



ABUNDANT
Life. Love. Joy.
SOJOY 2023

What are we raising funds for?

(1) Ministry beyond the walls

A minimum of 10% of every gift to the ABUNDANT campaign will be used to support ministry partners outside of our congregation. Our goal is to make an impact locally, regionally, and globally.

Locally: We are supporting the work of Montgomery County Food Bank. The Food Bank is a phenomenal ministry, impacting many families right here in our community.

Regionally: We are committed to providing support to partner congregations in the metro Houston area – especially those that are composed of vulnerable and minority populations.

Globally: Lutheran World Relief works in areas of great need around the world – amid disasters, extreme poverty, war, and more. LWR is a well-known international relief organization, providing aid to those who are suffering in the world.

(2) Freeing up funds for ministry

In 2001, our current building was constructed and funded with a \$1.5 million loan. At the time, this was one of the largest loans provided to a newly started ELCA congregation. With our previous capital campaigns, we have brought the remaining principle of this loan down to just under \$90,000.

Our goal is to pay the remaining principle on this loan. This will free up over \$3,000 per month to be used for our ministry. Not only will this make it easier to keep up with necessary maintenance in the future, it will allow us to use more of our congregational giving for worship, fellowship, learning, and service.

(3) Ministry Projects

We have a variety of smaller projects around the building that would help us to move into the future of our ministry. These include the new playground for younger children, improving our parking lot, a new sign at the roadside and more. Each of these projects has been on our to-do list for several years, awaiting funding. Which project we undertake will depend on the pledges we receive.

(4) Rebuilding our reserve

Over the last three years we have encountered COVID, major flood renovations, inflation, and more that have caused us to spend down our “prudent reserve.” This cash reserve functions as a safety net for our ministry, and reaching our goals will help us to rebuild it for future years.