

Our Consultant...



Rev. John Kieschnick
Regional Consultant and Pastor Coach

"The steps of Christian discipline aren't steps that guarantee spiritual growth. Instead, they are doors of growth which lead us into the presence of the Lord"
— John Kieschnick, *The Best is Yet To Come: 7 Doors of Spiritual Growth* (Baxter Press)

Congregations have frequently sought Rev. John Kieschnick's consult regarding planning, management, leadership, and stewardship. Now, as stewardship consultant with Capital Funding Services (a ministry service of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund), Pastor Kieschnick is delivering on-site consulting and mentoring services to Gloria Dei during our "BIG" capital campaign.

Previously, Pastor Kieschnick served as Senior Pastor of Gloria Dei from 1974 to 2007. During that time, he shepherded the church from 400 to more than 3,300 baptized members. Under his pastorate, Gloria Dei conducted seven building and capital campaigns.

Throughout his ministry, he has served on a variety of synodical boards and committees, both national and district (Texas). He has authored numerous stewardship Bible studies and programs, many of which became models for national efforts. He authored a "Christian Money Management Program" as well as the book quoted above. We are very blessed to have Pastor Kieschnick's expertise and leadership during this journey!

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-20

Family and friends of Gloria Dei,

Greetings and blessings in the name of Jesus. BIG things are happening at Gloria Dei! We just finished our "summer of serving initiative," where we had the privilege and opportunity to live out Micah 6:8 in our community, to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." Because of your courageous generosity, and an incredible desire to impact our community with the message of Jesus Christ, Gloria Dei was able to bless 5 local community agencies and schools with over \$22,500. We filled over 360 backpacks with school supplies, and collectively spent countless hours of serving our community. As we prayed about and planned for this opportunity months ago, I never dreamed that God would show up in such a BIG way to impact lives for eternity. I am humbled, honored, and blessed to serve a congregation that sees a BIGGER mission field, beyond the walls of our faith family, but also, into the homes and lives of our community.

God strategically placed Gloria Dei in Nassau Bay, over 50 years ago, to impact the community and the world, with the message of Jesus. Because of a BIG vision, a BIG faith, and a belief in a BIG God, there has been a tremendous amount of kingdom impact within the walls of our church, and far beyond our Nassau Bay community.

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We are getting ready to embark upon a life-changing journey together. As we take this journey, my prayer is that we will experience the depth, breadth and height of God's grace, love, beauty and power, and it will become more and more evident as we get closer to Him. God has been preparing us for all that He is going to do, in and through the BIG Capital Campaign, to cultivate courageous generosity, address capital needs and improve our balance sheet, while responsibly funding the mission. This campaign can, and will, have a BIG impact for the cause of Christ.

We believe God is leading us to initiate this capital campaign to expand His kingdom in our community. Please pray with me for His guidance, as we take this next ministry step, and trust in His promise, as stated in our campaign theme verse, Ephesians 3:20. I'm excited about what God is going to do at Gloria Dei, and I'm thankful that we will experience it together!

Pastor Dan Schepmann
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Dates To Remember

Awareness Forums
September 22 & 25



Vision Sunday
October 2



Initial Commitments
October 23



Commitment Celebration
October 30



Commitment Dedication
November 13



First Fruits Offering
November 20

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Case Statement

In January of 1967, 70+ mission-minded families followed the call of the Lord to begin a new ministry called Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, in order to reach the Nassau Bay community for the cause of Christ. In these past 50 years, countless lives have been transformed and enormous kingdom impact has taken place.

Gloria Dei has been blessed with a rich legacy of leaders who moved forward boldly to begin something bigger than themselves. Because of their vision, generosity and faithfulness, Gloria Dei is now blessed with a large, beautiful campus, and a family of believers who are "helping one another live life with Jesus every day!" The time has come for us to stand with those who have gone before us, as we continue to build on the legacy they started to reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we move forward in mission and ministry, a commitment to fiscal responsibility, courageous generosity and biblical stewardship positions us for future strength and influence.

Our goal for this capital campaign is to raise \$3-5 million over the next 3 years, above and beyond our regular giving, and has a three-fold emphasis:

Missions (20% of campaign funds)

God continues to call us to make a kingdom impact through our presence in Nassau Bay, League City and beyond. Of this 20% designation, 10% will be directed to missions through our League City property, and 10% will be directed to local and international missions.

Capital Expenses (30% of campaign funds)

Capital expenses and improvements are necessary to maintain the facilities God has blessed us with at our Nassau Bay campus. As with any home or building, daily usage requires updates and improvements. Instead of reacting to a crisis, we will be able to proactively fund and improve our facilities and infrastructure such as:

- Worship Center improvements/upgrades and organ repairs
- Replace air conditioning units throughout the campus
- Technology upgrades in the Worship Center, classrooms, and Student Center
- Paint, carpeting, and aesthetic improvements around the campus
- Parking lot repairs
- Improvements/upgrades to our early childhood and children's ministry areas

Debt Reduction (50% of campaign funds)

Currently, our Nassau Bay campus has a capital indebtedness of \$3.9 million. A highly successful campaign will reduce our indebtedness by 50%, improve our balance sheet and increase our capacity to reach more people with the message of Jesus Christ, within and beyond our community.

50 years ago, 70 families "planted trees under whose shade they would most likely never sit." Today, we are experiencing the "shade and blessing" of those "trees," but now we need to "plant" new trees. Your prayers and courageous generosity are essential to make this a reality. I invite you to join me on this journey of spiritual growth and partnership in the Gospel, as we make a BIG kingdom impact in the lives of God's people for the NEXT 50 years.



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