to find other locations because of limited space in our sanctuary.

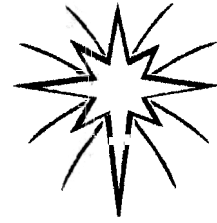


It is also important to note that the Allentown area is one of the fastest growing areas in Pennsylvania, with many new families moving into the west end. With our convenient location, we are within reach of a very large geographical area. We envision a new sanctuary that will not only meet the current needs of our growing congregation, but will also serve our congregation for many years to come. The expanded narthex will provide space to welcome those who visit and connect with one another. With the addition of a new sanctuary and narthex, our congregation will be better suited to fulfill our mission to **become a church in which all members see themselves both as disciples and ministers.**

A new, larger sanctuary and narthex will enhance and strengthen all of our core values:

- Worship
- Growth in faith for all ages
- Celebration in fellowship of what God has done in our lives
- The faith development of children and youth, and service to families with children, and
- The availability and openness of our people and facility for community service.

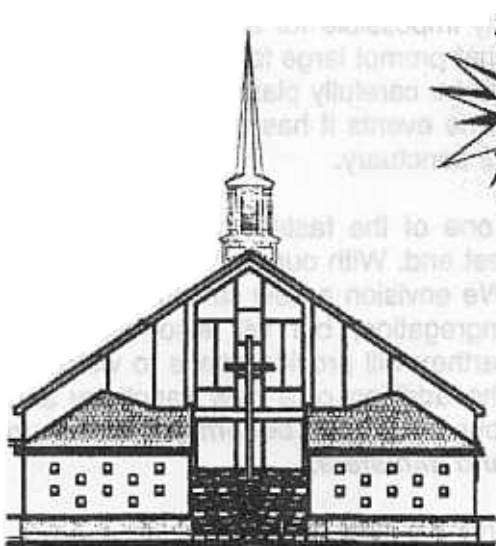
Our **"Growing Together" Sanctuary Campaign** seeks additional giving beyond the annual budget for a 3-year period beginning in October 2007. The estimated cost of completing our new sanctuary and narthex is approximately \$2.1 Million. We hope to raise as much as possible toward this project cost through 3-year commitments and gifts in order to accomplish our vision of worshipping and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in our new sanctuary on Christmas Eve 2010.



Continued growth in our programs and membership has also created the need for expanded administrative and office space, nursery space, meeting space, educational space and storage space. All of these needs are addressed in the Master Plan. Significant contributions above the cost of our new sanctuary and narthex could allow us to complete the Phase 1B plan which includes the new office space and the choir room.

It is vital that we understand the special character of this grand undertaking. This is not just a campaign to raise money to build another building. This is a unique time when we, as the people of Nativity Lutheran Church, have the extraordinary opportunity to make a statement of faith. Historically, such faith opportunities of building a house of worship to Almighty God have been denied to at least one king, King David. And only congregations with a vibrant vision of their ministry, and a willingness to take the risk of faith in the Lord to provide, will succeed. This most definitely is a wondrous time of seeking to grow in our faith response to our most gracious Lord in a very special way. As we open our hearts to the Lord in this grand undertaking we will experience a collective excitement and joy that will be unparalleled in human experience.

Let us **grow together** as we each prayerfully consider our faithful and generous response. The Lord has given us an extraordinary opportunity to make a bold statement of faith. May we do all we can in this divine venture to please him.



*"I am confident of this,  
that the one who began a  
good work among you will  
bring it to completion."*

*~ Philippians 1:6*