

APPEAL #491

LAKE UNION EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
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Lake Union Evangelical Covenant Church

This small rural Covenant church on a hill overlooking a Minnesota lake has sustained its country ministry for 106 years. Having just constructed a new building on the same site, we have a renewed commitment to retain our small country church vitality while at the same time reaching more families for Christ.



Our original church building was built under the leadership of the three Swedish immigrant couples who organized the church. They later recalled attending services in the harsh Minnesota winters stating, "The wood burner was in the middle of the church. If you sat near the center of the church it was too warm, and on the sides it was freezing!"

Warmth has remained at the center of Lake Union Covenant Church. A warm and welcoming Christian fellowship, care for one another, and evangelism to our rural community are the country ministry values that we seek to maintain, in a new building that hopes to grow its membership to a church of 100+ members.

Now that our new structure has been completed, for the first time in our history we have a handicapped-accessible facility and sufficient space for special events such as weddings and funerals. This demonstrates the culmination of years of planning, resulting from a threshold of generous financial contributions but also dependent on additional support.

Our small country church, where the Evangelical Covenant Church is deeply rooted, seeks prayer and support for renewing its ministry at this place of worship, "that Christ may dwell in your hearts" (Ephesians 3:17).

Prayer Requests:

Pray that we will continue to expand our ministry into our community in practical, helpful ways, and that our new facility will enhance that outreach.

Pray that with the new facility we will also have a new commitment to spiritual growth, so that the light of the gospel will permeate our community.

Pray that our financial stewardship will extend to other areas of stewardship as we grow our ministry.

Pray that our new facility will encourage our community to see Lake Union Covenant Church as their community asset and event center.

Kingdom Report: Naperville Covenant Church

APPEALS #404 AND #424—FUNDS RAISED: \$32,017.96

NAPERVILLE, IL—A seed was planted in the suburbs west of Chicago in Naperville, IL. This seed was a grant from Kingdom Builders which allowed Naperville Covenant Church to build their first building. It gave them the opportunity to enter their first worship space with an area for the children. When they received the grant in 1980 they had about seventy people attending their church. They now have an attendance of over two-hundred. Over the succeeding thirty-some years they have in excess of over a thousand people that have been connected in some manner to their church family! The facility has doubled in size and has been a place where families have found Christ, and where children have a safe place to learn about Jesus, and where relationships have been strengthened. Mission trips have been launched from this place and they have seen the best and the worst that life has to offer. The fruit they have produced for the kingdom of God began with the seed gift given for God's work through Kingdom Builders grant and they are very thankful!



Kingdom Builders: Helping build God's Kingdom since 1952

What is Kingdom Builders?

Kingdom Builders, formerly Frontier Friends, is a ministry of the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism that provides grants to churches purchasing property or building a facility.

Who are Kingdom Builders?

Kingdom Builders are committed Covenanters who want to help build God's Kingdom through prayer and the sharing of their resources.

How does the program work?

Members receive a number of appeals per year, with information about the church seeking support, an update on a past project, and prayer requests. Members set their own giving levels, with the most

common gift ranging between \$1 to \$100 per appeal and member.

How do I join? If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Kingdom Builders, or would like more information about donation options, please contact the Kingdom Builders coordinator at kingdom.builders@covchurch.org, or by phone at 773-907-3355, or by mail to the address below.

How can I give to Kingdom Builders?

It is important to us that you are able to give to Kingdom Builders in the manner most convenient for you. To that end, we offer the following giving options: (1) by appeal; (2) monthly; (3) quarterly; (4) annually. We also accept electronic

transfer of funds. If you would like to change your donation plan or open an electronic transfer of funds, please call 773-907-3355 or email kingdom.builders@covchurch.org.

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Questions? Comments? More information is available at the Covenant website. Visit www.covchurch.org, and click on the Kingdom Builders link.