

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY



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The Book of Judges, Chapter 18, Verse 6*

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THE ROAD WE HAVE TRAVELED

From its beginning more than 58 years ago, St. Andrew has been a community of Christian outreach, service, and love! As a young mother and former resident of Maryland said to our pastor during a recent visit, "God used your church to change my life!" By God's grace, a new day of ministry dawned in early March 2008 as our St. Andrew congregation moved into our beautiful new church facility in the Cloverly area of Silver Spring. Thanks to God's vision and the response of His people, a 60,000 square foot house for the Lord has risen on a beautiful and prominent 13-acre site. Just imagine what the future holds for the glory of God and for all kinds of people whose lives have yet to be changed through the life we share in Christ!

THE ROAD AHEAD

Instead of a smaller completely finished facility, God led us to build the largest building we could, leaving portions of our new church home unfinished. Together, we said yes to a "now or never" opportunity to excavate a vast lower level. Together we saw the dramatic savings we could achieve by building the shell of a Fellowship Hall/ Gymnasium/Community Center, even if it meant having those spaces unfinished for now. When finished, present and future ministries to children, youth, and adults within and beyond our church family will thrive! Without them the opportunities they offer will be unfulfilled.



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We know that God has richly blessed the journey of our church family. But we also believe that God isn't finished with us yet. We believe that we cannot wait to step forward. "New" churches have a unique period of time in which to attract new people with the Good News that will change their lives. Now is the time to **Continue the Journey** and seize this rare moment of opportunity to fulfill our God given dreams for the future. We believe that God has chosen the people of St. Andrew once again to join our gifts together so that "we may tell the next generation" (Psalm 48:13) and welcome them to the kingdom of God!



AS WE JOURNEY FORWARD, IMAGINE ...

- A dedicated **Youth Center** for our SALTEENS (St. Andrew Lutheran Teens who are called to be “the salt of the earth”) and for our Confirmation Ministry and the faith formation it provides.
- A **Craft Ministry Center** for a rich and long standing tradition of service and fellowship.
- Additional space for **expanded Preschool, KidCentral, and outreach** efforts
- A **Learning Center** with meeting and web casting capabilities for local conferences and distance learning, to be built in mission partnership with the LCMS Southeastern District.
- **Worship facilities** for an immigrant congregation that is seeking a new church home.
- **New outreach ministries** in Sports and Recreation, Fine Arts, Seniors, and services that will enable us to embrace surrounding communities with the loving presence of God, all made possible by the completion of our facilities and through the funding of new seeds of ministry

OUR CHALLENGE

With combined gifts and pledges of \$2 million to the *Continue the Journey* Capital Campaign, we will use:

- \$100,000 to support the Ablaze for God’s Mission effort of the Southeastern District. This gift will help fund its new Learning Center to be built at St Andrew and also be used by our congregation to grow disciples of Christ.
- \$1,500,000 to provide space for the ministries mentioned above in presently unfinished areas of our new building while reducing our financial obligations to The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (our lender) so those ministries can go forward.
- \$400,000 to provide funding for present and future ministries beyond our General Operating Budget during our early years of transition to our new church home.



OUR CALL



St. Andrew’s future is filled with excitement and hope! Our pastors, leaders, staff, and fellow members have sensed God’s call to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before us and continue the journey of faith for His greater glory and for the sake of people like that young mother who said, “God used your church to change my life!”

So far, God has blessed us with generous and sacrificial pledges of almost \$1,700,000. We are still stretching toward the \$2,000,000 goal that will allow us to complete our new facility and expand our ministries. To fulfill our mission, your support is vital! Please remember us in your prayers and prayerfully consider a pledge or one-time gift to support the Lord’s plans for our future. Through prayer and sacrificial giving, He has brought us this far, and it is “marvelous in our eyes!” With your support, we can help even more people to come into a relationship with the living God and experience the journey of a lifetime.

God bless you as you serve the Lord, fulfill His purpose for your life, and pray about how He may be leading you to partner to fulfill His mission with the family of St. Andrew, who was known, more than anything else, for introducing people to Jesus Christ!

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