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Dear Members and Friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Five new families move to our community every day. They bring with them hopes and dreams. They also bring with them lots of struggles and fears as they write a new chapter of life. Some are hungry for friendship and connections that will support them. Some are hungry for a way to find hope in a world full of despair. Some are hungry for their next meal. As a congregation, we have chosen to answer God's call to be the **Open Arms** of Jesus not just to each other, but to every person who is in need of God's loving embrace of grace.

The challenge before us is to provide space that welcomes and serves, in the name of Jesus. The challenge is to find room to grow our mission to feed the hungry and reach out to the community, in the name of Jesus. The challenge is to deepen our generosity and our relationship with the church beyond our walls, in the name of Jesus. The challenge is to be good stewards of our building, our finances and our future, in the name of Jesus. **Open Arms: Grow, Share, Serve** is a three year capital appeal that that will raise \$1.2 million to address each of these challenges.

This brochure is designed to invite you to grow in your giving and to help you understand how you can share in supporting the work entrusted to us by Christ to be his **Open Arms**, his hands and feet, his love and grace to a community and world in desperate need of hope.

It may seem that this campaign is just "fund raising." While it will accomplish that, it is ultimately about how God's people come together to do God's work with the gifts God has already given. It is a response to grace received and a call to follow Christ and become his body in the world.

We encourage you to spend time in prayer, as you seek God's guidance for ways you can be part of this **Open Arms: Grow, Share, Serve** campaign. I invite you open your arms and respond to God's call by making a generous and sacrificial commitment to this work of all the people here at Holy Trinity. I ask you to make this gift in addition to your regular giving to the ongoing mission of the congregation, so that we gain, not lose, momentum for God's work in this place.

Thanks for you partnership, your prayers and your support of our congregation and especially, of our **Open Arms: Grow, Share, Serve** campaign.

In the name of the Holy Trinity,

Timothy V. Olson
Lead Pastor