

With Our Eyes on Christ

*Gathering,
Growing ...
Serving Together*

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Dear Church Family,

In this year of transition, God is transforming us as individuals and as a church family, preparing us for new and growing ministries at our Camp Cardinal site. We know the transformation unfolds in many small steps. We want to bathe these steps in prayer.

With money already received, we purchased the Camp Cardinal land, established infrastructure like roads and utilities, and sold our Melrose property. Our current capital campaign enabled a \$5.8 million construction loan and pays the first 2 years of the mortgage on that loan. We give thanks for God's many blessings in the life of our church.

Although we have raised a lot of money already, additional funding will require future capital campaigns (starting in 2019), sale of adjacent land for development, and special gifting for items like kitchen furnishings, finishing for the multipurpose space, and adding landscaping. We praise God for how he provides just what we need when we need it.

We know God has given St. Andrew many strengths in ministry. Some highlights include family-friendly programs, excellence in worship, and enthusiasm for mission. We expect God wants us to grow in ministry areas like community outreach and resource stewardship. Change and growth feels uncomfortable and exciting at the same time. We pray for discernment in planning our future, especially in "Next Chapter" gatherings.

With the birth of our savior, the Lord Almighty dwells among us. We find him in the wonder of children, the power of winter weather and the comfort of friends old and new. Please join us as we pray. Pray in secret. Pray with two or more others. Pray corporately with the body of Christ at St. Andrew. We encourage you to pray without ceasing.

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