

Trondhjem Lutheran Church

2011 Stewardship Appeal



By the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20

Dear Friends in Christ:

God is working within us, seeking to draw us closer to each other and to him in lives of discipleship. Our minds cannot imagine all that is possible when we work together with God and each other in this place.

God does not just want our money, but wants all that we are. He wants us to be disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing the love of God with the whole world. We make a difference in the lives of people as near as our local community and as far away as Sepuka, Tanzania. We make a difference in our young people, and we have an important role to play in the lives of people of all ages.

This fall we have an opportunity to ask ourselves, "What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?" We can ask, "What does Trondhjem Lutheran Church mean to me in my life?" The answers to those questions will invigorate our life together as a faith community.

Pastor Howard White



One Appeal . . . Two Pledges

Mission and Ministry for

- staff and operating expenses
- worship and music
- education programs
- fellowship activities
- mission programs

\$180,000

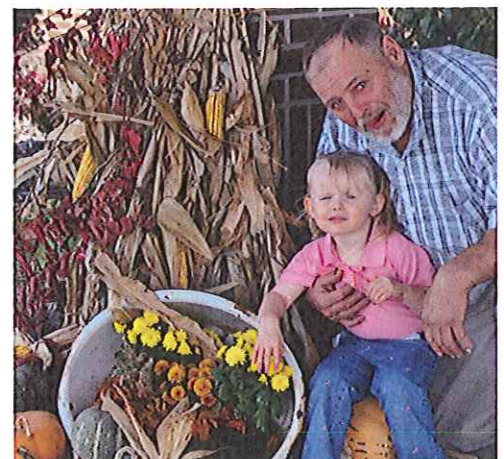
A Covenant with Tomorrow

- 12 monthly mortgage payments in 2012

\$64,000

One additional commitment

To GROW in all aspects of DISCIPLESHIP



Mission and Ministry

Our goal is to grow in all aspects of discipleship.



God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share it abundantly in every good work.

II Corinthians 9:8



Worship

We worship together as a witness to our faith and to draw strength for our lives in this challenging world. Through hymns and psalms, readings and sermons, prayer and the sacraments, God reaches out to us and our fellow believers. As disciples of Jesus Christ we gather to worship each week, and through our time together, we support our fellow believers in their faith journey.

Prayer

Jesus encourages his disciples to pray fervently. He instructs us to pray to God, addressing our Father in heaven as a child would address their human father. One of the greatest gifts we can offer is to pray for our fellow believers, our family and friends, and for the world.

Bible Study

God's Word is alive for us through the Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Studying the Bible is a life-long pursuit of the Christian disciple. There is always something new to learn, and a new insight to be found.

Service

Our faith is active in love through the way we serve our neighbor in need. As the disciple family at Trondhjem we are engaged in a variety of activities together. We provide food for the needy. We clean up our highway. We respond to families, our own and others, when they have a personal need.

Sharing our Faith

We share our faith to a new generation of disciples through our Sunday School, youth ministry, and summertime Vacation Bible School. It may be harder to share our faith in our daily life, but we are called to do that as well, in appropriate ways, with our neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

Financial Support

Disciples are called by God to be generous with the blessings God has bestowed on them. We are challenged to give away 10% of our income each year. Our generous giving supports our congregation and many worthy charities in the world.

A Covenant with Tomorrow

Our goal is to receive \$64,000 in 2012
for our mortgage payments.

Our congregation completed in 2004-05 a \$1,000,000+ expansion to the facilities on our church site. The generosity of our members and friends enabled this project to go forward. Now it is time to “renew” our commitment to the *Covenant Fund*, the capital fund which provides for our mortgage payments. It is a source of income separate from the giving that supports our ongoing mission and ministry.

Mortgage Facts and Figures

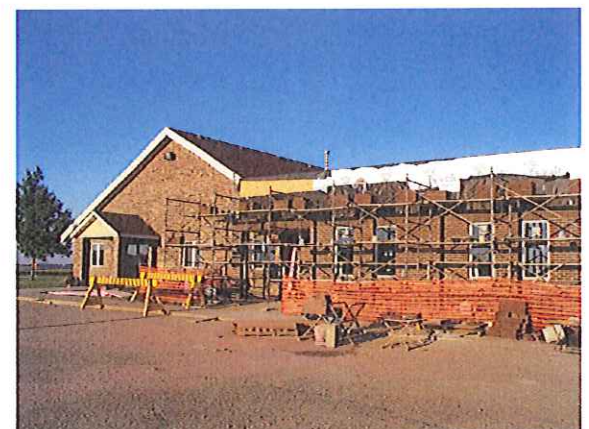
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| \$987,645 | original principal balance on 4/10/2005 |
| \$726,831 | recent principal balance |
| 5.75% | interest rate |
| \$5,310 | monthly payment |

Our church facilities and land have a value in excess of \$1,500,000.

Financial Goals for our capital giving:

- To receive new 1-year commitments from all who gave previously to *Renewing the Covenant*. We are hoping that most will continue giving each week or month at the same level they have been giving in the last three years.
- To receive brand new 1-year pledges from all who have joined Trondhjem in the last three years, but have not started to give to the *Covenant Fund*.

Achieving these financial goals will enable us to manage our mortgage, even as we fully support our Mission and Ministry.



Ways to Give at Trondhjem

Offering Plate

Your financial gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. You can give cash or write a check. Using your offering envelope is the easiest way to make sure your giving is recorded accurately. Annual giving statements are provided for tax purposes.

Simply Giving

Many members have their financial contributions deducted directly from their bank account through the *Simply Giving* program. You can obtain enrollment forms for this from Trondhjem's church office.

PayPal

We have just established the ability to receive gifts through people using their credit cards or their debit cards. This is administered through PayPal. The fee to Trondhjem is 2.2% of the transaction, plus 30 cents per transaction.



Our giving won't come from the Easter Bunny.
It needs to come from us.



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