

Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist



Total Proposed Capital Campaign Goal of \$1.5 Million

Gifts Essential Chart

This chart illustrates the size and number of gifts necessary for a successful \$1.5 million capital campaign.

Size of Gift	Number Needed	Cumulative Total	Monthly (Over 3 yrs.)
\$300,000	1	\$300,000	\$8,333
\$100,000	1	\$400,000	\$2,778
\$75,000	2	\$550,000	\$2,083
\$50,000	2	\$650,000	\$1,389
\$35,000	4	\$790,000	\$972
\$25,000	5	\$915,000	\$694
\$15,000	12	\$1,095,000	\$417
\$10,000	20	\$1,295,000	\$278
\$5,000	20	\$1,395,000	\$139
\$3,000	23	\$1,464,000	\$83
\$1,000	20	\$1,484,000	\$28
\$500	25	\$1,496,500	\$14
\$500 or less	Many	Goal Achieved	Variable

Church Leadership:

Staff

The Reverend Jim Stickney,
Interim Rector

The Rev. George Ross,
Retired/Asst. Priest

Randy Knutson,
Music Director

Robin Knutson,
Organist

Penny Wilson,
Office Administrator

Vestry:

Beth Elwood,
Senior Warden

Kevin Canwell,
Junior Warden

Carol Foote,
Secretary

Dee Mayfield,
Treasurer

Ann Marie Addler

Barbara Krengel

Corky Kuykendall

Jim Reeve

Kathy Bell

Kimberly Kinser

Richard Cress

Andee Zetterbaum

Capital Campaign Discernment Committee

Andee Zetterbaum

Ann Marie Addler

John Gobel

Kimberly Kinser

Walt Wolterstorff

Our History

In December 2000, St. John's celebrated the completion of our current church building—one that, at last, was large enough to hold all of us, to support us in glorious worship, and allow us to continue to grow. It was the culmination of many years of dreaming, praying, working... of many people stepping out in faith, to commit to our future, to commit to generations yet to come.

We had borrowed money to buy the land—and paid it back. We had borrowed money to complete the infrastructure—and paid it back. With the aid of church building experts and our bank, we had determined that a mortgage of \$3,300,000 at 6% interest was realistic for a congregation like ours, and would be well within our capacity to repay. We took out the mortgage.

As of 2013, we had paid off approximately half of total construction costs!

It's normal for churches to carry out a series of capital campaigns (often every 5-8 years) throughout the lifetime of a building mortgage, to maintain momentum toward paying it off. In fact, under normal circumstances, most likely we would have done this several years ago... but a few things intervened.

The Challenges We've Faced

When we built this church, St. John's and Lodi were growing rapidly. No one ever imagined that within a few years:

- A major recession and foreclosure crisis would strike, filling many of us and our families with anxiety, affecting our pocketbooks, and slowing Lodi's growth
- There would be a schism in the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin (that's the diocese to which St. John's belongs)
- We would have four priests (two rectors and two interims) in a decade, with all the strain and uncertainty that kind of rapid change brings
- The number of people in the U.S. who describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious" or "none" would skyrocket, increasing from 8% of the population in 1990, to 20% by early 2013

The Good News

The tide is turning. The economy is beginning to recover. We know that even in the worst of the recession, other Episcopal churches carried out successful capital campaigns. The diocese is stable and rebuilding. Churches throughout the U.S. are exploring creative, faith-filled, compassionate ways of engaging with their neighbors. God is visibly at work, touching lives, drawing new people to the knowledge and love of God.

As we prepare to call a new Priest-in-Charge to St. John's, is this the right time to carry out a new capital campaign? The leadership of St. John's thinks it is.

- If we pay off \$1.5 million of the mortgage, that will pay off one of our two mortgage notes.
- Our required annual lump-sum payments (which increase nearly 10% per year, going from \$55,041 due Jan. 2014, to \$176,570 due Jan. 2027) will end.
- Our monthly payments will dramatically decrease—from \$14,297 to \$6,497.
- The bank has indicated its willingness to renegotiate the terms of the remaining mortgage, further reducing our payments
- We will free up resources—time, talent, and emotional/spiritual energy, as well as money—to be able to dream about our future.

Looking to the Future

St. John's property is large, and building the sanctuary and moving the chapel was just Phase 1 of its development. Our original vision, developed during an extensive listening/visioning process in late 1995/early 1996, called for St. John's to become "a village or campus which integrates people of all ages, and where we actively share in the care, support, and education of each other." The vision included space for worship, a school, an on-site senior village, where "ongoing outreach to the community occurs through spiritual care and guidance, music, and education."

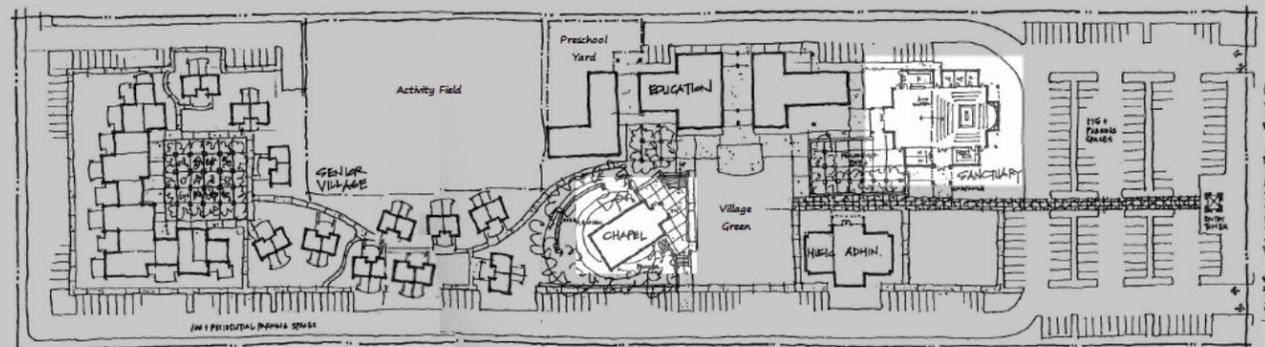
Nearly 20 years later, the community of Lodi has changed, and we have changed. As we listen to discern where God is pointing us, what will Phase 2 turn out to be? Will the vision turn out to be much the same... or will it incorporate a major expansion of our community garden and Soul Kitchen into facilities and programs that serve the poor on a daily basis? Is there a need for us to start a Hispanic/Latino ministry? Reach out to seniors who do not have relatives nearby, enabling them to remain in their own homes? Use our love of music and performing arts to provide programs for youth who are at risk of getting caught up in gang activity? Those are just a few of the many ideas that have been mentioned in recent years.

But before we can get to Phase 2 of developing the property, we have to complete paying for Phase 1.

Paying Down the Mortgage—Setting Us Free to Dream

St. John's has a wonderful history of mission and ministry, and we have also been entrusted with an exciting future. Are we ready to step forward bravely into that future, by making the commitment to pay off \$1.5 million of our outstanding mortgage? Your answers to the enclosed questionnaire will tell us if this part of our dream can come true now.

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Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist - Original Concept for Use of the Property
The Sanctuary and Chapel (highlighted) were completed in Phase 1

