

## LF Building Project First Fruits email from Pastor Dan August 25 2020

### Home Away from Home First Fruits Capital Campaign

I continue to be amazed by the people of Living Faith and their resolve during the COVID crisis. It has been a crazy year, but here we are faithfully living out our calls as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Gospel continues to be preached, the sacraments delivered, and people are maturing in their faith. There are so many stories of people loving and serving each other and their neighbor. Home groups gather at a distance, Bible Studies continue online, and the church responds to the challenges today and yet to come.

I had no idea how much things would change after I was installed as Associate Pastor 16 months ago, but I am thankful to be part of a loving and growing church family. I want to thank Pastor Luke, the church staff, elders, and council for their leadership and guidance through this crisis. COVID has delayed some of our plans to expand the Home Group Ministry and the timeline to break ground on our building expansion, but it has pushed us to do things like record and livestream services. The Gospel is being heard by many who could not in the past and the Kingdom advances due to these efforts.

I am pleased to report our plans for the building expansion continue and giving towards the Home Away from Home Capital Campaign exceeds \$249,000. This is a great start and any amount received by Sunday October 4th will count towards our First Fruits. The First Fruits is the total money gathered now to reduce the amount we need to borrow long term. I want to thank those of you have been willing and able to give towards this effort and want to encourage others to do this as well. We had over \$1,000,000 dollars pledged to be given over the next 3 years back in February and we are already well on our way towards this bold goal!

There is much cause for us to celebrate what God has and continues to do for us through His Son Jesus Christ. He continues to bless us and keep us in the one true faith, he never leaves us or forsakes us, and he is in control. I pray this letter finds you safe and well. Never hesitate to reach out to me or any of the leaders at Living Faith if there is anything we can do to support and care for you.

God Bless and I cannot wait to see many of you on Rally Sunday for our outdoor service at 10:00 AM.

Pastor Dan Petrak