

Ascension Lutheran Church

Where Our Faith Gathers Us, Our Mission Takes Root, and Our Community Grows!

ALC 175: *Gathered in Faith, Growing in Mission* is two-pronged:

- » Raise commitments over the next five years to fund \$1,000,000 of capital projects for our campus
- » Formalize and raise end-of-life legacy planning commitments of \$750,000 to embolden our Endowment fund

The anniversary and capital campaign is about ensuring our shared campus, allowing us to live out our core values of hospitality and generosity, and ensuring that we are investing in the future sustainability of our ministry through the Ascension Endowment Fund for our next 175 years of ministry.

Our building is the first impression guests have of our community, and its upkeep is a sign of our hospitality and welcome for those who are not yet part of our life together. A well-maintained building also declares that we care about this place and the ministries and programs it houses and serves.

Our endowment is our mission's investment vehicle. Gifts and bequests placed in the fund are stewarded for the long term, generating ongoing support for ministry so that Ascension's work of hospitality, partnership, and discipleship can continue—independent of any single year's budget—for generations to come. Over the last ten years, the Ascension Endowment Fund has granted over \$2M towards our ministry and mission.

Gifts to this Campaign will be an investment in God's work at Ascension, in our lives, and the lives of those we serve in our greater community.



“Now to Him by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine – to Him be the glory in the church and then trust Jesus to all generations forever and ever amen.” – Ephesians 3: 20-21

This \$1,000,000 effort to renew our home and strengthen our mission will include:

- » Refinancing remaining roof debt: \$240,000
- » Parking lot repaving: \$75,000
- » Stained-glass vent conversion and protective storm glass: \$95,000
- » Nave painting and plaster work (sanctuary): \$50,000
- » Amphitheater restoration: \$50,000
- » Room 2, basement hallway refresh, and expanded ministry partner space opportunities: \$200,000
- » Partial digital thermostat replacement to better control our utilities, and enhance environmental sustainability: \$65,000
- » Project contingencies of roughly \$225,000



This \$750,000 effort to formalize and raise end-of-life legacy planning commitments will embolden the Ascension Endowment Fund to continue to vigorously invest in Ascension's future, while stewarding the generosity of disciples who have chosen to remember Ascension in this manner.

Step 2: Seek in Prayer God's Will for Your Giving



What do we tend to do when the church asks for our support? The common tendency is to consult our spouse, our budget, our bills, our income, our tax situation, our investments, our accountants, etc., and then determine what we can afford or spare.

Instead, we should, as Christians, seek to discover what God's will is for us in our giving. A Christian pledge can only be discerned on our knees, seeking God's will in fervent prayer.

Prayer is an integral part of Christian life. The decision on how much to give should not be made without asking first in prayer what God would have us do.

"Ascension welcomed us at a critical moment, providing more than a workspace — [you] offered a place where artists could belong, create, and engage the wider community. This shared campus has allowed our artists to expand their work, host community gatherings, and build relationships across Milwaukee's South Side."

– Dr. Lori Gramling, Executive Director of La Familia de Arte, Inc.