



*We Share the Love of Christ with the World*

### ***Opportunities to Build Our Church Story***

Included with this brochure is a hard copy of the *Time and Talents Survey* that has been distributed to our Church Family in recent years. This survey enumerates the many opportunities that LCC's ministry teams and committees offer to live faithfully and help grow the LCC story through the *all in* 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 a *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 2024 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 keep growing our story together in 2024 will depend in large measure on the extent to which we, together as a Church Family, are *all in* in our commitment of time, talents and treasures. Our story going forward will be written largely by those willing to live faithfully and be *all in* with their gifts of service to God.

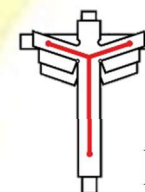
**Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. – 1 Peter 4:10**

## **We Encourage Everyone to Make a Faithful Living Stewardship Commitment**



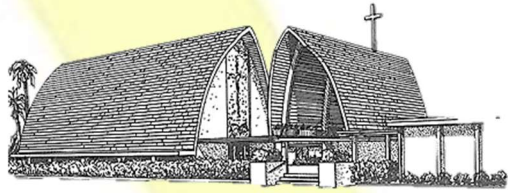
- Fulfillment of LCC's Missions is not possible without the congregation's financial commitment to climb the pyramid of giving.
- Biblical financial stewardship is premised on a meaningful commitment to the giving of ***First Fruits***, not simply token giving of "leftovers."
- *Faithful Living* extends stewardship beyond money to an *all-in* commitment to give, and striving to become intentional in your church engagement, as well as inviting to others.
- A question to help guide you towards *Faithful Living*: *Does God see something in you that you might not see in yourself?*

# ***Keeping Our Story Growing Together***



**2024 Stewardship Campaign  
Lutheran Church of the Cross**

# Continuing to Grow Our Church Story in 2024



LCC 1965

*You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. John 15:16*



LCC Today

## *Taking our Legacy into the Future*

Nearly six decades ago, God chose the Charter Members of LCC to do His work in our community. Over the years, our church has helped thousands come to know Christ through its many ministries, and now we have inherited this great legacy and have been chosen to carry it forward. As times have changed, so have the spiritual needs of those in our community, and we continue to strive to meet these evolving needs and to keep the LCC story growing.

Our alternative second service and the live streaming of our traditional service now reach many individuals and families that otherwise might not hear the Lord's message on Sundays. With a new Youth and Family Director, we have refocused this area of ministry on engaging young family participation and seek to interact more with the Day School students and their families, as well as their new leadership. Our focus in the coming year is to keep building on these initiatives and to continue to meet the challenges and opportunities of our changing culture. As part of Christ's universal, eternal church, our mission is to keep our story as a Church Family growing, and to bring God's words of faith to the current and future generations in our community.



## *Sustaining and Growing Our Story*

Viewed in the context of our church's story and its long-term missions, financial giving to LCC is about much more than just paying next year's bills. It is about building upon and extending the foundations of our legacy of bringing faith alive to those in our community for many years to come. Like the centuries-old cathedrals of Europe that took decades to build, our church's story and the intent of next year's giving have a decidedly long-term time horizon.

As those who have been chosen to sustain and grow the LCC story into the future, our stewardship commitments to LCC are an investment in God's plan for its ministries. Just as Christ was "*all in*" in His commitment to us, we are called to trust in God and to be *all in* in meeting the stewardship needs necessary for fulfillment of these plans.

To continue to grow our story in 2024, we estimate that our overall budget needs will increase by \$27,000, or 4.5%, in the coming year. Our Church Family has been blessed with outstanding and dedicated leadership and support staff, who contribute much to our story, 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 2024.

## *Faithfully Living Our Story*

Stewardship extends well beyond faithful giving to include *Faithful Living*, as God's interest in our lives includes what we do with all of the gifts He has given to us – time and talents, and not just treasures. As has been so inspiringly evident over our history, the LCC story going forward will in large measure reflect our congregants' living faithfully with an *all in* commitment to serving our ministries.

Our pastors and staff rely heavily upon the active participation of congregants to supplement their efforts, and growing our story forward in the coming years will require an increased commitment of time and talents by the members of our Church Family. Many opportunities for participation are available, and we hope that everyone will consider their time and talents, along with their treasures, in their *all-in* 2024 stewardship commitment to live faithfully.

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. – Matthew 7:24**



*We Grow in God's Word*