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STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



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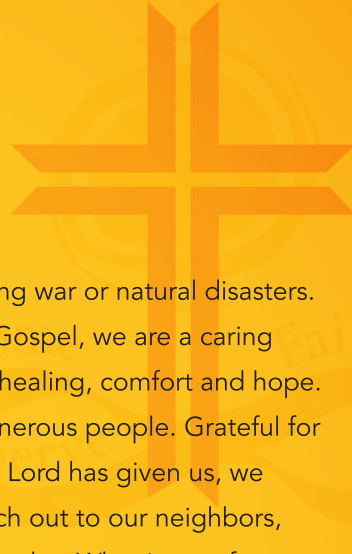
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As a congregation, we are on a mission. It's a journey. As we journey on this mission, we are trusting God's promise of new life. This is nothing new. From 1871 to the present, generations before us have heeded the same call, responded to the same promise, and committed themselves to be faithful.

Central has a long history and tradition of mission and ministry, both here and outside our church walls. Youth from the congregation traveled to Lake Traverse this summer to learn from and work with Native Americans who live there at the reservation. The weekly FEAST gathering feeds both bodies and souls with homemade food and a warm welcome. Quilts are cut and sewn, and given to the newly baptized, graduating high school seniors, and people around the

world experiencing war or natural disasters. Centered in the Gospel, we are a caring people, offering healing, comfort and hope. We are also a generous people. Grateful for the blessings the Lord has given us, we seek ways to reach out to our neighbors, wherever they may be. What is new for us, compared to the people who have gone before us, is the world in which we live. It is a new day, with new challenges facing us, and new opportunities calling us forward.

Our focus for the coming year is to Refocus on Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, Renew Our Faith through worship, study and service, and Revitalize Our Ministries through increased participation and giving. Now we look forward to generating the support-prayers, people and dollars to put this plan into action.



FOCUS OF STEWARDSHIP 2017

Our goal for the stewardship appeal for the coming year is to increase annual giving in 2017 by \$93,000 or more in offerings to the general operating fund. This may sound like a lot, but as we prepare for a new directing pastor, we need to demonstrate that we are focused on advancing ministry here. These increased offerings will be invested in three major ways.

Investing in Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Approximately \$45,000 will give us a good start in developing a youth program, including the salary and benefits for an associate pastor or lay youth worker to begin work later in 2017 after the next directing pastor arrives.

Investing in the General Operations of the Congregation

Approximately \$10,000 will help us keep up with fixed costs such as insurance, snow removal and salaries, so we can continue to open our doors to provide inspiring worship, the FEAST, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Workshop and youth mission trips.

Investing in repaying the mortgage

Approximately \$38,000 will pay for twelve months of interest and principal payments for the mortgage, so we can free up resources for ministry with people rather than paying debts.

The charts to the right show how we can reach our goal. As you review these charts, please ask yourself these questions:

"How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?"

"How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?"

"Where would I be if I doubled my weekly offering? Can I consider doing so?"

"How much could I give if I really wanted to do so?"

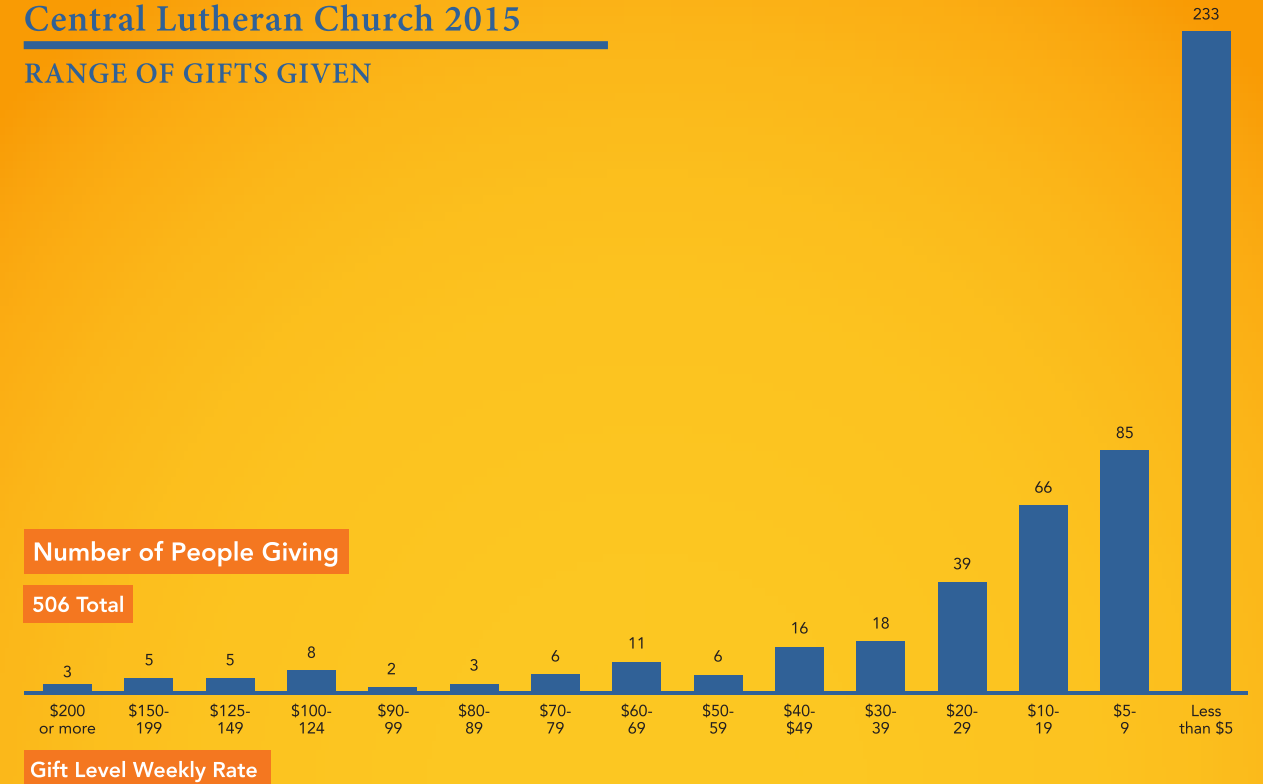
Please pray about our congregation's mission and ministry together. Pray about your offering for the coming year. Pray about your response to the letter from the Stewardship Task Force which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year. Then be ready to complete your intent card and bring it to church on Commitment Sunday, November 13, or return to the church office.

THANK YOU

for being part of this exciting congregation, which is committed to Refocus, Renew and Revitalize.

Central Lutheran Church 2015

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN



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RANGE OF GIFTS NEEDED TO REACH GOAL

