

NEXT STEPS

Our goal for 2023 is to live into our mission as one family of God that shares God's love with all! In this coming year, we ask for your renewed financial commitment that supports our Sustaining Fund and the Special Appeal that seeks to retire debt from our construction loans. Your gifts are vital to the ministries and ongoing life of this congregation.

Mark your calendars for our Commitment Weekend, November 19 and 20, when each family is invited to complete the enclosed commitment cards and bring them to either worship service. To complete the Stewardship Commitment Form and the Special Appeal Commitment Form online, visit crownofglory.org/2023-pledge.

No matter what financial gift you consider, we ask that you pray for Crown of Glory and all that God is doing in this place.

Thank you for your continued faith and support!

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A BOUNTIFUL FAITH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023



A BOUNTIFUL FAITH AND SPECIAL APPEAL

A Bountiful Faith

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church is a congregation where families and friends build and strengthen our lives which leads to a bountiful faith. We believe God calls us to share our faith and gifts with others. In this season of stewardship, we seek to deepen our faith through planting seeds, tending the soil, gathering the harvest, and sharing the bounty.

Throughout 2022, we were challenged to make our month-to-month operating budget with contributions to the Sustaining Fund, which supports our program ministries, mortgage and building maintenance, and staffing. Looking ahead to 2023, we now face a new challenge to answer God's call to grow our gifts that will support our outreach and caring ministries, as well as our program ministries to children, youth, and adults as we continue to invest in education and sustain our staff.

In the coming year, we have our sights set on planting new seeds of faith and growing our congregation by welcoming new families. We are looking to the future as we tend to the faith of others that spans our congregation from children to adult ministries. We are gathering the harvest of our gifts to share in the bounty of our faith with all who come to our doors. With your commitment, support, and participation, Crown of Glory will be able to plant new seeds and share in a bountiful faith in 2023.

Special Appeal

In conjunction with 2023's stewardship appeal, we are also launching a Special Appeal to raise additional funds over the next five years. This Special Appeal will focus on reducing the debt from construction loans borrowed to help fund the building project in 2015. This Special Appeal will also offer us the opportunity to envision where we are able to grow and enhance our ministries, mission, and community in the future. Our goal for each year of the five-year Special Appeal is to raise \$46,000 toward construction debt reduction. This means with an additional gift of just \$215 from each household at Crown of Glory, we would reach our goal for 2023!

FOCUS OF STEWARDSHIP 2023

Planting the Seeds

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church is a congregation called to care deeply for our neighbor through the work of our hands and our hearts. Your gifts support the many ministries that reach those in need in our community like the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, ministries to local homeless shelters like Launch Ministry and His House, and our food equity partner, Fare For All, which provides affordable food for those in need. Together we are planting new seeds of faith throughout our congregation and community.

Tending the Soil

The landscape of our worship experience changed in 2022. After reopening our doors following the pandemic, attendance at the Sunday 10:45 a.m. worship service experienced a fallow time, but attendance for the livestream service continued to rise at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. service. People discovered a new way to stay engaged in worship following the pandemic and we adapted by moving to only one Sunday morning worship service. Crown of Glory continues to provide enriching worship experiences both in person and online with music that is uplifting and messages that connect the Bible with everyday life. The Saturday evening worship is a casual service that begins at 5:00 p.m. and our Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m. continues to grow! Following our Sunday morning worship service, our children experience SPARK Sunday School and our adults experience fellowship and an educational adult forum!

Gathering the Harvest

Our gifts come in many forms such as service, time, talents, and faith. Some of our greatest gifts are those that give back to others. Our children and youth ministries are supported by adult volunteer guides and teachers in our SPARK Sunday School, Connect, Confirmation, and High School ministries. Our Faithful Knotters and Knitters work diligently throughout the year to craft blankets, shawls, and scarves that are donated to those in need. In their many forms, our gifts give back to our community.

Sharing the Bounty

Now, more than ever, it is time to make a commitment to grow our future. We know that growing our future means sharing our resources, enhancing our ministries, and sustaining our future. Seeds of faith have been planted by generations before us and we have witnessed a plentiful harvest. With 2023 on the horizon, now is the time to share in the bounty of our faith and grow our future together.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP WILL HELP US REACH OUR GOALS

The \$29,544 ERC received in July was critical for Crown of Glory's financial stability in 2022, but it is not expected to be offered in 2023. Despite benefiting from the ERC, our current offering levels project that we will be an estimated \$33,000 behind our budget at the end of the year. Therefore, we now face the challenge to grow our gifts by \$33,000 to balance our 2022 budget, establish our goal for the 2023 budget, and continue to answer God's call to welcome everyone, serve our neighbors, and share God's love and saving grace.

