



St. James Lutheran Church

God's work. Our hands.

CARING FOR HOME

You wouldn't believe all the activities that take place in our building every day of the week.

People coming and going, meeting and working, studying and sharing. This building truly is our home, our church Home.

Of course, home is more than a building. Home is people gathering around font and table, singing together, serving together, and proclaiming God's love. We comfort, encourage, learn and celebrate with each other. The engagement people have with each other is what makes this building a Home. Ministry happens within our Home and beyond. Food, clothing and support are offered to people in need in our community, as well as to all corners of the world.

In the coming year, increased giving will be needed to expand and maintain our Home. A strong emphasis in this campaign is to enhance worship. Adding organizational structure to our music leadership, developing a visual worship arts team, and making improvements to sound and video systems will improve our engaging and relevant worship experiences. Hosting a blood drive, and increasing our investment in local ministries (OIAM, CROP Walk, Habitat for Humanity, quilting ministry, etc.) will make an

impact in our community and world. Providing for improvements in facilities (replacement of sanctuary AC system in the future, installing new flooring solutions in lower classroom areas), supporting staff and personnel, and allowing for basic operating costs (utilities, insurances, supplies, etc.) are a must for us to be able to offer a safe place for the community.

"God's Gifts 2017" Stewardship Appeal has a goal of increasing offerings by \$43,000 over anticipated 2016 levels. Some of these offerings will be used for Worship and Music, Staff Support, Facilities Maintenance and General Operations, and other ministries.

Please be sure to read the letter that will come to you soon. Study the stewardship brochure that will be enclosed. Pray for a generous response to this appeal. Consider prayerfully how you will respond to the invitation to increase your offering. The Lord continues to bless our offerings as they are used to advance God's Kingdom everywhere.

Psalm 23:6 Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD. (CEV)

GOD'S GIFTS 2017

Our gifts and offerings, joined together and blessed with God's Spirit, accomplish ministry in many and varied ways.

This bar graph displays a breakdown of our giving at various levels. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other bar shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our 2017 goal.

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