



THANKFUL HEARTS

Your Christ Lutheran Church **Just Imagine** Ministry Campaign Newsletter

Thankful Heart—Joyful Imagination!

How could my heart be anything *but* thankful, as we begin a new season of ministry at CLC? Sunday we had an “Offering of Ministries” in worship—my heart filled to overflowing as our basket filled to overflowing. So many ways that God is at work in this community!

What a crowd: children and adults, those who have walked with God a long time and those new to faith, all of us with our needs and our gifts – those who give and receive (it’s usually both!) in ministry. They carried literal “signs” of the reality of God who “stays close beside us, in all things works with us.” (See the hymn on page 2.) Watching God’s people, people whose faith I get to



Pastor Erica Gibson-Even

see in action – my heart was full of thankfulness for God’s faithfulness *to* CLC and each of us, and *through* CLC and each of us.

So as our Ministry Campaign invites me to *Just Imagine*, my imagination is sparked – it’s ready! Knowing, *seeing*,

God’s faithfulness in the past and present – I can begin to imagine, with thankfulness, what God has yet to do!

As I imagine, I see Christ Lutheran Church as a community rooted in our confidence of God’s faithfulness, and having put our own house in order. I see CLC free to grow deeply in discipleship. I see a gathering of God’s people, freed to look more and more outside ourselves. I see CLC free to love the world that God loves so much, to be a place of grace and restoration for our community. And as I imagine, I pray that the Spirit will bless *you* with a thankful heart that sparks a joyful, faithful, imagination!

Just Imagine...

\$950,000 is the basic goal of Christ Lutheran Church’s ministry campaign.

The leadership team has adopted the slogan of “just Imagine”

Just Imagine is about...

- changing lives and impacting our world.

- facilitating our mission to bring people to Jesus and transforming our community.
- your own journey of faith and spiritual growth.
- trusting God for the miraculous.

- *Just Imagine* will create the story of what God may do in us and in our world as we commit together to a journey of faith and sacrifice.

Just Imagine what God can do.

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Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, August 30**
Campaign Kickoff, Temple Talk-Milan Coburn, Devotional Books distributed
- **Sunday, September 6**
Temple Talk-Scott Steinwart
- **Saturday, September 12**
Popcorn Festival
- **Sunday, September 13**
Temple Talk
- **Saturday, September 19**
Prayer Vigil
- **Sunday, September 20**
Temple Talk-, RSVP cards due
- **September 21-22**
Event Phone Calls
- **Sunday, September 27**
Holy Conversations, Temple Talk,
- **Sunday, October 4**
Temple Talk-Irene Adams,
- **Saturday, October 10**
One Church, One Night Event
- **Sunday, October 11**
One Church, One Service
- **Sunday, October 18** First Fruits Offering



One Church, One Night

All Church Event

Saturday, October 10

From 6-8 PM

All are welcome!!!

Save the Date

Your Ministry Campaign Leadership

As a congregation, we voted to partner with Church Builders Plus to help guide us through a three-year ministry campaign to lower the monthly cost of our mortgage.

Our representative, Charles Shumate, has provided us with the structure and materials to implement this campaign. Irene Adams and Milan Coburn gathered a group of team leaders, listed below, who have been meeting twice monthly since June.

We are energized by the participation of people leading the **Just Imagine Ministry Campaign**. As each individual and their team brings their unique gifts to this three-year adventure in faith, we enjoy the work before us and are doing our best as we feel a real part of what is happening!

Meet our Leadership Team!

Irene Adams & Milan Coburn, *Ministry Campaign Co-chairs*
Coordinating and supporting leadership team

Pastor Tim Knauff, Jr., Senior Pastor

Pastor Erica Gibson-Even, Pastor

Charlie Shumate, Church Builders Plus
Capitol Campaign Consultant

Terry Albrecht, Mailing
Prepares and addresses the mailings

Ruth Cozza, Listing
Prepares a list of a persons identifying with the church

Ben Crill, Contact/Visitation
Organizes, recruits, and supports visitation team

Paul Danger, All Church Event
Coordinates, organizes and plans all church event

Jen Gottlieb, Promotion
Publicizes the campaign message through print and display materials

Lisa Owen, Spiritual Emphasis
Establishes a spiritual climate within the church by organizing and implementing a Prayer Vigil, devotional booklet, and Holy

Conversations

Chris Schmidgall, Follow Through
Responsible for keeping the campaign active during the 156 week giving period

Joanna Smith, Hospitality
Enlists and organizes hosts/hostesses to place calls for the all church event

Scott Steinwart, Major Gifts
Organizes the process necessary to receive pacesetting commitments from major donors and leadership personnel

Robyn Werberig, Publication
Creates logo, designs publications and brochure to help publicize the ministry campaign

We hope the title of this newsletter inspires you and reminds you of the hopeful message found in the final verse of the hymn, "Have No Fear Little Flock:"

*Thankful hearts raise to God,
thankful hearts, raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
in all things works with you.
Thankful hearts raise to God!*

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