



ROOTED
& RENEWING
DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

Beloved People of Resurrection,

What joy we have known this year as we celebrate 75 years of ministry! Since those early days, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has been a congregation rooted in the grace and love of Christ. Worship and music, education and outreach nourish us to bear good fruit in due season. In these post-pandemic days, as we reunite as a congregation and remember our rhythms of faith, we are called to draw on our roots and be renewed for the future.

In 2019 LCR stepped out in faith to renovate our building making the facility more accessible. Those renovations created space to invite the community into this wonderful congregation. As we live into this space, we celebrate the many renovations including the reliable, spacious elevator, the air conditioning in the sanctuary, and the open, inviting gathering space in the upper and lower entries. Already we have hosted art openings, weddings and funerals, and community groups in this renovated space.

We are now invited to take another step of renewal for the future as we seek to raise \$750,000 to cut the principal of our mortgage in half. In addition to lowering our debt by half, we also want to challenge ourselves to stretch another \$150,000 to enhance our hospitality, justice, and outreach ministries.

Please read the enclosed prospectus and prayerfully consider your part in the **Rooted in Christ, Renewed for the Future** campaign. On Reformation Sunday, October 30th, you will be invited to make a commitment to this three-year project.

God plants us, grows us in Christ, and renews us by the Holy Spirit. Together we can accomplish more than we could ever imagine.

In Christ,
Pastor Sarah Friesen-Carper
Kris Rongstad, President
Chris Westermeyer, Campaign Chairperson

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ROOTED IN CHRIST

Seventy-five years ago, God planted Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville. Through the Holy Spirit, roots of this fledgling ministry found fertile soil. Within the first year, the congregation started construction on the white, wood-framed church facing Victoria Street. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection's roots formed and transformed our buildings and ministry: adding the brick office and sanctuary in 1955, then a new sanctuary in 1965, and the building connection in 1979.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION HAS GROWN:

- Physical roots, as we continue to improve our spaces: accessibility for all with an elevator, new and open spaces to gather and display art, and air-conditioning to welcome the community on hot days.
- Artistic roots, as we connect with God in many meaningful ways: rich liturgy, inspiring music, hymn festivals, Bach cantatas, works of art, youth recitals and art showcases, and quilting ministries.
- Learning roots, as we commit to life-long spiritual growth and sharing our faith: Sunday School, Confirmation, adult forums, Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, Ministry with the Aging, and Wednesday morning prayer groups.
- Serving roots, as we look outside of ourselves and advocate for others: our welcome to the LGBTQ+ community, our founding of the "Residence", now a facility of Lutheran Social Services for folks with developmental disabilities, our connection to Emmet D. Williams Elementary School, our monthly missions, our serving for Loaves and Fishes and Meals on Wheels, our building Habitat for Humanity houses, and our partnering with Cristo Luz del Mundo in Guatemala.
- Connecting roots, as we deepen our intergenerational relationships: Oktoberfest, summer picnics, Shrove Sunday celebrations, meals and fellowship. We celebrate, mourn and truly care for each other!



RENEWING FOR THE FUTURE

BASE CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$750,000 CHALLENGE GOAL: \$900,000

REDUCING OUR MORTGAGE

From the earliest days, the people of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection tore down financial barriers to their ministry, freeing the congregation to boldly live out God's call.

From 2019 to 2021, the faithful people of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection stepped forward with the Believe, Build, Become campaign and generously contributed toward renovation of our spaces. Of the nearly \$2.1 million dollar project, approximately \$1.5 million remains on a mortgage.

To honor our 75th anniversary, the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection **Rooted and Renewing** campaign will raise \$750,000 to significantly reduce that debt. Expedited principal payments will lower the monthly mortgage due, freeing funds that will keep our ministry strong for 75 more years... and beyond.

As the generous people of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection move beyond \$750,000 in the Rooted and Renewing campaign, we will:

RENEW OUR WELCOME - \$95,000

It's no secret that the condition of our parking lot does not reflect the sense of love that we have for God's ministry here. We will create a welcoming and safe environment for our members, visitors, and guests as we regrade, mill, overlay, sealcoat, and stripe the parking lot.

DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO JUSTICE - \$25,000

We will build on our strong connections to our surrounding community as we:

- Expand our relationship and partnership with Emmet D. Williams Elementary School
- Actively engage in Racial Justice as a congregation, including working with the Center for Leadership & Neighborhood Engagement (CLNE)
- Engage in Climate Justice as a congregation, including continued partnership with Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light (MNILP)

INVEST IN FAMILIES IN ST. PAUL'S EAST SIDE - \$15,000

We will join with congregations and individuals throughout the Saint Paul Area Synod as we support a transformative project on the East Side of St. Paul, Planting Hope campaign. Through a partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, this will provide new and critically important services to children and families living in an area known to have a high concentration of families and vulnerable populations facing economic disparities.

LIVE INTO OUR NEWLY RENOVATED SPACE - \$15,000

Our new space provides critical accessibility to our vibrant ministries. The next step in the process will significantly improve people's ability to hear. An additional investment will:

- Explore and modify the gathering spaces with acoustic solutions that soften the sound and make voices more easily heard. This will especially help our elderly members to be more engaged in our community and fellowship.
- Upgrade our sound system, greatly impacting the quality of worship experience in our sanctuary and for those attending on-line.



2023 MINISTRY PLAN

As Lutheran Church of the Resurrection looks to the future through the **Rooted in Christ, Renewing for the Future** campaign, bold ministry will continue in 2023. Your expanded, generous support will allow us to remain:

ROOTED IN WORSHIP, MUSIC, & THE ARTS

We gather weekly to be fed and nourished around word, font and table. We seek to:

- Sustain our commitment to excellence in worship and music
- Renew and expand community-centered music and art events and exhibitions
- Maintain our musical instruments, music library and copyright access

ROOTED IN EDUCATION & OUTREACH

We develop the faith of adults and children while we reach out in love and service to our neighbors. We work to:

- Engage people of all ages in Sunday School, VBS, and Adult Forums
- Affirm our commitment to Youth Ministry and Ministry with the Aging
- Support our neighbors and world through Every Meal, Lutheran Social Services, Cristo Luz del Mundo and Habitat for Humanity.

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

God works in powerful ways at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. We sustain our bold ministry as we:

- Respond to the needs of our community and the maintenance of our building
- Act together as we invest in our staff, synod and program ministries

Rooted in Christ, we thank you for taking part in the vital ministry of our congregation that is ever **Renewing for the Future**.

Your statement of intent will include one line for a three-year gift to **Rooted and Renewing** and one line for your 2023 annual gift.

COMMITMENT

Please prayerfully consider your participation in the **Rooted in Christ, Renewing for the Future** campaign. The following tables indicate the gifts we need to reach our challenge goal of \$900,000, taking the congregation past the goal of \$750,000. Giving beyond the initial goal will allow Lutheran Church of the Resurrection to pay down the debt more quickly.

Gifts of appreciated stocks, real estate, and other assets may enable you to capture tax savings (see questions and answers below). Also, if you are age 70.5 or older, you may benefit tremendously from giving a gift directly from your IRA thanks to recent tax law changes.

GIFTS NEEDED

# of Gifts	3-YEAR COMMITMENT	RUNNING TOTAL
1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
2	\$75,000.00	\$250,000.00
2	\$50,000.00	\$350,000.00
6	\$25,000.00	\$500,000.00
8	\$15,000.00	\$620,000.00
13	\$10,000.00	\$750,000.00
20	\$5,000.00	\$850,000.00
23	\$1,095 (\$1/DAY)	\$875,185.00
Many	Less than \$1,095	\$900,000.00

COMMITMENT INCREMENTS OVER TIME

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	3-YEAR
\$641	\$2,778	\$33,333	\$100,000
\$512	\$2,222	\$26,667	\$80,000
\$384	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$60,000
\$256	\$1,111	\$13,333	\$40,000
\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000
\$160	\$694	\$8,333	\$25,000
\$128	\$555	\$6,666	\$20,000
\$96	\$416	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$64	\$277	\$3,333	\$10,000
\$32	\$138	\$1,667	\$5,000
\$23	\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$12	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$6.50	\$28	\$336	\$1,000
\$3.85	\$17	\$200	\$600



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHAT WILL BE ON THE STATEMENT OF INTENT?

A: Your Statement of Intent card will provide two opportunities for impactful generosity. **Rooted in Christ, Renewing for the Future** gifts reflect special giving over the campaign duration from 2023 to 2025. The annual ministry gift reflects your regular offering for 2023.

Q: WHEN DO MY GIFT PAYMENTS FOR THE ROOTED AND RENEWING CAMPAIGN BEGIN?

A: Unless you prefer a different timetable, the payment period begins January 2023. The Intent Form has a place for you to indicate how and when you will fulfill your commitment.

Q: HOW LONG DOES BUILDING A FUTURE: TOGETHER IN FAITH LAST?

A: **Rooted and Renewing** campaign will last for three years: January 2023 – December 2025. However, if you feel you can make a larger gift by extending the time, you are welcome to do so. You may also make a one-time gift or make payments for less than three years. Those 70.5 years old or older often find that giving through an IRA Charitable Rollover allows them to make a significant gift when that timing is best for them.

Q: IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE GIFTS TO THE CAMPAIGN WITHOUT MAKING A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT?

A: Yes, however written responses, while never legally binding, give us an indication of what we can expect and plan for our mutual ministry with our members, our neighbors and our world. We ask you to fill out the Intent card even if you are unsure as to what your commitment amount will be. Responding as the whole congregation will be a compelling story to share with our current and future members and with our extended communities as we prepare for even more impactful ministry.

Q: DO ALL GIFTS TO BUILDING A FUTURE: TOGETHER IN FAITH HAVE TO BE CASH?

A: No. Gifts of property, appreciated stock, mutual funds, in-kind gifts needed in property improvements, cash value from insurance policies or policy loan proceeds, Certificates of Deposit (CD's), bonds and annuities are just some of the ways we can give. All of these gifts may be subject to restrictions and limitations, so it is wise to consult your financial adviser or accountant.

*Contact Council Vice President, Jon Christianson (vicepresident@lcr-elca.org) if your intent is to give a non-cash gift. **Note:** There may be important tax implications. As investments and individual circumstances may vary, contact your financial professional for advice to help you structure transactions for mutual benefit.*

Q: WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF GIVING APPRECIATED STOCKS OR PROPERTY?

A: You can avoid capital gains taxes and also receive a tax deduction for making a charitable gift.

Q: HOW DO I MAKE A GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK?

A: Your financial advisor can make an electronic transfer of stock from your account to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection account. Forms with instructions and the church's account information are available in the church office. *Important! Do not sell the stock yourself or you may be unable to avoid capital gains tax. The church's broker will sell the stock. You will receive a giving statement from the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection that will include the deductible value of your gift.*

Q: WILL I BE ASKED TO GIVE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT?

A: You will be asked to prayerfully consider an amount based on the *Gifts Needed Chart* to reach our goal. If every gift is fulfilled, we can exceed our goal.



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God who plants and grows, we give you thanks for rooting us deeply in your grace and love through Christ. Renew us by the Holy Spirit to be a people and a place of justice, healing, and love. Through you, and together as your faithful people, we can accomplish more than we could ever imagine. Give us faith to hope in you and trust to partner with you for the future of your church. To you, our Triune God, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

"I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love...that to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever." (Ephesians 3:17, 20-21)