

## Recapping the Advance Leadership Receptions

Stephanie Pope, Advance Leadership Reception Chairperson

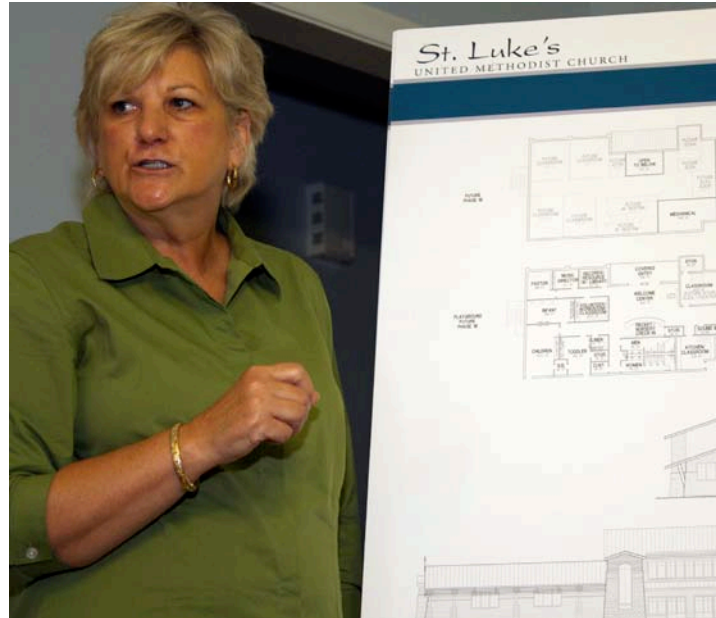
What a privilege to host an Advance Leadership Reception for our Building Campaign! St. Luke's is a very important part of our lives, and Bobby and I enjoyed having the opportunity to open our home for a warm and encouraging evening.

We are thankful to God for calling us to this church and for allowing us to express how much we love St. Luke's. We join with all of you in prayer about how God would have us support the building project. It's exciting to see how God will stretch us and equip us for the task at hand!

Two other Advance Leadership Receptions were held this past week: one at the home of Jim and Louise Davis and another at Paul and Terry Davis' home. Those in attendance were informed about the building plans, encouraged by the leadership team, and challenged to think about our part in all of this.

If you didn't make it to one of the receptions, you're still invited—along with the whole congregation—to attend the Advance Commitment Dinner scheduled for Friday, September 26, at 5:30 pm at the home of Wayne and Linda Wickman. If you haven't already filled out an RSVP card in worship, please call the church office at 979.691.5400.

I look forward to hearing how God touches your hearts and minds as we press on toward the great things He has for us as the body of Christ!



Building Committee Chairperson Loueva Clark presents the floor plans for Phase One



*"St. Luke's has a multigenerational, multiracial and friendly makeup that draws people from our community into relationship with God and others. Building this new facility will require a commitment of all of us so that our church can continue to serve God faithfully."*

—Jim and Louise Davis  
Building Committee Member & Discipleship Team Leader

## Kids' Corner

We are encouraging parents to get the whole family involved in helping St. Luke's build a living house! Even young children can participate by offering their spare change. Ideas could include giving portions of an allowance your kids earn for doing extra household chores or simply pennies they find at the playground! These coins will be displayed in a big jar near the altar during the four Sundays of our campaign. The children will have fun watching it fill to the brim!



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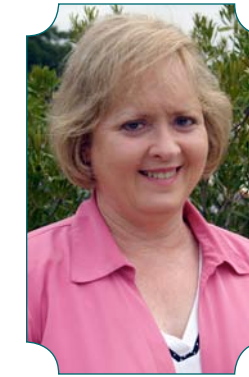
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# BUILDING CAMPAIGN Update

A NEWSLETTER TRACKING THE PROGRESS OF ST. LUKE'S PHASE ONE BUILDING



## Here Am I, Lord...Use Me.

Exa York, Campaign Chairperson

When I look back over the life of our church, I am awed by God's goodness and provision:

- ▶ How He has prepared us for just this time with 10 beautiful acres, debt-free, in one of Bryan's most dynamic growth areas.
- ▶ How He has provided us with a lovely parsonage, also debt-free, right next door to that land.
- ▶ How He brought us five additional acres with a rent house to furnish additional resources and income for our ministries.
- ▶ How He has graciously reconfirmed His direction for St. Luke's in recent months in answer to our earnest prayers seeking His will.

It occurs to me that I will probably never have another opportunity quite as significant as this campaign. It thrills me to help build a permanent home for St. Luke's where people who love the Lord will worship Him and where people who do not yet know the Lord will meet Him.

We are truly blessed to be here at this moment, in this place, to do this important work. Our efforts will bear fruit for His Kingdom not just in our lifetimes but far into the future.

It will require sacrificial giving on my part—and I hope on yours. I want to be a workman approved by God. As He calls, I want to say like Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord. Use me."

God has led us to this very milestone in the life of St. Luke's. He will continue to walk before us every step of the way. Praise His Holy Name!

*"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." —I Peter 2:5*

*"It's the incredible tenacity of St. Luke's that I appreciate most. I'm looking forward to us having a full-time visible presence on West Villa Maria."*

—Holly Rees  
Honorary Chairperson



## Campaign Planning Committee 2008

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## The Campaign Planning Committee

Rev. Jason Burnham, Pastor

I am pleased to introduce members of the “Building a Living House” Planning Committee (see left). They represent the diverse demographics and perspectives of the congregation and make up the primary leadership team spearheading campaign activity. The Committee is comprised of the Chairperson, Honorary Chairpersons, and Chairpersons of distinctive work groups. Members have several things in common:

- A deep, abiding love for the church
- A vision for the church’s future
- A positive spirit about the mission of the church and this project
- A willingness to step out and provide leadership to involve others

Please join me in praying for these leaders as they “work unto the Lord,” and be sure to express your gratitude to them for their enthusiasm in service.

## Upcoming Campaign Dates

Laura Joost, Campaign Coordinator

Mark your calendars for some important upcoming events! Our “Building a Living House” Campaign will last just four Sundays. Please remember this one short month will affect the future of St. Luke’s. Your participation in scheduled events makes a big difference! We especially hope you prioritize time in your busy schedules to attend the Advance Commitment Dinner at the Wickmans’ home and to come participate in the special worship services we have planned for each Sunday. You are a stone in the church’s living house and vital to this Campaign!

<b>FRIDAY, 09/26</b>	Advance Commitment Dinner The Wickmans’ (5604 Polo Rd, College Station)   5:30 pm
<b>MONDAY–FRIDAY 10/06–10/10</b>	Week of Prayer in preparation for the Campaign’s grand finale—daily prayer guides will be provided
<b>SUNDAY, 10/12</b>	Great Day of Celebration and Commitment Branch Elementary   10:30 am <i>Join us for brunch and fellowship following worship!</i>



“Constructing our own worship and fellowship facility will help St. Luke’s to project a more permanent image to those looking for a church home. I am investing in this campaign because I believe we need to be a dynamic (growing, changing, moving) congregation.”

—Norm Clark

Long-Range Planning Committee Member



“This is a Kingdom Building project, not just a Church Building project. The goal for us is to extend outside the walls of the church building and into the community for God’s glory!”

—Tonya Lyons

Missions & Outreach Team Leader

## Designing the Campaign Logo

Kelsey Johnson, Arts & Graphics/PR Team Leader

When Pastor Jason introduced the theme for our Capital Campaign as “Building a Living House,” I immediately started thinking about how this theme could be reflected in a logo. I’d like to share my design rationale so you can better understand how the logo represents this Campaign and our congregation.



### THE FOUR BLOCKS

The four colored squares are representative of building blocks. As a church, we’re involved both in the actual construction of the building (stone by stone the house is built) and in the cooperative contributions as each member gives a piece of his or her livelihood to complete the task. These squares also symbolize St. Luke’s four focus areas in being Christ’s witnesses to the world:

1. Experience God’s Word
2. Exhibit genuine faithfulness
3. Engage in transformational missions
4. Encounter incarnational presence

### THE TREE

The inlay of the tree has multiple connotations. First, the tree harkens to the physical place we are building: our wooded acreage full of magnificent live oaks. But, deeper than that, it symbolizes the life and growth of our congregation. The life-giving tree intersects and integrates with the four blocks—our vision and purpose as a church.

### THE WORD OF GOD

At the base of the tree are the abstract curves of the pages of an open Bible. This represents that we are rooted in the Word as we discern God’s plan for our future ministry site on West Villa Maria and beyond!

## Meet Our Architect: Steve Lucchesi

### WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT THIS PROJECT

“Our project team at HBL Architects is proud of the Master Plan we have designed with the help of the Church Staff and Building Committee, and we are very excited about completing the working drawings and moving to construction of the Phase One Building to provide a new home for St. Luke’s on this beautiful site.”

### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Design, 1987, Texas A&M University

### REGISTRATION

Registered Architect, Texas Registration No. 15171, 1995

### COMPANY

Hall Barnum Lucchesi

### EXPERIENCE

Steve has twenty years of experience in project management, design, construction documentation, and construction administration. He has experience in project management of a wide range of building types including public safety, educational, religious, and residential.

