



FAITH FORMATION FROM BIRTH TO SENIOR SAINTS

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2019



Please pray for our congregation's ministry and consider what it means to you, your family and your community. We ask that you prayerfully consider your response to this Stewardship appeal for 2019.

Please be prepared to complete your Statement of Intent card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, November 11th. Or you may mail this card directly to OSLC office.

"We are called to proclaim God's love and grace through Christ as we relate to each other and the world." Thank you for being a part of our innovative, welcoming and caring congregation!



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Our congregation has a well-earned reputation in our community for being a caring and loving church family. We are proud of our history of innovation through music, service with the people in our community and fostering faith formation throughout the world.

Visitors and new members often comment on the welcome they receive and the hospitality they feel when engaging with our congregation.

Our church family welcomes all, regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-

economic status, marital status, abilities, challenges, or faith history.

Looking to 2019, we are seeking to generate additional support - prayers, people, and finances - as we live into this heritage of our faith community.

We have been confronted with new challenges in our call to share this faith-journey with others; among them are the losses of long-term members due to death or significant life changes. But we also have new opportunities, namely the new model of faith formation we launched in 2017. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

incorporates worship, learning, service, and sharing in a way that helps older and younger generations grow in faith together.

As we move forward, let us remember what St. Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3) Mindful of this, we are excited to take new steps in living out this calling to which we have been called, in 2019 and beyond!

PLANS FOR 2019

Our focus for the next year is to strengthen the ongoing ministries of our congregation. Our goal is to increase giving by \$50,000 (\$1,000/week) or more in new offerings throughout the year. Here is how these new offerings will be invested.

MINISTRY INITIATIVE 1 \$30,000 (\$600/week)

To reflect God’s love through the activities that nurture and strengthen our community by fully funding our existing ministries.

- ▶ Close the gap between our ministry expenses and giving in 2018, thus fulfilling our current ministry commitments
- ▶ Ensure adequate compensation for current staff positions, including the increasing costs of health care



MINISTRY INITIATIVE 2 \$20,000 (\$400/week)

To promote the ministry activities that support and sustain faith formation across all generations in our congregation.

- ▶ Continue to promote and encourage participation in GIFT worship service
 - ▶ Fully fund all materials used in various book studies and/or bible studies
 - ▶ Host a guest speaker for presentation on growing in faith and provide meal with this event
 - ▶ Host periodic mid-day meals following the GIFT worship service
- ▶ Provide financial support for youth camp scholarships
 - ▶ Increase financial support for youth mission trips and ELCA youth gatherings
 - ▶ Support and expand youth weekly/monthly activities
 - ▶ Explore the option for additional Family Ministry staff support
 - ▶ Purchase supplies for GIFT service

- ▶ Supply bibles for children and youth



APPEAL GOAL

INCREASE GIVING BY \$50,000 OR MORE IN NEW OFFERINGS IN 2019

