

## **Kairos – Phase One Summary Our Vision For Mission**

By the grace of God, for nearly fifty years, we have journeyed in our faith and life, as a House of Hope, proclaiming the gospel through worship, teaching, service to others, study, fellowship and more. Honoring that past and grateful for God's presence among us today we seek to answer God's call to move into our future. To dream a new dream of what it will mean to be the church in our time and place. To come together and do what we cannot do alone and step boldly into the future that God has made possible for us.

This vision is what our new **"For Hope's Sake"** capital-mission appeal is all about. An invitation to members and friends of House of Hope to step out in faith and shape the course and character of our ministry for the next fifty years. **Together over the next three years we will raise \$\$\$,\$\$\$ or more to realize the following goals:**

- Lead the development of a new model for collaboration between neighboring ELCA congregations. Building on the partnership already taking shape with First Lutheran we will take the lead in creating a framework for exploration, education, and new program development involving other neighboring Lutheran congregations. These resources will provide seed money to launch this creative effort - **\$\$,\$\$\$**
- Transform our ministry to junior and senior high school students and their families by creating a community based approach to our youth ministry. Working with First Lutheran, St. James, and other Lutheran partners we will hire a new shared community/congregational youth director to design and implement this new vision. This creative and cooperative model will touch the lives of thousands of kids over the next three years - **\$\$\$,\$\$\$**
- Engage in bold new outreach efforts in our New Hope community. Embracing a parish model in our understanding of mission we will work with Elim, First Lutheran, and St. James to create a network of new and expanded outreach ministries to help the people of our community. Each congregation will draw on their own unique strengths and passions to deepen their ability to make a difference. Financial resources will be used for program development and to hire a part time Mission Outreach Coordinator to guide and support this new collaborative commitment to care for the neighbor - **\$\$,\$\$\$**
- Free up dollars for mission and ministry development by eliminating our present mortgage, saving \$50,000 in interest and redirecting \$25,000 a year from mortgage payments to the support of our ongoing annual ministry needs.- **\$\$\$,\$\$\$**

Now is the time to dream a dream for the sake of the gospel, to trust in the promises of God, to give generously and confidently to a new vision of mission. Now is the time to walk boldly into our future, walking together **"For Hope's Sake"**

There will be a forum on **Sunday, June 7**, immediately following 9:30 worship in the Fellowship Hall, at approximately **10:45**, to review this summary and offer further refinement. Remember this summary reflects the input and decisions by the congregation over the last 9 months. Thank you to all – and to Kairos and Associates for their fine work and inspiration!