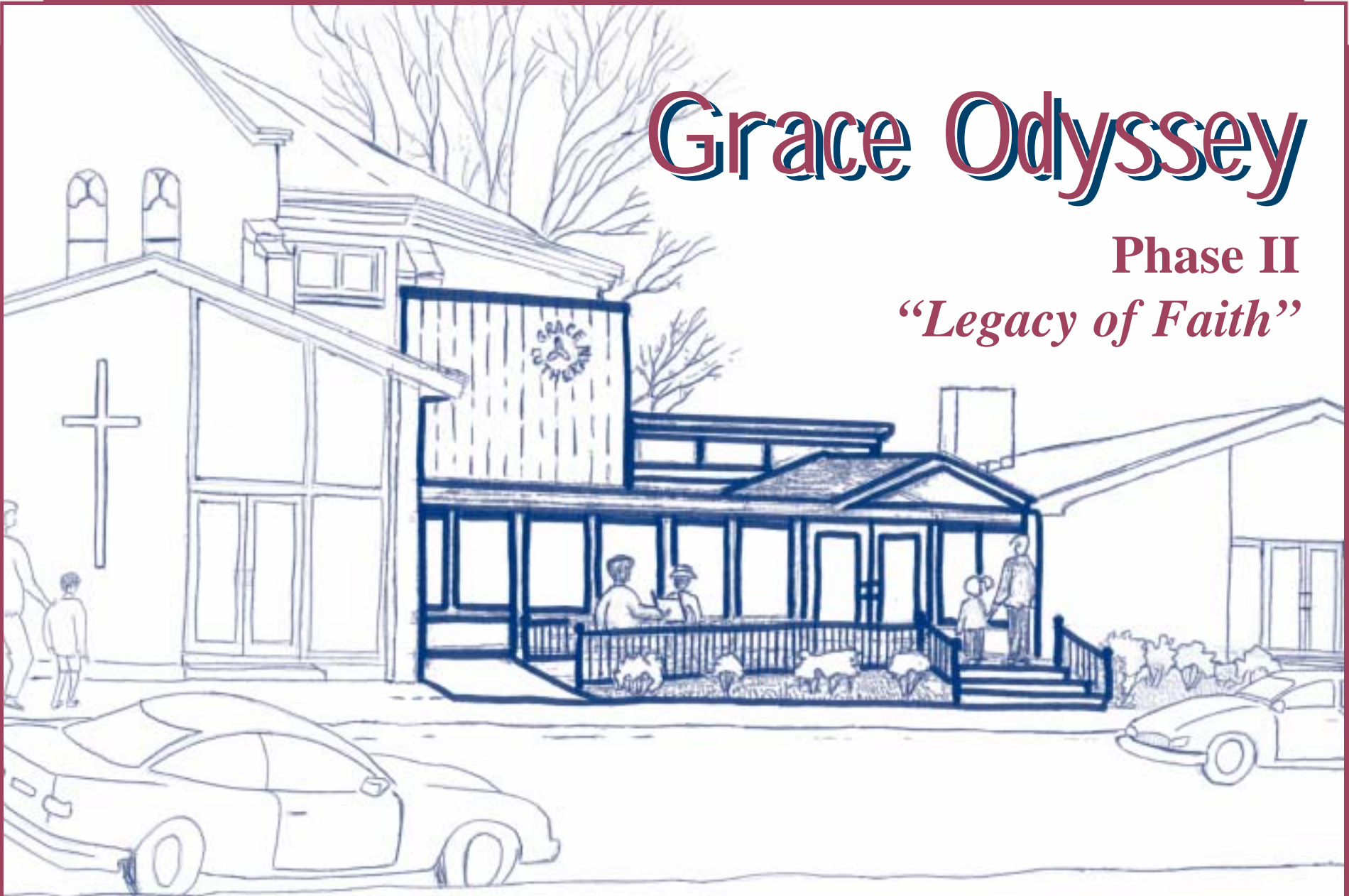


Grace Odyssey

Phase II

“Legacy of Faith”



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Royersford, PA



Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

What a wonderful and exciting time it is for all of us to be part of the ministry of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Indeed, we are about to embark on a new and adventurous chapter in our congregation's history. With God's blessings and your help, it will equip us for years of service and witness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are many exciting ministries of worship, education, service and witness that we have been doing as a congregation. At the same time, we realize that our present facilities are in need of additions and renovations to continue the work we believe the Lord has given us to do in this place.

We have begun to plan many exciting events and have chosen the spiritual theme *"Legacy of Faith, Grace Odyssey II - Growing together through God's grace"*. This is a time when we can recognize and give thanks to God for the growth that our congregation has and is experiencing; not only in new people, but also in a stronger commitment to serve, a deeper faith and trust in God's guidance, a hunger to learn and a renewed enthusiasm and excitement to do innovative and creative ministries. God has also given us a vision and the vision we are lifting up is a bold one; it will require a strong faith and a lasting commitment.

So, now, we invite you to join the rest of your sisters and brothers in Christ and us, in doing three things. First, join us in prayer to God, asking for his continued blessings and guidance as we embark on this *"Legacy of Faith"* and for its successful completion. Second, please participate in the various services and events, so we can all celebrate our *"Legacy of Faith"* together. Then, finally, please commit yourself, both your money and your time, generously and sacrificially to the needs of this ministry. Our campaign will be comprised of a pledge and your participation is vital to the continued growth of Grace Lutheran Church.

We are proud and thankful to be your Pastors. We thank you for your past commitment and support of Grace Odyssey I and your support of all the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church. We have an important challenge and a great opportunity before us. We trust that, together, we will accomplish what God has put before us and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will enter into our *"Legacy of Faith, Grace Odyssey II - Growing together through God's grace"*!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul H. Neff
Senior Pastor

Rev. Janelle L. Kraus
Associate Pastor



What is Grace Odyssey - Phase II?

Just like Grace Odyssey Phase I, Phase II is about Growth, Renovation, Accessibility, Compassion and Evangelism. It is estimated that the cost of this phase will be \$1,000,000

Growth:

The new Welcome Center will create an inviting meeting place for members and guests before and after services. It will be a gathering facility that promotes growth in friendships, growth in volunteerism and growth in our love of the Lord. The Welcome Center will join the Church and Education buildings, growing our facility and providing easy access from the parking lot.

Renovation:

Our Education Building is 48 years old. The original windows are in dire need of replacement. The building is currently cooled by window air conditioners. Central air conditioning will be added rather than cutting new windows. This will also provide a more regulated system.

Accessibility:

An elevator has long been needed at Grace to allow accessibility to all levels of all buildings to all who wish to come to Grace. An elevator will be installed in the new Welcome Center to provide access to the Sanctuary, the lower level of the Church and the Social Hall. This is the primary purpose of Grace Odyssey Phase II - handicap accessibility.

Compassion:

We have a Legacy of Faith at Grace that extends over 100 years. Through their compassion, we have been entrusted with a wonderful Church building and a large campus to celebrate the love of God. It is our obligation to maintain and enhance it for our families. This will be our legacy. This will be our compassion.

Evangelism:

Everyone benefits from an improved Grace Campus. We will welcome those who have been excluded by our lack of accessibility. We will welcome back those that are physically challenged by opening up our facility. We will create a larger congregational fellowship area. We will share Christ's compassion and love, the legacy of Grace Lutheran.



How Can You Help?

We are asking for your financial support. The cost estimate for Phase II is \$1,000,000. We are prayerful that we will raise this amount with a 5-year campaign. The success of the project will depend on the generosity of the congregation.

If you were a contributor during Phase I of Grace Odyssey, we ask that you prayerfully consider doubling your gift over a 5 year period. The net result will be an increase of about 20% in your giving, please see the examples below.

- If you gave \$1,000 over 3 years last time, can you commit to \$2,000 over 5 years?

A \$1,000 gift over 36 months was a gift of \$27.78 per month, \$6.41 per week. A gift of \$2,000 over 60 months is a gift of \$33.33 per month, \$7.69 per week. For \$1.28, the cost of a cup of coffee per week, you can double your commitment.

- If you gave \$5,000 over 3 years last time, can you commit to \$10,000 over 5 years?

A \$5,000 gift over 36 months was a gift of \$138.89 per month, \$32.05 per week. A gift of \$10,000 over 60 months is a gift of \$166.67 per month, \$38.46 per week. For \$6.41, the cost of lunch at a deli per week, you can double your commitment.

- If you gave \$10,000 over 3 years last time, can you commit to \$20,000 over 5 years? A \$10,000 gift over 36 months was a gift of \$277.78 per month, \$64.10 per week. A gift of \$20,000 over 60 months is a gift of \$333.33 per month, \$76.92 per week. For \$12.82, the cost of a movie and a candy bar per week, you can double your commitment.

Our Gift	Level	Gift Range
	Love	\$25,000 & up
	Hope	\$10,000 - \$ 24,999
	Faith	\$5,000 - \$9,999
	Grace	\$1,000 - \$4,999
	Church	Other

If you are new to our capital campaign, we ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to God. What size gift is appropriate? Gifts are personal and require prayerful consideration. Income levels vary by family, as do financial obligations. Every gift helps. Consider the chart that shows the gifts from Phase I. Where do you see your commitment?

Phase I Gift Giving:

Level	Gift Range	# of Contributors
Love	\$25,000 & up	1
Hope	\$10,000 - \$ 24,999	10
Faith	\$5,000 - \$9,999	14
Grace	\$1,000 - \$4,999	46
Church	Other	46

What size gift will you offer?

Total Gift	Monthly Gift	Weekly Gift
\$1,000	\$16.67	\$3.84
\$2,500	\$41.67	\$9.62
\$5,000	\$83.33	\$19.23
\$10,000	\$166.67	\$38.46
\$25,000	\$416.67	\$96.15

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Are we hiring a professional fundraiser?

A. No, we will not be using an outside fundraising company for this campaign. The success of Phase I and the endorsements that we received after the cottage meetings were extremely supportive. We are confident that we can achieve success by managing the campaign with our own members from Grace and save the cost of a professional fundraiser.

Q. How will we make our contributions?

A. First we ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will make a significant impact on the campaign. Second we need you to complete the pledge card and return it to Grace. If you wish to make a one-time gift, you can include it at that time. Most will opt to contribute on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Once your pledge is submitted, you will receive a letter of confirmation. You can then opt to enroll in Simply Giving to fulfill your pledge, or use the pink Grace Odyssey Envelopes that are included in your packet. You may also give other tangible assets such as property or stocks.

Q. Why do we need to make a pledge?

A. Your pledge along with the others we receive from the congregation will allow us to prepare a financial plan for Phase II. Most pledges will be offered over a five year period; however the project will be completed within a matter of months. This will require us to secure a construction loan and then we will need to convert it to a short term financing note. The total pledge amount will determine the size of the loan that we can secure. This is why every pledge counts.

Q. Will there be personal visits?

A. We are currently not planning to make personal visits to every home like we did during the Grace Odyssey Phase I Campaign. However, if you would like a personal visit to discuss the project or the fundraising campaign, please call the church office and ask for a visit. A member of the committee will contact you and arrange for a visit. The office phone number is 610-948-3684.

Q. Can I give without completing a pledge card?

A. Yes, you may always contribute to your church; however, the pledges make a significant difference in securing our short term financing. Please consider completing the pledge card so that we can have an accurate estimate of our proposed income.

Q. Are the pledge cards legal documents?

A. No, the pledge cards are not promissory notes. They are simply a declaration of your intended gifts. They may be revised at any time if your financial situation should change.

Q. Can my pledge be changed?

A. Yes, you can revise your pledge at any time. You may contact the church office to raise or lower your intended giving.

Q. When will the campaign take place?

A. April is Grace Odyssey Month at Grace. Throughout the month we will continue to educate the congregation about Phase II of Grace Odyssey. You may complete your pledge card and place it in the offering plate. Sunday, April 29th is GO II Church Sunday. This will be a day of celebration and we ask that you submit your completed pledge card by then.

Q. When will construction begin?

A. When the fundraising is complete, we will secure firm bids for the construction. A financial plan will be drafted and the project will be proposed to the congregation at a special meeting. The work will begin soon after the project is approved.



Dear Lord, Heavenly Father,

Thank you, Lord, for all of the blessings you continually give to your congregation here at Grace. Thank You for constantly providing members who have given their time and resources to keep Grace moving forward in all of its goals and missions. Please give all of us here the wisdom and insight to make decisions which will once again improve Your church and make it a building which is worthy of You, one which is welcoming and accessible to everyone. Help us to be courteous with each other.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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