

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Almost four years ago Trinity Lutheran Church and Schools (TLCS) embarked on a new missional adventure. We recommitted ourselves to faithfully respond to God's call with openness to the work of the Spirit: to be the church that God needs.

The last two years, however, have been filled with changes and challenges which range from the blessing and joy of calling a second pastor, to learning to be church in a pandemic. Yet, the Spirit has continued to work in and through the congregation to be a blessing for many people. God's faithfulness and generosity have led us forward to live out God's mission: to be a community of faith which joins God's mission as one to nurture, love, and serve all people.

In order to live out God's mission, however, we must address two crucial aspects of mission and ministry: 1) funding delayed and much needed roof and building repairs, and 2) growing our Mission Budget Funding to foster a sustainable ministry of lived generosity for TLCS as a partner in the Lynnwood community—and beyond!

Now is the time to embody God's generosity by living with open hands. This campaign is about more than fixing a roof and balancing a budget. It is about living out a leap of faith that moves us to embody sacrificial and joyful generosity. It is a faith that nurtures us and helps us to build up a community that sees the larger mission that God has for this congregation. This leap of faith means being open to the greater and new things that God is doing in and through each one of us, and through TLCS' ministry, to branch out from who we were, and grow into the people God calls us to be.

As you read through this booklet, you will discover ways all of us can get involved to make this vision a reality.

Thanks be to God for you, and thank you for joining in this generosity initiative as we all **Build Up, Branch Out, and Live Generously.**

In Christ,



Hector Garfias-Toledo
Lead Pastor

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Jenna Bergeson
Associate Pastor

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