

JUNE 2021

Construction Progress!!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION- UNDER CONSTRUCTION-

Building Families In Christ



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“This is the best day of my life!”

These were the words overheard from our 3rd grade Peace Lutheran School student on May 16, 2021 after he was baptized in the name of our Triune God. To be completely honest, those words came out of his mouth as he was about to eat pizza following the service along with the other 22 people joining Peace Lutheran Church that day!

This was a family celebration. Not only was Ryan baptized but so were his brother and father. And at the same

worship service Easton, one of our 1st grade students, was also baptized along with his brother and sister.

What a day!

What does “Building Families In Christ” look like? Yes, it looks like a 16,000 sq. ft. building addition is being constructed on the east side of our campus boarding Lincoln Street, but even more importantly it looks like a child and his family connecting with Christ and His Church through the ministry of our school and childcare learning center.

It looks like water being poured and the promise of God’s grace given in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for partnering with us in fulfilling our Lord’s vision to nurture and educate families in our community beginning with children so that they live abundant lives in Christ!



God is using you to touch many new children and families with His love! Your partnership is vital in taking this next step to nurture and educate families in our community, beginning with children, so that they live abundant lives in Christ!

God has blessed our Building Families In Christ ministry investment campaign abundantly! In 2021 alone we have had over \$31,000 of additional unpledged gifts given to the project, including a \$20,000 grant from the Community Health Foundation.

The Community Health Foundation is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1979 by Aspirus Langlade Hospital. The foundation saw the expansion of our childcare and school as helping fulfill their mission “to advance health care and the health and well-being of people in the Antigo and neighboring communities.”

We are also thankful that many people have remembered loved ones with special memorial gifts to BFIC. Others have simply seen the progress of the construction and wanted to support this blessing to our community with a special gift.

As of this June we have received \$2,242,324 in gifts and pledges toward our \$4.3 million project. We are less than \$58,000 from our stretch goal of \$2.3 million raised toward the project. The more that is raised means the less we will need to finance through our loan with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

A total of nearly \$1.1 million has been received at this time from the 300 individuals, families, businesses and foundations who have made financial pledges to expand ministry to our community. Even through the uncertainty and challenges of the pandemic our partners have consistently fulfilled their intentions. This is nothing short of amazing! Thank you!



CAMPAIGN VERSE

*“To Him who
is able to do
immeasurably more
than all we ask
or imagine...
be glory in the church
throughout all
generations.”*

We thank those who have pledged or given towards this ministry expansion for our community.

With your generosity, we are only \$58,000 from our final goal!

For those of you who would still like to help, consider making your donation in honor of a loved one or special occasion.

All gifts are tax deductible.

Construction has been moving along at a rapid pace since groundbreaking last fall. The classrooms, restrooms, and offices are taking shape. Doors and windows are going on and soon the sinks, countertops, and cabinets will start. Most of the duct work is completed as we await the arrival of the new boilers and air handlers.



The drywall is up, mudding and taping are being finished and painting of the rooms has started. Tile work has been laid in the restrooms and the ceilings are being hung. Technology equipment is being installed including security cameras & monitors, door locks, clocks, wifi ports and fire alarms.



Duct work is being installed in the 1961 addition so that those classrooms and offices will have air conditioning and an efficient heating system.

The new school and childcare classrooms look incredible, with lots of natural lighting and high ceilings. The children can't wait to be in their new rooms!



During the summer, childcare has moved to temporary spaces in our building including the Fellowship Hall.

The new STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) lab is being planned as well as the relocation of the playgrounds.



A lot has been accomplished and much will also be completed in the next few months. Please keep Building Families In Christ in your prayers!



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Second, you can make a non-cash gift. This might be gifts of stock; land or property; valuable possessions such as jewelry, automobiles or antiques or even in-kind gifts such as supplies or contract labor. You might even save taxes by gifting this way!

Third, you can make a legacy gift. Through a charitable bequest in your will or living trust, you can leave a legacy that will continue for years to come. This thoughtful act may result in the largest, most lasting one-time gift you will make to your church. **Have questions about how to make a legacy gift?** Contact us via email at: peace.info@peaceantigo.org