

*"That you, being rooted  
and grounded in love,  
may have strength  
to ...know the love of  
Christ."*

*Ephesians 3:17b-19*

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## ROOTED & REACHING

*praise • love • grow • share*

### A message from Campaign Directors Gary and Donna Buuck, Eric and Sarah Marx, Roger and Dana Sanders and Jeannine Schutte

To our fellow disciples in Christ:

We are **EXCITED** to report that our **ROOTED & REACHING** campaign is well underway, thanks to the planning and efforts of a dedicated leadership team, church staff, volunteer groups and our campaign consultant, Pastor John Kieschnick.

Over the next several weeks our goal is to reach out to each church family with information about dates and events. There will be opportunities for you to attend interactive **Awareness Gatherings** in which the vision and details of this campaign will be shared, and you will be able to have your questions answered.

Every member of Trinity will be personally invited to attend a one-time **Home Group Gathering** in a TLC member's home between October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be contacted by your host extending you an invitation to this low-key, informal setting where you will have a meal, fellowship with other TLC members and an opportunity to ask questions about **ROOTED & REACHING**.

We've all waited for 10 years for something to happen at our beautiful property, and with your financial support, a shovel will hit the dirt, and beautiful new buildings will finally arise. **Most of all**, we want to emphasize the prevailing purpose of this campaign and the new campus is **FAITH** raising, not **FUND** raising. If you have read the **ROOTED & REACHING** purpose in the Case Statement you know that this supports our single mission: **reaching others with the good news of Jesus Christ!**

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On a personal level, what can each of us do for **ROOTED & REACHING**? We all have different life circumstances and resources. Some are just starting out in life, have children in private school or college, or are retired on a fixed income. Whatever your situation, the Bible tells us God will make it possible if we are willing and trust Him. Perhaps you can find a way—like adjusting spending habits, foregoing a major purchase or using other assets such as tangible items.



Two suggestions:

1. Take a **“faith journey”** by stepping out in faith that God will provide, engage God in prayer, and discover what He says your 3 year *sacrificial* commitment should be.
2. Take a **“talk journey”**:

**Self-Talk:** I can give \$\_\_\_\_\_ comfortably, but I don’t want to be comfortable or satisfied, so I will aim to give \$\_\_\_\_.

**God-Talk:** “God, You know the amount I am aiming for is \$\_\_\_\_. If this is pleasing to You, show me the way, and give me peace.” Pray daily and earnestly for His presence in your journey.

Our prayer, and the prayers of our Prayer Warrior Team is that everyone will find a way to make a **sacrificial** commitment over and above their regular giving that will **root** us in the community at Trinity Oaks and other missional fields, and **reach** many unsaved souls as we **praise, love, grow and share**.

In Christ,  
Roger and Dana Sanders

## MOVING FROM VISION TO BUILDING

The **“Vision Team”** is being replaced by the **“Building Team.”** The vision team was chaired by Jeannine Schutte, and comprised of Pastor Dave Buss, Gary Buuck, Leif Grotness, Mike Hicks, Eric Marx, Pastor Greg Moyer, and BRLS Principal, Gordon Schamber. It was tasked with guiding the process of casting the vision for the future of Trinity Lutheran Church and its school and child development center. The process now requires a shift to making the vision come to fruition. The **“Building Team”** is tasked with guiding the construction and financing elements of this first phase of developing Trinity Oaks and expanding the school and child development ministries at Florida Boulevard. The **“Building Team”** is co-chaired by Mike Hicks and Chris Graham and comprised of Pastor Dave Buss, TLCDC Manager Cherri Kieschnick, Steve Loupe, Eric Marx, Terry Morales, Pastor Greg Moyer, Greg Salomon, BRLS Principal Gordon Schamber, and Jason Sykes. If you have any questions, please let them know.



**NOT "EQUAL GIVING,"  
BUT "EQUAL SACRIFICE."**

**THIS IS THE PROCESS WE ASK MEMBERS TO GO THROUGH TO DETERMINE WHAT THEIR GIFT WILL BE:**

- 1. PRAY FOR AN OPEN MIND AND HEART ASKING GOD TO GIVE YOU A NUMBER OF HIS CHOOSING.**
- 2. USE THE GIFT CHART BELOW AS A GUIDE (WORKING FROM THE BOTTOM UP)!**
- 3. DO NOT TRUST THE 1ST NUMBER YOU COME TO, BECAUSE YOU CAN LIKELY DO THAT WITHOUT GOD'S HELP.**
- 4. ASK GOD AND (IF YOU ARE MARRIED), YOUR SPOUSE, TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER.**
- 5. WHEN THE TIME COMES TO MAKE YOUR SACRIFICIAL, FAITH-FILLED COMMITMENT, DO SO WITH GREAT JOY AND RETURN YOUR CARD.**

No. of Gifts	Gift Level
<b>IMPACT GIFTS</b>	
1	\$240,000
1	\$120,000
1	\$90,000
2	\$75,000
4	\$51,000
<b>PACESETTER GIFTS</b>	
5	\$42,000
7	\$30,000
9	\$21,000
11	\$16,000
13	\$12,000
<b>SIGNIFICANT GIFTS</b>	
20	\$9,000
25	\$7,500
30	\$4,800
35	\$3,000
40	\$1,800
Many As God Enables	

**"ROOTED & REACHING"**

**SUPERNATURAL  
ABILITIES GOAL  
\$2,400,000**

**BEYOND OUR ABILITIES  
GOAL  
\$1,600,000**

**OUR NATURAL  
ABILITIES GOAL  
\$800,000**

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## AWARENESS GATHERINGS

Greetings from your Awareness Team Directors:

We are working with the pastors and other leaders in organizing several Awareness Gatherings where we can share information and answer any questions you may have about ROOTED & REACHING.

We have organized two gatherings that will allow you the opportunity to hear an overview of the plans and, more importantly, give you the chance to ask questions to a panel of people that have expertise on this very important work.

The two gatherings will be identical and we ask you to select the one that best fits your schedule. The Awareness Gatherings will be in the Trinity Sanctuary:

- **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 a.m.**

The presentation will last 30-40 minutes followed by ample time to answer your questions.

In order to best plan for these gatherings; someone will be calling to confirm which of the meetings you might attend.

This is an exciting time at Trinity and we hope that you will be able to attend one of the gatherings to heighten your awareness of this process. Thank you!

**Jack and Polly Morris**  
**Phil and Kathy Williams**  
Awareness Team Directors

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>—6:30pm**  
**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>—9:20am**  
Awareness Gatherings

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Vision Sunday

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Home Group Gatherings

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Initial Commitment Event

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Commitment Celebration Event  
Trinity Oaks

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Commitment Dedication Sunday

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
First Fruits Offering