



AFLC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Investing For Eternity

PARISH BUILDING PROGRAM

The Parish Building Program has been an ongoing program that was derived from a need we saw in our church plants across the United States. We recognized that it was not enough for the pastor and pastor's wife to run the ministry and there often wasn't money for the church to hire on additional staff. This launched the idea of the Parish Builder; someone to come alongside this developing congregation to use the gifts God has given them to further this ministry and the Kingdom of God – wherever there is a need.

We are currently seeking funds to provide annual retreats and training for our current Parish Builders as well as offer promotional events at the Association Free Lutheran Bible School [AFLBS] for students interested in the program.



First Parish Builders Retreat held in November in Mesa, AZ

Our goal with Parish Building is to equip young people with lifelong discipleship tools and ministry experience that will serve as a launching pad for lifelong ministry and service.

It is also our desire to see more growing and thriving, free and living Lutheran congregations around the United States of America. We would like to see this program expand and for there to be Parish Builders in each of the Home Mission congregations.



Kids Club at Calvary Free, Mesa, AZ



First church service at Waikiki Beach, HI

It takes an average of \$25,000 to run the Parish Building program annually. This covers promotional events throughout the year, miscellaneous costs such as postage, promo materials, annual retreat for all current Parish Builders, annual training, and Parish Builder's Recruiter salary and travel expenses.