

April 28, 2023

Dear Christ Lutheran Faith Family,

In an effort to continue our worship and spiritual growth activity level while stemming our deficit budgeting, as Council we are asking each of us to consider a large increase to our pledged giving. A draft budget based on pledges will be included in our congregational mailing. The expenses will not be very different from our current budget. Unless there is a large jump in pledges, we project a deficit of about \$50,000. In order to break even we would need pledges to increase about 26%.

- We know some of us are likely to pledge more if asked, so we are asking. We know that others cannot.
- We know so many love the energy and care that Pastor Chad and Lucy share with our faith family of all ages!
- We know it is important to pay our bills without using reserves. While our reserves are strong, we will soon consider what to do with our student house. It currently serves primarily as storage and needs increasing repairs.
- We remember years back when we had less than three months of expenses in reserve for meeting our financial obligations.
- And we are thankful for past leadership who came up with the idea of building new apartments and using the profits for Impact Giving. We just completed our first round of awards after coming back from COVID by redistributing more than \$50,000 to local and international organizations.
- Lastly, money is replaceable; each of us is not. The time and care we share with each other are also resources and important to recognize. As treasurer I track our funds, but our other resources are integral to our care for each other and for creation. Please fill out the time and talent cards about how you might like to be involved!

***Following church on Sunday, May 7 we will hold a budget update. Please attend and share questions, concerns, and ideas.*** Council will continue carefully managing our financial resources while seeking to make real changes in our world. We have just gotten to a point of concern about several years of deficit spending and wanted to address it.

On behalf of Council, please carefully, prayerfully consider increasing your pledged amount as substantially as you feel called and able. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lucy Juedes  
Treasurer