



You're here to be **light**,
bringing out the **God-colors** in the world.
God is not a secret to be kept. We're going
public with this, **as public as a city on a hill.**
If I make you **light-bearers**, you don't think
I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you?
I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put
you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—**SHINE!**
Keep open house; be generous with your lives.
By opening up to others, you'll prompt people
to open up with God, this **generous Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)

Shine

Growing God's Light
in Our Community



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OUR JOURNEY BEGINS

New Heights has quite a story to tell, and you are a part of it! It began over 100 years ago, when St John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches were formed. Generations of faithfulness, challenge, joy and struggle led to the formation of New Heights Lutheran Church, now focused on renewal and revitalization. With a strong sense of God's vision and mission we have grown into a healthy and vital faith community, reaching and connecting people of ALL ages. Here, all generations take an active role growing in faith and shining God's light in the community.

Together, we are a church centered on Jesus, making a real impact in our community and in the lives of one another. We have an intentional focus on children, encouraging them to grow in their faith and connect it to everyday life, Bible studies for folks of all ages, a brand new community service center with Heights Unlimited and vibrant worship that has doubled in the past decade drawing those who had previously given up on church. These are all examples of God's light shining through us—you, and so many others, help make these life-giving experiences possible for all who come to New Heights!

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TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN

In order to expand our impact and shine more brightly in the community, we have purchased ten acres of land with the intent to build a new building that will better enable and enhance the ministry and mission God has planned for us. The reality is that we have outgrown our current facilities and the layout simply doesn't work well. Ministry will not grow unless we enlarge our physical space.

This new building will enable us to take the necessary steps to continue following God's lead and fulfilling God's mission. God intends for us to go public with this light that God has put in us! And so now we will stretch and grow and with God's help, take this next step together.

EXPANDING GOD'S IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY



God is placing us on a light stand to have a broader reach in bridging the gap between people and God, our communities, all generations, and working families with childcare needs.

We'll do this in our new building by...

Connecting our communities and people through a welcoming and inviting *Gathering Space* with room for conversations, coffee, Bible Studies and meetings.

Connecting people with God with a modern and flexible *Worship Space*.

Addressing community child care needs with an intentional *Learning and Growing Space* which could be day care, preschool and afterschool programming.

Your faith and generosity will help us to SHINE God's light and bless others in new and important ways!

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Now is the time—we are ready to move forward. It is as if God is placing us upon a hilltop to shine out even further!

Key to all of this is our generosity. After all, God has been so generous with us! With an anticipated total project cost of \$4.3 million, it will take each one of us offering our best gift over three years to help us realize this dream. We are all an important part of this faith community. We have sacrificed for and invested in this ministry in so many ways over the years—now God is calling us to invest in yet a new way.

Jesus said, *"You are here to be light, to shine, to be generous with your life. And in so doing, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."*

You could say that God has put us on a light stand and now it's time to shine! With Jesus leading, we can do this!