



LCEF CONSULTANT

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Eric serves as a Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) consultant for Ministry Support. Eric has committed himself to helping local congregations discover and fully live into their God-given purpose.

In his 18 years of pastor ministry he has served three congregations: Trinity Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge, LA, Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Springfield, OH, and Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Batavia, IL, where he currently serves as Senior Pastor. He has led these congregations through capital campaigns for building a sanctuary, renovating facilities and debt reduction.

Eric holds degrees from Western Michigan University; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and Ashland Theological Seminary.

Eric and his wife, Amy, reside in Batavia, IL. Amy is a former school teacher and now works as a clinical mental health counselor. They are blessed to be the parents of three teenage daughters.

INFORM EVENT

WHAT DID YOU MISS?

On the weekend of September 11-12, the Growing Roots Campaign kicked off at our Inform Events. We had a great turn out at all 3 sessions and appreciate the feedback, questions and discussions that occurred.



GROWING ROOTS

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Every step of the Growing Roots campaign is taken in stride in a team effort. Each director has a group of individuals that work with them to complete the tasks that have been assigned to their specialty.

Pastoral Staff: Pastor Jack Heino (not pictured)

Campaign Director: Jim Vandre

Campaign Coordinator: Joe Balderson

Communications Director: Alex Blewitt

Prayer Director: Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson (not pictured)

Inform Director: Lisa Arnold

Inspire Director: Marie Leng (Dale Scheiderer, Jeff Reinhard)

Lead Gifts Director: Adam Smith (not pictured)

Youth Emphasis Director: Laura Zeiler

Children's Emphasis Director: Amy Balderson

School Emphasis Director: Rich Rausch

Friends of the Congregation Director: Austin Clarridge (not pictured)

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT'S NEXT?

Please note the following events and dates.

- Inspire Services: October 2-3, October 9-10, October 16-17, October 23-24
- Prayer Experience Weekend: October 2-3
- Initial Commitment Event: October 26
- Commitment Celebration: November 6-7
- Dedication Weekend: November 21

PRAY WITH US

Heavenly Father, when seeds sprout, the plant is at risk, very shallow roots clinging to the grounds. So also our Growing Roots campaign is very new, just trying to get established. For this reason, we ask you to strengthen the faith of our Growing Roots teams. The deeper they are established in Jesus, the greater they will desire to serve through Growing Roots. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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NEWSLETTER ONE

A WORD FROM PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

We officially launched our campaign to renovate and expand our facilities: **Growing Roots** on the weekend of September 12th 2021. This will be an important and exciting journey of Faith, Fellowship & Future both as individuals and as a church & school. This campaign will certainly affect us in many ways as we focus on Phase 1 of our building plans and how we will be better able to equip people to KNOW Jesus & Each other – GROW to be more like Him – SOW His love in Word & Deed.

We will have opportunities to celebrate what God has done and continues to do among us. We will also find ourselves getting excited about the future possibilities in the areas of mission and ministry that the Lord will open for us. God is calling you to join us in doing something amazing that will impact families like yours. This campaign may challenge us and make us uncomfortable as we learn the concept of sacrificial giving. We will also work together, grow together, and pray together as with **Growing Roots** we expect God to do immeasurably more than we can imagine.

I ask that you, along with me, would commit yourselves to this Capital Campaign process over the next couple of months. Together we will seek to use our time, our unique talents, and our bountiful gifts to do our unique part. Also, we all will determine our measure of a three-year sacrificial gift over and above our regular tithes and offerings.

One of my very favorite bible passages is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This passage is often called "the bible in a nutshell." I always remind myself to be sure to include the GOSPEL in this passage found in verse 17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." When you think about it, God gives to us all the time. All of creation, including our very lives, are a gift from our giving God. God's best gift to us is Jesus. Because of Jesus, God calls us in faith, our sins are forgiven, and heaven awaits us.

In this newsletter you will again see the faces of those who have volunteered to be part of the leadership team for the campaign – those who will organize and direct various areas of this journey. You may still be asked to be a part of a team. It will be a short, specific, and important task. Please say "yes" when asked to participate. Please pray for our journey together. And please commit yourself to make our ministry for the Lord as strong as possible to grow His kingdom and make an investment that will help reach more families and individuals in our community with the message of Jesus and the experience of the Christian fellowship that we enjoy.



PEACE,
Pastor Jack



...rooted and
built up in Him,
strengthened in the faith
as you were taught...
(Colossians 2:7)