

Just as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Christ, rooted and stretching up into Christ and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

– *Colossians 2:6-7*



*We are the rich heirs of grace!*

*A generation ago a handful of households began gathering around God's call to be the Church. Drawn by the Spirit, those first members began to sing and pray and serve with each other. They made commitments to God and to each other . .*

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*We are the rich heirs of the grace that God has poured into us as Christ the Servant.*

*Pastor Eric Finsand*

# Christ the Servant Timeline

**1974** Congregation founded and began meeting in a local school.

**1976** Christ the Servant builds a church.

**1983** Christ the Servant's mission grows as it builds an educational wing and adds a preschool.

**1992** Christ the Servant dedicates enlarged narthex, education wing, and new restroom facilities.

**1995** As the congregation grows, they vote to build a new, larger sanctuary.

**2000** New sanctuary completed.

# Stewardship of our Gifts

## Expanding our Mission

### *From Your Capital Appeal Committee*

Dear CTS family,

It is an exciting time at Christ the Servant! We are poised to renew our ministries and to expand our outreach further into the community and world. Our Reaching Up, Reaching Out capital appeal will strengthen our congregation's ability to realize these goals by restoring our church facility and freeing financial resources by eliminating our mortgage. We look forward to our opportunity to serve Christ, the church, and the broader community. As we consider the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given each of us, we stand in awe of our potential!

### ***These gifts manifest themselves in several ways:***

#### **The gift of Worship**

*We are created to praise God through scriptures, art, service, and song. When we accept forgiveness and grace through baptism and the sacraments, we live as a chosen people.*

#### **The gift of Learning and Knowledge**

*We are all called to be life-long learners and mentors in the teaching of the scriptures.*

#### **The gift of Fellowship**

*We support one another with gifts of time, money, and spiritual companionship.*

With these gifts we are uniquely qualified to make an outward journey – being witnesses for the Gospel, serving those in need, and taking a stand for justice, peace, and reconciliation in the world.

Together we are committed to care for our church and to extend our outreach in the local and global community. This long-term commitment requires long-term support. We already see our vision taking root in our Deep Waters and Ugandan mission projects supported by the congregation. We are answering the call to make disciples and build up the body of Christ, but there is still much work to be done.

Please join us in prayerfully considering what you can pledge to the Reaching Up, Reaching Out capital appeal as we nurture the seeds we have sown and watch our work take shape. Together in Christ all things are possible!

*Steven Emory*

*Kathy Dooley*

*Rick Congdon*

*Cindy Petersen*

*Reaching Up Reaching Out*  
Capital Campaign Committee

*We are the rich heirs of grace! A generation ago a handful of households began gathering around God's call to be the Church. Drawn by the Spirit, those first members began to sing and pray and serve with each other. They made commitments to God and to each other - not just to build a Church building, but to become a community where nurtured faith could grow. Their community was contagious, others joined them – and the tenor of their passion for the Gospel and for justice still flavor this place. We are the rich heirs of the grace that God has poured into us as Christ the Servant.*

Now we find ourselves at the threshold of a new Capital Campaign. Good things will come from this. We will raise the funds to repair our roof and refurbish our carpet. We will gather the resources to retool some of our original sanctuary and the Gathering Room to better serve the ministries in our midst.

Those are good things, but they are not the best part of the Campaign. What excites me about this Campaign are the new places that our commitments are going to lead us to dream and serve.

What happens when this Campaign reaches its final goal and we're able to make a major chunk of our mortgage disappear? What happens when we as a community of faith no longer have to spend so much of our energy tending a mortgage and can instead think about what we can do together in new service?

Imagine Christ the Servant freed from some of the weight of a \$6,000-a-month mortgage. What could we as a congregation do?

Would we be able to somehow partner with Interfaith's clinic to host seasonal housing and healthcare and job events for our neighbors living on the edge?

Would we be able to make intergenerational mission trips to Uganda and Honduras something that becomes a regular part of our year?

Would we be able to step into a deeper partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent to provide some of the housing that would make a homeless woman living in our woods just a distant memory?

Would we be able to bring on staff to make an afterschool program possible in our neighborhood?

What will we as the people of God be able to do?

This Campaign is going to put us in a new place! We're going to repair those parts of the building that need tending, and that's good. But what's great is how we are going to be led into a place where we can dream in fresh ways about what it means to bear this name "Christ the Servant".

We are the rich heirs of God's grace working among us! We stand on a heritage of commitment and faithfulness. And now, we stand at a place where we can let that grace be seen in new ways. I am looking forward to being part of these new commitments, and to sharing with you the conversations that will follow as we listen to where God is leading us to stretch forth into service.

*Pastor Eric*

# Voices of the Congregation

Excitement has been building this past year as we have been sharing our hopes, prayers and visions for our future together at Christ the Servant. Reaching Up, Reaching Out is a 3-year Capital Appeal that seeks to bring these visions of stewardship, mission and vision to reality through the commitment and dedication of our members.

### ***YOU have said:***

These changes will help us . . .

- Welcome all. Be a place to invite others.
- Meet ministry needs in all areas.
- Grow the congregation and increase daily use of space.
- Allows us to grow. More cash for missions.
- Increase our ability to do outreach/mission work.
- Possibly improve weatherization and help resource use.
- Restore the dignity of this portion of the church.
- Attract more youth and better serve our youth with dedicated youth space that is inviting and attractive.
- Make full use of the space in our building to serve many different needs.

- Expand and improve our Adult Education classes.
- Protect property and operational support for service.
- Provide the preschool and Sunday School kids with a clean and attractive indoor area to play with storage for equipment.
- Provide more spaces for choir rehearsals and warm-ups.

**YOU have said:**

I am most excited about . . .

- Improving the feel and look of the old sanctuary.
- A space that looks inviting! Places that meet the needs of our adults & children.
- Glad to have more ministry areas, while maintaining the ability to have large floor space for preschool and youth.
- Our members involved in outreach and be successful in their fund raising for their projects.
- Reducing mortgage and debt, and freeing up money for ministry. I'm excited about possibility of growing the preschool, and/or after school programs.
- The potential uses of the space during the week. Before/ after school programs for students in need from Carl Cozier, Kulshan, etc. Extended preschool program.
- Seeing people join CTS because they are excited about the ministries we are involved in.



**One Capital Appeal**

*Stewardship of Our Property – the North Wing Restoration – \$50,000-\$70,000*

Originally Christ the Servant's first sanctuary, a sacred space where dozens of couples were married, hundreds of people were baptized and confirmed, and thousands of people worshipped for more than 24 years. Now 36 years old, this portion of the building is in serious need of costly repairs that are best done at one time to save money and ensure the building is maintained for future generations.

Plans include:

- Installing a new roof
- Repairing the entryway skylight
- Repairing eaves
- Replacing carpeting and flooring

# Reaching Up Reaching Out

**Three Goals**

- Repairing and repainting walls

*Stewardship of Our Space – Remodel the North Wing – \$30,000 - \$60,000*

When our new sanctuary was built in 2000, our congregation anticipated a time when this space would be remodeled for new uses to meet the many needs of our members, our community and our mission. Today it is mostly an empty shell of a space that is used by many, although the space configurations and lack of storage make all of the uses difficult and frustrating.

Careful conversation and planning over several years have resulted in a remodeling plan that will make this space much more useful and productive for many different uses. Preliminary plans envision transforming the old sanctuary

space into Two Classrooms and a large Multipurpose Room. Plus the meeting room alongside the old sanctuary would be remodeled to create a vibrant and welcoming dedicated Youth Room.

*Stewardship of Our Finances – Reducing Our Debt to Expand Our Ministries and Mission -- \$100,000 to \$150,000*

Our present mortgage debt of \$449,290, as of November 2011, restricts our ability to fully meet and expand our missions and ministries at Christ the Servant. Each month we pay \$6,600 on our mortgage. These are resources that instead could be used to expand our services, increase our outreach, reach more children and youth, serve our community, send members out

to serve global missions....the possibilities are endless and the needs are great. Each year we hear of needs and visions that we cannot meet because so much of our annual budget is dedicated to mortgage payments.

- Current mortgage debt: \$449,290 (as of November 2011)
- Current mortgage payoff: Aug. 15, 2018

- Additional Principal Payments of \$100,000 could result in a mortgage payoff of Nov. 15, 2016 and save an estimated \$37,000 in interest payments.

**H**ow could we expand our mission if our budget had an extra \$2,000 or \$3,000 each month or even \$6,600?

**What services could we offer if we were no longer tied to such large debt payments?**



- Creating a dedicated Youth Room – A place of their own!

## PROJECT TIMELINE

- Listening (Ministry Teams, Council, Members) The past 5 years
- Preliminary Planning (North Wing Task Force, Property, Council) Fall 2010
- Church Council Approves Capital Campaign July 2011
- Communicating & Refining Plan (Council, Capital Appeal Committee) Fall 2011
- Launch Capital Appeal February 2012
- Gather 3-year Pledges April 1, 2012
- Begin Construction Summer 2012
- Campaign funding continues through April 1, 2015

*We as disciples of Jesus Christ are told to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."*

### Did you know?

That the original site plan for our church facility in 1974 anticipated a "starter" sanctuary, followed by the addition of a classroom wing, followed by a new sanctuary?

That the original plan, when the new sanctuary was built in 2000, was to renovate and transform the old sanctuary space into a multipurpose/educational space?

Each month dozens of different committees, community groups, classes and choirs meet at CTS ?

We are serving 50 kids every year at Catch the Son Preschool and even more kids and youth in our

# Questions and Answers

*I have been asked to financially support this capital appeal. How much should I give?*

Everyone must decide that for themselves, but there are some principles of good financial stewardship, which you should consider:

Pray to God, giving thanks for your many blessings and asking about your response to this appeal.

The church and the scriptures suggest that we give proportionally, according to our ability.

Come to an event and learn more about the projects, consider the challenge and consider how you fit into it.

Make your commitment, giving thanks to God for your ability to respond in thankfulness to God's will and grace.

## OPTIONS FOR GIVING

Many people have assets that they haven't thought of using for the work and ministry of the church. Here are some special ways to give:

### MONEY

Cash or checks are by far the most common and easiest method of giving. Remember that you are able to deduct your charitable contributions, generally up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. Please write Reaching Up, Reaching Out on the memo line of your check. You also can make electronic payments through Simply Giving

### APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Gifts of stocks and bonds are accepted by the church. By giving appreciated securities, you may avoid capital gains taxes and be eligible for a charitable gift deduction. See your tax advisor as IRS regulations change regularly. Remember that to avoid having the capital gains taxed, you need to give the security itself, rather than sell it and give cash.

### REAL ESTATE

You may give acreage, a lot, house, farm, commercial property or other real estate with the same tax advantage as securities. The current charitable deduction is for the full market value and you will avoid taxes on the profit, subject to income limitations. See your tax advisor for specific information. The church will take responsibility for selling the property.

### WHEN WILL I MAKE MY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT?

A sample pledge card is inside this booklet so that you can begin prayerfully considering your pledge. On Sunday, April 1, we will have a special Reaching Up, Reaching Out celebration in our services and will ask you to return your pledge card that Sunday. Gifts toward the new pledges may begin immediately.

### WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THESE NEW PROJECTS?

We expect to begin work on the first phase – the repairs to the original sanctuary in summer 2012. We plan to begin the remodeling and improvements to the North Wing after the roofing and flooring repairs are completed. Payments to reduce the mortgage principal will be made as soon as funds are available for this phase of the campaign.

# Reaching Up Reaching Out

Kick-off – Sunday, February 10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Please join us for a special multigenerational social event at CTS where we will provide snacks, share more information about the capital campaign projects, and create decorative tiles that will be used in the restored and remodeled North Wing.

## Fellowship Gatherings in March

During March each Service Team will be inviting their members to come to an ice cream social event at CTS to talk about these projects and learn about the opportunities ahead for CTS as we are Reaching Up and Reaching Out. Your service team leaders will be contacting you soon. If you aren't available on the date for your service team, contact the office about attending an alternate gathering.

## Appeal Worship & Celebration Sunday, April 1

Join the entire congregation for an inspirational, uplifting Worship service where you can make your financial commitment to the 3-year Capital Appeal. A member of the Capital Committee can visit with those who can't attend the April 1 service to provide an opportunity for you to make a financial commitment to the fund.

*If you have questions about Reaching Up, Reaching Out, please contact:*

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*How is my Reaching Up Reaching Out estimate of giving different from my current, regular giving?*

This is a completely new commitment and will be above and beyond your current giving. This commitment provides the money needed for the repairs, renovation, remodeling and mortgage reduction projects outlined in this booklet.

Your Reaching Up, Reaching Out commitment funding will begin April 1, 2012 and will continue for three years, until April 1, 2015.

Your current giving provides for ongoing support of outreach, ministry programs, staff salaries, benevolence, building maintenance, utilities, etc.

*Song:*  
**What Is This Place?**

What is this place, where we are meeting?  
 Only a house, the earth its floor.  
 Walls and a roof sheltering people,  
 Windows for light, an open door.  
 Yet it becomes a body that lives  
 when we are gathered here,  
 And know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling,  
 Sparks that are sown in us like seed.  
 Names for our God, dreams, signs  
 and wonders,  
 Sent from the past are all we need.  
 We in this place remember and  
 speak again what we have heard:  
 God's free redeeming Word.

And we accept bread at the table,  
 Broken and shared a living sign.  
 Here in this world, dying and  
 living,  
 We are each other's bread and  
 wine.  
 This is the place where we can  
 receive that we need to increase:  
 Our justice and God's peace.

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***Our Vision Goal is \$250,000 . . .***

of new contributions over and above current annual General Fund pledges.

These additional funds will enable us to meet the objectives to repair the original sanctuary, remodel the North Wing, and eliminate the mortgage to provide more resources for ministries and mission.

**Giving Response Pattern**

Level	Pledges Needed	Percentage or Monthly Amount of Pledge	Three-Year Gift Total
Advance Lead Gifts	1	at or above 10% of goal	\$25,000 or more
	2	at or above 5% of goal	\$15,000 or more
	3		\$10,000 or more
Leadership Gifts	3	\$208	\$7,488
	3	\$148	\$5,328
	5	\$104	\$3,744
Supporting Gifts	11	\$87	\$3,132
	13	\$67	\$2,412
	16	\$56	\$2,016
	22	\$47	\$1,692
	18	\$38	\$1,368
	16	\$27	\$972
	11	\$24	\$864
Children & Youth	\$1 to \$10	\$36 to \$360	

Please study carefully this Giving Response Pattern. Place yourself within a level of gifts, pray, and reflect on how you will respond to God's call.

***As a congregation, fulfilling this Giving Response Pattern will enable us to meet or exceed our three-year goal. This will require lifting our sights and stretching our vision.***

*Reaching Up Reaching Out*