

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS »

Why are we conducting a three-year campaign now?

God has blessed Our Savior beyond measure and our congregation continues to grow in number and spirit. The leadership of the congregation has been very creative in their use and reuse of space but our mission now simply outsizes our facilities. Children and youth ministries are stifled by a lack of space. Our congregation is segmented into six different worshipping communities that pass each other weekly with no opportunity or space to develop personal or spiritual relationships. The "Point Me" campaign will create the much needed space that will allow for growth in current ministries and the development of new ministries.

What is the goal of the campaign?

The goal of the "Point Me" campaign is to repurpose our new building for the sake of the mission to which God is calling us. Towards this goal we expect to raise \$6 million in responses for the next three years. This Base Goal necessitates a loan to complete the remodel of the building. Achieving our Challenge Goal of \$8 million will allow us to complete Phase 1 of the project nearly debt free.



Should a response to this three-year capital campaign be above and beyond my giving to the Annual fund?

Yes. It is imperative for the success of this appeal that donors support the "Point Me" three year capital campaign while maintaining or growing their current level of support to the annual ministry. God's mission is not advanced if we complete this building project at the expense of our ministries. Please pray about how your giving to both the annual budget and the "Point Me" campaign will reflect your partnership with Our Savior's mission to "Point People to Christ."

How do I make sure my gifts end up in the intended accounts?

It will be important that any resources intended for the "Point Me" campaign be designated as such. There are several ways to ensure your response dollars find their way to the proper account...:

- ◊ Write a separate check for the offering and the "Point Me" campaign. Be sure to write "Point Me" in the memo box on your check.
- ◊ Use special "Point Me" campaign envelopes every time you make an offering to the "Point Me" campaign.
- ◊ Set up automated giving through your financial institution and designate the "Point Me" campaign as the recipient of those gifts.
- ◊ Make an online donation: please see Response Card for additional details on how to specify this gift.

Are there any advantages if I choose not to spread my giving over three years and instead give the church my response up front?

There are huge advantages to this. Lump sum or larger gifts given early in the campaign period reduce Our Savior's need for short term financing.

What if my financial situation changes or I move before the end of the three-year capital campaign period?

We understand that life is unpredictable and, as a result, you may need to adjust your response. If you experience a significant change in revenue and a desire to increase or decrease your response to the "Point Me" campaign we simply ask that you communicate those changes to the church office.

How will I offer my response?

In this packet, you will find the “Point Me” response card, Creative Giving Guide, and this FAQ guide. We ask you to carefully review these material, and prayerfully consider what God is calling you to offer in support of the capital campaign. Then, along with the rest of the community, complete the response card during worship on Response Weekend, Palm Sunday (April 8-9). If you are unable to attend worship that weekend, you may deliver or mail your response to the church office by April 30, 2017.

When does the capital campaign giving period begin and end?

The giving period begins on Easter weekend (April 15 and 16, 2017) and concludes in April 2020.

May gifts other than cash be made?

Yes. Often, people have asked if they can give stock or appreciated assets. We encourage you to consult your financial adviser about options available to you. Then contact the church office for more information regarding how to exercise those options in support of the appeal. Please see the Creative Giving Guide in this packet for more details.

How often do I give?

A onetime gift is an option for some. Most will choose to make offerings to the campaign on a yearly (3 one year gifts), monthly (36 monthly gifts) or a weekly (156 weekly gifts) basis.

How can I pray about this process?

Pray for families and individuals that God will reach through His ministry at Our Savior. You can also pray for the members of Our Savior as they consider their financial gift to the “Point Me” campaign. Finally, ask God to direct you and your family as you consider how God is leading you during these exciting times.

How much should I give/decide?

First, don't decide to give a certain sum of money per week or per month. Pray about it! Consider the resources God has entrusted to you. Also consider how Our Savior's ministry has been a blessing to you and your family members. Then let your response be an answer to that prayer and proportional to your excitement about the “Point Me” campaign and our congregation mission moving forward.

What if I have any additional questions?

If you have any additional questions feel free to contact **Pastor Lee (402-371-9005)**. You may also contact any of the co-chairs of the “Point Me” campaign **Jason Doele (402-371-3100)**; **Doug Sunderman (402-371-7080)**; or **Ron Stauffer (402-640-1119)**.

