



Let's Build Trinity Update  
April 7, 2023

Dear Trinity Family,

We are now nine months into our Boldly Building Our Legacy campaign. Since the beginning of the campaign, our goal has been 100% participation by our Trinity family members (church and school), and we still have a ways to go. We have had gifts from 40% of our church member families and 7% of our school families. If you still need to make the step to join the campaign, now is the time. All members of the Trinity family will benefit from better campus access and additional parking, a wonderful gathering space in the Common area that will hold 200 people, the worship and performance space that will hold 400 people on the first floor and another 100 people in the balcony, four additional classrooms including a purpose-built science area, and the reclamation of the gymnasium.

The BLRB Architects and Fortis Construction teams are working with the Trinity Campaign and Building teams in designing the Master Plan and also the first phase of this project to be within our \$18MM budget. Future phases will provide more classroom spaces, a new kitchen, offices, tennis/pickleball courts, a track and field complex, and a competition gym.

It is an exciting time to be sure. It will take all of us giving to make this a reality.

Since our last update from March 3, 2023...

- ❖ **Boldly Building Our Legacy (BBOL) Capital Campaign**
  - Commitments and gifts through March 4 have totaled \$6,010,000, which means we are over halfway towards the \$12,000,000 goal.
  - BBOL donors are currently in the process of fulfilling their pledges. 33.86% of the commitments have been funded so far.
  - The Trinity Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023. The proceeds raised from the paddle raise will go towards BBOL Capital Campaign.
- ❖ **[BLRB Architects](#)**
  - Traffic studies for the new campus are underway.
  - The water and sewer connection study has just been completed.
  - Soil samples for the foundation design have been taken, and soils analysis in the lab is underway.

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Psalm 102:18

- BLRB will submit the most current rendering of campus and building on April 13 after which there will be another review and update of the cost estimate.
- ❖ **Fortis:** Construction Manager / General Contractor (CM/GC)
  - Fortis is working hand in hand with BLRB to review and update our scope to keep the project within our budget.
- ❖ **Modular Classrooms**
  - We posted the required signage for requests for final comments from the neighbors on our addition of modules to become permanent. The comment deadline was April 6.
- ❖ **Giving Opportunities**
  - For donors over 70 1/2, gifts from your IRAs can be Qualified Charitable Donations, which count toward annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) but are not taxable as most RMDs usually are.
  - Please check with your retirement planner or accountant to see how you can give with little to no tax implications on your gift.
    - Many members of our Trinity Family have worked with Thrivent Financial over the years, and they are glad to assist as needed. Contact our local Thrivent representatives, Rob Burns or Matthew Burns, for more information, at 714-525-4360.
  - Gifts may also be one-time or spread out over three years.
  - Currently, we have 97 gifts/pledges out of a possible 272 giving units from the congregational members.
  - Thirty-four gifts/pledges have come from school families and our community.
  - If you have not yet participated in the BBOL campaign, you can download a pledge card at:
    - <http://www.trinitylutheranbend.org/lets-build-trinity/?playlist=777009e&video=a88942e>
    - There is a host of information on this site, updated project designs as we receive them, and testimonies from several Trinity Family members to share why they will participate.
- ❖ **Additional Funding**
  - Conversations have begun with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to determine the borrowing capacity of Trinity for the project, should that be needed to reach the goal of \$18MM.
- ❖ Enrollment for 2023/2024 is projected to be 610 students, with a high school of 140 students (and only 16 seniors). This space is critical to meet the needs of our ever-growing family.

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