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Welcome to the Dei Campaign! The word “Dei” (pronounced “day”) summarizes everything this campaign is about.

In Latin, the word “Dei” means “God.” This is not a campaign about what we want. This campaign is the result of years of seeking God’s will and plans for the future of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

After much thought, prayer and discussion, we believe God’s will and plans for Prince of Peace include:

- Planting a daughter congregation in Lake in the Hills, a northwest suburb exploding in population where no Lutheran church currently exists. (2009)
- Calling a full-time bilingual pastor to our staff to start a new congregation targeting Palatine’s growing Hispanic population. (2010)
- Paying off the existing church mortgage, saving the congregation nearly \$90,000 in interest and freeing up \$177,000 each year in our church budget for ministry purposes rather than mortgage payments. (This work will begin right away. The sooner we eliminate the mortgage, the greater the benefits).
- Making sound and lighting improvements to our existing sanctuary and gymnasium, ensuring that our facility continues to meet the needs of our expanding ministries. (2009)
- Collecting the largest mission outreach offering in the history of our congregation for our denomination’s “Fan into Flame” campaign, which will fund church-planting efforts all around the world. (2008-2011)
- Conducting a capital stewardship campaign in fall 2008 to raise \$2,250,000 in three-year “over and above” commitments to fund the efforts outlined above.

In Greek, the word “Dei” also means “it is necessary,” referring to the things we must do, the things our faith in Christ requires of us. It is the word used in Luke 4:43 to describe the urgency of Jesus’ mission:

At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, “I must (Greek, “Dei”) preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

We believe these are the things we must do to continue the work of Jesus in Palatine and to “preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also.” To do so will require committed prayer, deeper faith, selfless spirits and significant sacrifice from all of us.

It is not just our duty to do these things. It is our privilege, because we believe this is God’s plan for us and it is necessary.

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