

PEACE FOR THE FUTURE - Background

The future is now at Peace Lutheran Church. We have a forward-looking leadership, and in 2017, which coincidentally was the 60th anniversary of the founding of our congregation, we began planning for our next 60 years.

We identified our goals and aspirations for the immediate future, which we hope will position us for the decades ahead. They included

- **Improve** the worship experience in our already large and attractive sanctuary by adding new sound and video equipment and a new piano.
- **Welcome** worshippers and visitors through improvements to our facility, providing for a more attractive, intuitive flow through the building and new office and education space. We must also make necessary repairs to our mechanical systems and buildings.
- **Serve** our community by establishing a community center and funding a part-time staff person to promote this outreach.
- **Care** for creation by installing solar panels on our roof and by improving our green space.
- Financially **Support** the important work of ACCA, a local Christian community that offers services to the poor and disadvantaged, and also the Metro D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which we are a part.

We initiated a capital campaign, which was our first in almost 30 years, to provide funding for these projects. We set an ambitious goal of 1.1 million dollars. We succeeded in raising \$840,000 in pledges, to be given over a three year period. This was a success. Our members and friends responded with generosity, and Peace is grateful to them for it.

Of course there is more to do. We invite new members and those who did not participate initially to join in the campaign. Our goal is still \$1.1 million, and through faithful stewardship we are confident of reaching it.

Now we are moving ahead with these projects as we are able. It is exciting to see our ambitions come to fruition.