

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Members and Friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Holy Trinity has been abundantly blessed over the years and continues to be a hallmark of God's grace and love in Ankeny. We have been on a path the past few years to ensure the future of Holy Trinity for our children and for generations to come.

*We are now embarking on yet another phase of this journey. This campaign calls each of us to commitment and generosity, rejoicing in the delight of being a part of **Open Arms. Grow. Share. Serve.***

The clear objectives of our three year Capital Campaign is to uphold the ministries and mission of Holy Trinity and enhance our hospitality well into the future.

To God be the glory!

What is the **Open Arms. Grow. Share. Serve. Campaign?**

Open Arms is an opportunity for you to participate more fully in God's mission in and through Holy Trinity. As we prayerfully prepare to make our financial stewardship commitments, let us keep these thoughts in mind:

- What dreams and hopes do we want to pass on to the next generation?
- How do we want to make a difference for Christ in our community and the world through the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity?
- How do we see God at work through our *Open Arms* Campaign?

What financial stewardship commitment are being asked for in this campaign?

The capital appeal commitment is a three year pledge OVER and ABOVE our Annual Stewardship commitment to support three exciting and much needed capital projects. Our desire is to share 10% percent of the gifts received for our **Open Arms** Capital Appeal to our mission partners. These funds would be directed to feeding the hungry, supporting the disabled, and helping our global partners.

What capital projects will be funded by Open Arms and what are the costs?

Revitalize our Worship and Welcoming Space \$350,000

Enhance our worship space to welcome newcomers and embrace technology to allow us to grow, share, and serve within our existing facility.

- Fix the building so it reflects the congregation's vibrancy. This includes repairs to multiple roofs, HVAC system and other mechanicals.
- Move the baptismal font to a central location.
- Design a space for worship groups while creating flexibility for large groups to perform.
- Update and modernize our projection and audio capabilities in the sanctuary.
- Renovate and expand our 50 year-old restrooms making them fully accessible to everyone.
- Make our Narthex space more welcoming.
- Update and repair our external signage.
- Retool kitchen capacity with modern appliances.
- ✓ A very apparent need was sanctuary lighting. This project was accomplished by a generous gift for that purpose. Thanks be to God!
- ✓ Another accomplishment was removing pews in the choir loft and replacing with choir chairs.

Grow our Mission Trust Fund \$50,000

These funds will be shared as directed by our bylaws, in grants to touch lives with the love of Christ through expanded mission work, teaching of seminarians, and planting new congregations.

Tithe our Open Arms Capital Appeal Gifts \$120,000

We will share 10% percent of the gifts received from our **Open Arms** Capital Appeal to our global mission partners. These funds would be directed to feeding the hungry, supporting the disabled, and helping others in need.

Develop a Second Site for Ministry and Worship \$380,000

In order to live out our mission as an Open Arms church, we will grow by renting space in Southwest Ankeny that will house a food pantry, provide a center for contemporary worship, and respond to local mission opportunities while expanding our presence in the community.

Reduce our Debt \$300,000

The **Open Arms** Capital Appeal will reduce our present debt by one-third and allow us to use a greater amount of our gifts to expand ministry and serve our community.

What are the financial stewardship goals of Open Arms. Grow. Share. Serve?

God is calling us to take up the challenge. We seek to be faithful to God's mission by raising \$1.2 million through the generosity of the members and friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The gifts received from our **Open Arms: Grow, Share, Serve** Capital Appeal will enable us to enhance our facility and grow our mission in our congregation, community, and beyond.

Every household will receive a personalized **Open Arms. Grow. Share. Serve.** Prayer and Commitment Packet. Packets will be available following worship on April 9, 10, 16 and 17. Packets not picked up will be mailed. The packet will include information, inspiring thoughts about Christian generosity, and a commitment form to be returned in worship on **Commitment Weekends, April 23 & 24 plus April 30 and May 1.**

Are my gifts tax deductible?

Yes. Gifts are tax deductible if you itemize when filing your tax return. If you have questions, please contact your tax advisor.

Can I give appreciated stock or from other assets?

Absolutely. Stock needs to be transferred to the church through a broker. Do not sell stock and give the proceeds or you will not qualify for tax saving opportunities. If you need assistance with donating stock or making a gift from an asset, please contact Tammy Walls in the church office.

How can I prepare for Open Arms. Grow. Share. Serve?

Pray. Be informed. Be engaged.

