



We Share the Love of Christ with the World

Opportunities to Serve Our Church Family

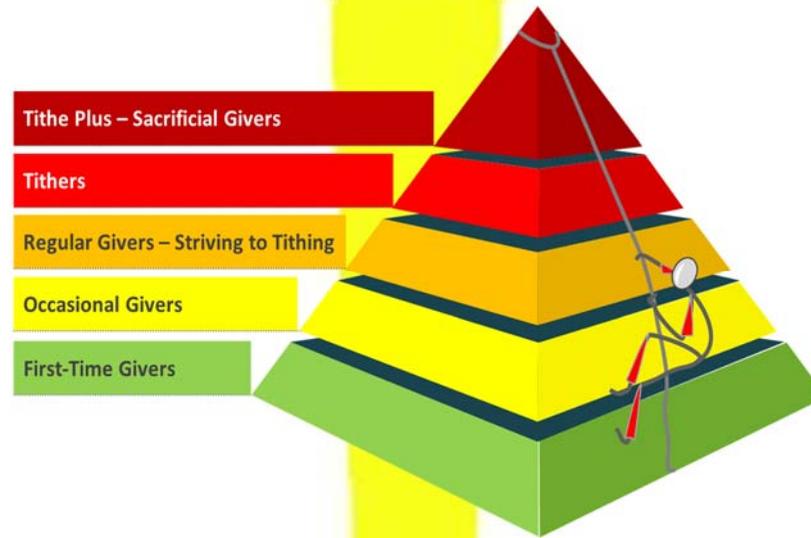
Included with this brochure is a hard copy of the *Time and Talents Survey* that has been distributed electronically to our Church Family in recent years. This survey enumerates the many opportunities that LCC’s ministry teams and committees offer for the sharing of time and talents. These cover a wide range of interests and skills, with highly flexible time commitment levels that can be tailored to fit your needs. We urge everyone to review the survey and identify the area(s) where you might be willing to serve.

If you did not respond to the *Time and Talents Survey* that was distributed previously, or if your interests have changed, we encourage you to fill out the hard copy and include this with your 2023 Commitment Card, whether by mail or on Commitment Sunday. Alternatively, if you find any area(s) of interest and would like to enlist directly or request additional information, please feel free to contact the appropriate ministry team leaders or members.

The extent to which we are able to engage and grow our Church Family as *The Year of Family* progresses will depend in large measure on the extent to which we, together as a family, are willing to commit our time, talents and treasures. As with any family, our success will rely upon all of us working together as one to achieve, and even surpass, our aspirations for the coming year.

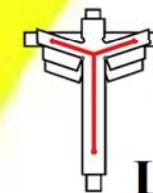
For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function – *Romans 12:4*

We Encourage Everyone to Make A Commitment to Climb the Pyramid of Giving



- Fulfillment of LCC’s Missions is not possible without the congregation’s financial commitment.
- The *full potential* of the **Time and Talents** given by so many cannot be realized without commitment of the *Treasures* needed to meet the church’s defined financial needs.
- Biblical financial stewardship is premised on a meaningful commitment to giving *First Fruits*, not simply token giving of “leftovers.”
- No matter where you are on the Giving Pyramid, please consider a commitment to climb higher.

One Family of Faith Together from Many Families



**2023 Stewardship Campaign
Lutheran Church of the Cross**



Building Our LCC Church Family in 2023

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another – *Romans 12:5*



LCC Celebrates *The Year of Family!*

We approach the coming year with the vitality and optimism afforded by the significant initiatives our church has undertaken over the past two years to extend the reach of our ministries beyond their established framework. Our media-based hybrid ministry now streams our traditional Sunday services live into the homes of those who cannot attend in-person and allows everyone the opportunity to enjoy the service at other times during the week. Our newly initiated Contemporary Service offers an informal, more interactive Sunday service featuring contemporary music for those who prefer a less traditional worship experience.

Though different in nature, both of these initiatives hold a common thread – to better serve the families of LCC and to welcome additional families into our Church Family. LCC’s theme for this coming year – *The Year of Family* – reflects our commitment to strengthen and build upon these initiatives and to continue to extend the reach of our ministries to those within our Church Family, as well as to others within our community who seek a church home which will bring alive the Grace of our Lord into their lives.

A Family Together in Generosity

The generous dedicated gifts by individuals within our Church Family have made possible the implementation of our worship initiatives without burdening our regular operating budget, and for this we are most grateful. Nonetheless, the operating budget for our church ministries will require additional support in the coming year, as inflation has affected most all of our operating expenses.

Our Church's Financial Needs for 2023

	2022 <u>Actual</u>	2023 <u>Estimate</u>	Percent <u>Increase</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$560,235	\$605,000	8.0%
Budgeted Regular Giving	\$498,000	\$538,000	8.0%

We estimate that our overall budget and congregant offerings needs will increase by 8% in the coming year, which will allow us to continue to develop and grow our ministries in 2023. Our Church Family has been blessed with outstanding and dedicated leadership and support staff, and it is incumbent upon all of us to consider their needs, both personally as well as in the context of their work efforts at LCC, as each of us considers our individual stewardship commitments for 2023.

A Family Together in Service

The Missions of LCC extend well beyond Sunday worship, with an extensive range of activities associated with the church’s many ministries. These programs are essential not only to the fellowship life of LCC’s Church Family members, but also play a central role in sustaining and growing our ministries and outreach initiatives.

As has always been the case, our pastors and staff rely heavily upon the active participation of congregants to supplement their efforts, and full realization of the promise offered by *The Year of Family* will require an increased commitment of time and talents by the members of our Church Family. There is no shortage of opportunities for participation, and we hope that everyone will consider their time and talents, along with their treasures, in their 2023 stewardship commitment.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11