



# IGNITE

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## FALL 2021 GOALS UPDATE

Huddle Up, Trinity! That's our theme this year because in the Huddle we motivate and encourage each other (Heb. 10:24-25). We are excited to share this Ignite update with you so that you can see what God has done lately at Trinity through us. I hope it encourages and motivates you and our whole Trinity family as we continue to make progress on our goals and grow in generosity for His glory. - Pr. Mielke

### GOAL 1

Expand our Early Childhood ministry

In the early summer, Patrick Rochford of Daedalus Research conducted a feasibility study that looked at the potential of expanding our Early Childhood ministry. Our Goal #1 Committee will report on the findings soon at a Congregational meeting coming later this fall.

### GOAL 2

Expand our ministry to children, youth and families

Great strides are being made in Goal #2!

- First, Pr. Vieth has arrived, whose ministry will specifically target this goal.
- A new adult membership process called Christian Discipleship is being implemented this fall.
- Children's confirmation is being reviewed so that an updated process can begin next year.
- A system of connecting with and supporting those away at college or in the military is being developed.
- Our Lutheran School's Middle School religious curriculum is being reviewed and redeveloped, the first piece of looking at the spiritual formation of our entire school.
- Bible Class and Sunday School for all ages starts on September 12th!
- An assessment of ministry needs has started as we consider how to fill the vacancy of our Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry position.

### GOAL 3

Expand our ministry to show Jesus' Love for our World

Joining Jesus 2.0 - Last fall we all undertook a challenge to Join Jesus on His Mission. How's it going? Starting this fall our adult Bible study time will be devoted to answering this question, and taking next steps to join Jesus. This study is a straight-forward look at the glorious WHY and the simple HOW of doing what He has commanded us to do. It's not a program, it's real life. Following this three week class, you can look forward to gatherings three times a year where we gather for dinner, encourage one another, and simply share how Jesus is leading us. Watch the News and Notes for dates and times.

RETA Groundbreaking: Life is precious and Reason Enough to Act exists to educate, encourage and serve this community in preserving the lives of our most vulnerable, the unborn. A new facility is expected to be completed in May 2022 on Main Street in Elkhart. The dedicated staff, through this facility, will be able

## **GOAL 3**

Expand our ministry to show Jesus' Love for our World (Cont.)

to reach and serve a larger population through free pregnancy testing, first trimester ultrasound, STD testing and treatment, pregnancy loss support, parent coaching, and Healthy Sexual Boundaries Education. Building is in process and they expect the new facility to open in May of 2022. Our dollars continue to support their efforts in affirming life.

### **Quarter 2 Dollars Sent to Partners**

**Missionaries and Mission Trips: \$1,500**

**Church Community Services: \$2,680**

**RETA: \$1,072**

**SPA: \$1,072**

**Indiana District: \$2,680**

**Disaster Response: \$893**

## **GOAL 4**

Ignite a Stronger Community

Several projects have been completed to repair and enhance our facilities and grounds:

- The lights in our school have been converted to energy efficient LED lighting to greatly reduce our electric bill.
- Three of the aging heat pumps in our school came to the end of their lifecycle and have been replaced.
- The exterior doors to church, office, and school now have our logo and information posted.

Upcoming projects being researched:

- A new, more efficient and effective water treatment system.
- Digital signage to share with those who pass by what is happening at Trinity.
- Development of outdoor spaces.

## **GOAL 5**

Ignite our Future

We continue to make great progress on the principal of our loan. Our April 2021 balance of \$3.76 Million has been reduced to \$3.47 Million as of September 2021 due to Ignite gifts (\$131,215) and an estate gift designated for this (\$48,838).

On Sunday, September 26th Andy Behrman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation will be here to offer guidance on Legacy giving. If you are interested and would like to consider Trinity in your estate plans, please contact our Executive Director, Tom Haeussler or one of the pastors for more information.

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## **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions you can reach out to our Executive Director, Tom Haeussler or one of our pastors.

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