



2009 Fund Appeal

An Opportunity to Keep Our Vision Growing

May 24, 2009

**Mark your
Calendars!**

Next Sunday—

May 31, 2009

is the date for our

Appeal

**Invitation-to-Prayer
Gatherings**

Our *Keep Our Vision Growing* Appeal is progressing well. Thank you to both the appeal team members and the telephone callers who have become involved with the planning of the appeal.

Next Sunday we are hosting our Invitation-to-Prayer Gatherings. This is a time of celebration and information sharing as we focus upon the importance of the appeal to our congregation.

At the end of each worship service, there will be a brief presentation about our appeal. Following worship you are encouraged to stay for refreshments and fellowship.

Please plan on joining us!

Faith Focus

We have asked members of our Appeal Team to share their faith and commitment to our congregation and our Appeal. This faith focus was written by Patti Hafeman. Patti is serving on the Sunday Events Group for our Appeal Team.

"My faith reflects how I live my life everyday! Faith is described as "complete confidence, belief and trust for which there is no proof." Wow, think about that! And yet, that is the way we Christians live our lives. Pretty neat!! 😊 We live our lives for Christ, knowing that whatever life brings, He knows what is best for us in this world and has promised us eternal happiness in the next!

Our St. Peter church family is always there to help strengthen our faith through times of sadness and joy! Unfortunately, many people do not truly understand the importance of their church family until times become troubled. We have all been affected in some way by the current downslide in our economy. Whether it's the unexpected job loss of a spouse, a medical concern with a child, or an aging parent in a nursing home...their door or phone lines are always open. Sometimes your pastor or "church family" may feel closer to you than your real family. Why? Because they represent a spiritual link for true comfort and hope that others are unable to give.

I support this appeal because we need to keep our vision growing at St. Peter especially in these challenging times! I work as a hospital nurse and even though quality care for my patients is my primary concern...it has to be reached in a cost-effective manner. And even though all of our workplaces offer many valuable services and items we need, they also need to be fiscally prudent to stay in business. The truly invaluable services that are provided to us by our pastors, fellow members, our schools and Key to Life, unfortunately also come at a dollar cost.

In closing, a thought as you consider your appeal offering... I think many of you may feel the same as I, for I have always enjoyed giving more than receiving. Especially in my career as a nurse, I have learned long ago that whatever we give to others, we always receive back twice in return! And He has promised us the same...and so much more!!! God's Blessings" 😊