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Dear Fellow Saints of God,

It's hard to believe that it's been a full year since our Celebration Sunday! Last November, after prayerful consideration, many St. John families stepped forward, firm in their resolve and confident in faith, to submit a 3-year pledge of special gifts to our B.O.L.D. S.T.E.P.S. initiative. Many other families were unable to pledge financial gifts at that time, but promised to join them in regular prayer for the smooth and swift progression of our building project. And, since then, we've added several new members to our church family.

In the meantime, much progress has been made. We're in the design phase of our site and facility planning, and our target to break ground is as early as possible next spring, when the ground thaws. Although we can't read God's mind, and we understand that his ways aren't always our ways, it seems quite obvious to the vast majority of our members that God has been moving the project along in ways beyond our expectations. Quick sales of the school and church properties – and for higher-than-anticipated prices, besides – along with the imminent marketing and sale of the parsonage, sure seem to be clear signs that God is blessing our plans. It's truly exciting to proceed, knowing how faithful he is to his promises!

There remains much work to be done. Besides the actual work of the Building Committee, our goal for next year is to reduce the upcoming mortgage payments as much as possible by making as large of a down-payment as possible. That's why our B.O.L.D. S.T.E.P.S. Finance Committee is reaching out to all church members with some updates and encouragements. In the pamphlet and/or letter you'll be receiving, there are enough options to allow **every single family** to participate. Our local WELS Christian Giving Counselor, Rev. Dr. Mike Dietz has been enlisted by the Committee to share his insights and expertise at no cost whatsoever to our members.

What are we asking? Please prayerfully consider how you can get – or stay – involved. Keep on praying for the success of the initiative. Keep on submitting your promise gifts at the frequency you initially determined. Consider the new options that will be presented by our Committee and implement or modify your plans accordingly. And may God continue to bless all that you do to his glory and out of love for souls.

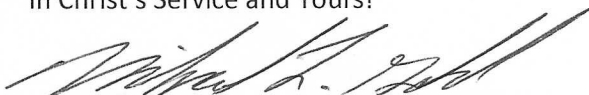
We ask that all St. John families, even those who are already participating, commit to attending one of the following informational forums:

✝	Sun, Nov 21st	9:00a	church
✝	Mon, Nov 22nd	6:30p	church
✝	Tue, Nov 30th	6:30p	Zahn home (287 Royal Saint Pats Dr., Wrightstown)
✝	Sat, Dec 4th	10:30a	church

Recall the theme verse we chose for our initiative. Make it an everyday part of your very existence. Remember it. Memorize it. Reflect on it. And boldly step out in faith with it.

"In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ." (EHV)

In Christ's Service and Yours!


Pastor Mike Gehl


Jean Brandt, Finance Committee Chair