



Calvary Lutheran Church

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Dear Calvary Member:

Over the last several years, we have witnessed God's awesome power in our efforts to carry out our vision of a new sanctuary. He blessed us with generous financial commitments and volunteer hours from our members. The generosity has enabled us to build with a minimum of indebtedness. It is now time for us to move to the next level in fulfilling our commitment to Calvary's mission.

Our first three-year Capital Appeal Campaign concluded the end of February. Our goal for the next three-year appeal is to raise \$225,000 or more, in initial gifts and pledges, to reduce our \$383,000 building mortgage. Lowering our debt will not only save a huge amount in interest, it will also help to expand our program of ministry. To those who contributed to the first appeal, we say thank you. Matching or exceeding your commitment for the next three years will be another blessing, not only for us, but for those who follow us.

Sunday, March 18 is our Appeal Celebration Sunday. The enthusiasm and support for our Building on a Mission Appeal has been fantastic! \$103,600 has already been pledged.

Enclosed is our final brochure which will help you in your decision making. If you have not yet responded, please bring the enclosed pledge card to worship on **Celebration Sunday, March 18**. Commitments and offerings will be brought to the altar in a worshipful and meaningful Processional Offering. If you will not be in worship on Celebration Sunday, please return or mail your card to the church prior to March 18.

At Calvary, God is entrusting us with a ministry and a plan for the future. In faith we take up the plan and join with Him for its fulfillment!

Sincerely in Christ,

James Gordon
Pastor

Ernie Erickson

Matt Jorgensen

Kirk Rodman

Dick Witte

General Chairpersons

2007 BUILDING APPEAL

BUILDING ON A MISSION
~ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

2007 Building Appeal

Calvary Lutheran Church



Celebration Sunday
March 18, 2007
Worship at 8:45 a.m.



Followed by special Celebration Sunday Event
in the Fellowship Hall - delicious brunch and great fellowship
(featuring...regular & blueberry pancakes, smoky links, fruit bowls,
coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, and beverages)

Christ is the Cornerstone

You are no longer strangers...but members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2: 19-20

The cornerstone for Calvary Lutheran Church was set over 2,000 years ago! As a congregation, we continually attempt to strengthen our ministry by building upon that cornerstone.

Building on a Mission expresses our belief that our gifts to this second Building Appeal will strengthen all we do to support the mission we have been given. Your prayers, your commitments, and your pledges are important to how we continue to serve in our Lord's name.

For all who use well what is given shall be given more, and they shall have abundance.

Matthew 25:29

The love of God in Christ is the cornerstone of our lives and faith. Christ invites us to bring this message to all people. At Calvary Lutheran, we strive to share this great promise with our children and youth, among ourselves and with a wider community that stretches around the world.

All the while, we are acting in faith that Jesus Christ loves us and continues leading, encouraging and providing for us in every way. As we move ahead, you can demonstrate your passion for the mission for Calvary by:

- ◆ **praying** for our Building on a Mission Appeal
- Continuing the Journey;
and
- ◆ **giving** to our Building on a Mission Appeal
- Continuing the Journey.



QUESTIONS & Answers

What is the Purpose of this Appeal?

At Calvary Lutheran Church, we have seen God at work in recent years in the growth of our congregation and the expansion of Christ's mission among us. God has blessed us with a beautiful, handicap accessible sanctuary. And now, God has blessed us with a second "Building on a Mission - Continuing the Journey," our 2007 Building Appeal. This Appeal will help us continue the ministry that God has given us here at Calvary, even as we are led into an exciting future.

What is the Financial Goal of this Appeal?

The goal of our second Building Appeal - Continuing the Journey, is to raise \$225,000 or more, in gifts and three-year pledges to reduce our mortgage.

What are the Objectives of this Appeal?

The objectives of this Building Appeal - Continuing the Journey are:

- **\$97,000** towards mortgage payments of \$2,695 per month, over the next 3 years (36 payments).
- **\$113,000** to reduce mortgage principal, which would save us \$131,000 in interest, and take 84 payments off the life of the loan. By reducing the principal, our loan will be paid off in 12 years instead of 19 years.
- **\$15,000** to complete the fellowship hall which includes building the storage area/choir closet and redecorating.

What am I being Asked to Do?

Please pray about your commitment. Talk it over if others are involved in the decision. Then fill out the pledge card, seal it in the return envelope provided, and bring it with you to worship on Celebration Sunday, March 18. Our pledges, gifts, and prayers will be brought to the altar in a joyful and thankful expression of gratitude to God for the many blessings and gifts we have received. If you will not be at worship that Sunday, please bring or mail your card to church prior to March 18.



Continuing The Journey

Growing in Generosity

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity..."
II Corinthians 9:11

At Calvary Lutheran Church, more and more people are making the connection between grace, gratitude and generosity. Increasing numbers of our members are coming to the conclusion that we can give of our wealth without loving God, but we cannot love God without giving of our wealth.

How Can I Make this Appeal a Success?

- By praying for Calvary Lutheran Church
- By returning your commitment card to worship on Celebration Sunday, March 18.
- By prayerfully responding to God's gift of love with your generous gift.

How will we attain our Building Appeal Goal?

We ask you to consider and pray about making a sacrificial gift for this Appeal. We need gifts in the ranges on the chart below, given over a three-year period, to accomplish our appeal goal.

LEADERSHIP GIFTS

1 pledge of	\$ 50,000
2 pledges of	\$ 25,000
3 pledges of	\$ 15,000
3 pledges of	\$ 10,000

WEEKLY GIFTS

3 pledges of \$30 per week	=	\$14,040
4 pledges of \$25 per week	=	\$15,600
5 pledges of \$20 per week	=	\$15,600
10 pledges of \$15 per week	=	\$23,400
20 pledges of \$10 per week	=	\$31,200
Other gifts	=	\$10,000

Why is Maintaining my Regular Stewardship Giving Important?

We need to support our ongoing ministry and outreach if we are going to continue to make an impact in this community. Our general giving supports our overall ministry effort, quality music programs, children's and youth programs, adult education, and our ability to be open to the needs of our community.

May I Contribute Gifts Other than Cash?

Absolutely! A gift of stock or other property is deductible at its current value when given - not at your original cost. Since the deduction is based on worth, not cost, this type of gift is very popular.

In 2007, and at the age of 70½, you can rollover an IRA or part of an IRA to any non-profit organization without paying income tax.

Please call the church office (743-2225) for instructions on how to donate your shares of stock or mutual funds. (Be sure to consult your tax advisor about the tax implications of this transaction.)

What is Simply Giving?

Simply Giving allows members to give their offerings by electronic funds transfer. Offerings may be given weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly for both the general fund and the building. If you are interested, please call the church office for more information.



An Invitation to Give

You may ask, "What do I need to consider giving so we, as a congregation, can achieve our *Building on a Mission Appeal - Continuing the Journey* goal?" The "Invitation to Give" is an answer to this question.

Included with this brochure is an "Invitation to Give" letter. The letter suggests a variety of gift options we hope our members will consider when making a commitment decision.

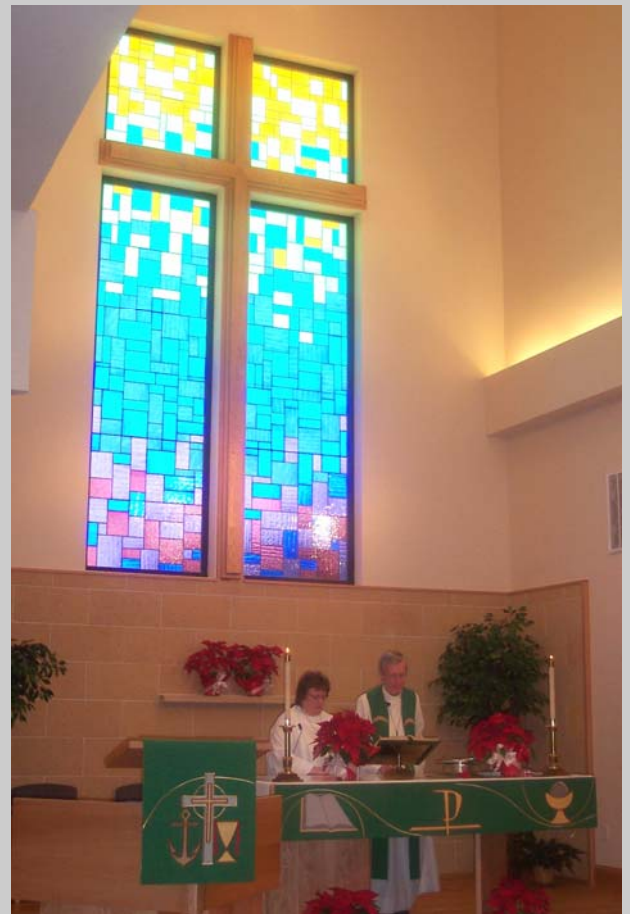
Although each of the gift options we ask you to consider is challenging, receiving gifts within all of the options is necessary if we are to meet our goal of \$225,000, or more.

Gratitude for the Lord's Goodness

How can I repay the Lord for all
his goodness to me?

Psalm 1: 16-12

This special Building Appeal presents each of us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to God's service and to grow in Christian stewardship. As we evaluate our current giving to the church, we recognize the bounty of God's gifts, especially His gift of salvation. Our generous response reflects our gratitude.



We have the opportunity to do God's mission in this time and place, while creating a legacy for ministry which will continue into the future, for our children and for their children.



The Gift of Giving

The mission and ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church is dependent on the grace of God and on our financial support. Over the years, God has richly blessed us, and our ministry has grown. Where will God lead Calvary Lutheran Church in the future? This second *Building on a Mission* Appeal, is another chapter in our continuing mission journey. Accomplishing our goal will mean some sacrifice for all of us. To "sacrifice" means to willingly give the best we have for a great purpose. While we all cannot give the same amount, we can all sacrifice somehow. This way everyone can have a part. A Biblical understanding of stewardship is "equal sacrifice, not equal gifts." This support, after all, is but a return to God of the many gifts we have received. May God's spirit continue to raise our vision to even greater things for God's glory as a congregation *Building on a Mission* and Continuing the Journey!

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