

FOOTINGS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRM FOUNDATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Spring 2009 Update

Campaign Gifts/Pledges..... \$1,494,010

Thanks to the generosity of many people and congregations, \$1,494,010 has been received in gifts and pledges toward the Firm Foundations Appeal. These funds have been used to complete phase one of the campaign, expanding and improving the Dining Hall. Campers and retreat groups now have a wonderful space in which to dine and meet. The Dining Hall also includes: additional bathroom facilities (including a handicapped/family restroom); a larger and more efficient dish room and kitchen (with modern, efficient equipment); a large storage room for tables and chairs; a library/meeting room underneath the new addition; and two large decks that overlook the lake.

As part of the Dining Hall project, the Camp's **main sewer system** was updated and rerouted. The power poles and electrical wires running through the center of Camp were replaced with an underground **electrical service** from the county road to the Dining Hall. This makes the site safer for guests and removes the clutter of wires and poles. A **pump house** and an **updated water system** connecting the Camp's drinking wells were necessitated by the new Fire Suppression Sprinkler System in the Dining Hall. The Fire Sprinkler System was required because of a change in state building codes. Along with the updates to the water system, the Bible Camp also received water rights for the two wells that supply the camp's water!

Challenge

The Firm Foundations Campaign continues! Several congregations are still planning to conduct their appeal as we move to phase two of the campaign, the **Pathfinder Cabin Village**.

The Goal for this phase of the appeal is \$500,000. These funds will be used to:

- Build a Bathhouse in the new Camper Village
- Construct eight new Camper Cabins in the Village
- Provide the Pavilion in the Village
- Finish paying for the Dining Hall project

This is a challenge, but considering the generous response of individuals and congregations who have already given to the campaign, and the number who will be participating, we are confident this goal can be reached.

Of our 65 member congregations, 21 have completed their appeals, 12 are doing their appeals now or have definite plans to do them in the fall and 13 are in the process of making plans to participate soon. **Every congregation is needed to reach our goal!!**

Flathead Cluster Conducts Congregational Campaigns

During the past year many churches in the Flathead Cluster conducted their congregational campaigns. These campaigns are a six week educational program designed to raise awareness within each congregation about the camp. By following the appeal plan and adding their own creative ideas, the results have been truly inspiring!

Good Shepherd – Polson	\$ 9,655	Eidsvold – Somers	\$18,180
Christ – Libby	\$12,460	Bethlehem – Kalispell	\$36,807
Bethany – Bigfork	\$23,060	Northridge – Kalispell	\$15,220

This shows that by taking the time and effort to fully inform, motivate and ask their members to share their gifts; congregations are successful raising significant funds for the Bible Camp.

Thank you! Your prayers, dollars and hard work are vital. Through your contributions, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be strengthened for generations to come.