

Our History

Grace Lutheran Church was founded by the Rev. Paul Geiger, with the first services held on December 9, 1956. Our present church building was erected during 1957 and early 1958. There were about 25 families who were charter members of the congregation. Grace became affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod denomination in April, 1957. The congregation is currently being served by Pastor Mel Newman. The church presently has 269 communicant souls and 349 baptized members.

Our Need

The **Fan into Flame** Campaign has enabled Grace Lutheran Church to raise significant new funds for our own needs as well as to share responsibility in the broader needs of our District and Synod. Fifteen percent (15%) of the net funds we have raised will be returned to our congregation.

With this new money, we will be able to implement the following programs in our community:

- Fund a Bible club for local children outside of our Grace Lutheran Church community
- Provide seed money to fund a mission start in Buda, TX
- Better equip every member of our congregation with materials and education for personal witnessing of their faith in the area

Our Plan

Our appeal began by recruiting a leadership team that consisted of the pastor and 4 highly mission-minded members. The leadership team then set out to meet with other highly mission-minded members of the congregation to inform them about **Fan into Flame** and the *Ablaze!* movement and ask for their support. Our leadership team didn't reach every member of the congregation with a personal visit, but members that were not visited had the opportunity to learn about this effort through bulletin inserts and pulpit announcements on 6 consecutive Sundays. They were then asked for their support on 2 Commitment Sunday's.

Our Results

The members of Grace joined together to more than double our adopted **Fan into Flame** goal! The congregation responded positively to our first member to member visitation plan. God enabled our members to produce these great results:

- Goal- \$15,000
- Raised- \$38,162
- % of Goal- 254%
- Gifts- 23
- Average Gift- \$1,659
- Amount to be returned for local outreach- \$4,770