



2020 Calvary Lutheran Church
Capital Campaign

May 14, 2020

Members of Calvary:

When we reached March 15, the Building on Our Faith campaign was nearing its peak. An Initial Commitment Event was held on March 12 for leaders of the congregation and the campaign. Our Commitment Sunday and Celebration was a week away. We were looking forward to people bringing their first contributions on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Then we hit a bit of a speed bump. Coronavirus, COVID-19, social distancing, and lockdowns became part of our vocabulary and our everyday life. Planned events were put on hold, anticipating a month of delay at most. But the “15 days to flatten the curve” became much more than that. Now we are nearly two months past hitting that speed bump in mid-March.

But we have more than laments to share. Though the campaign has not completely followed the timeline that we had prepared, there is good news to tell you about:

- **22 giving units have made pledge commitments** out of approximately 50–55 active giving units in the congregation.
- Total **pledge commitments received** through April 30 **equal \$206,980**.
- As of April 30, **\$15,412.91** of the \$206,980 pledged amount **has already been received**.

This is an excellent start to our campaign! We give thanks to the LORD for creating generous hearts among the members of our congregation.

So where does this leave us? We want to restart our campaign, so that what had been planned for the end of March can be done. The uncertainty that the outbreak causes for advance scheduling makes that highly difficult. A tentative plan for holding a Commitment Sunday Celebration in September is being considered. The day will come when we can celebrate what the LORD has worked among and through us, just as we see in the example of David and the people of Israel in 1 Chronicles 29.

Until then, we are asking members who made pledges to begin making contributions to fulfill those pledges as they are able. Each individual will have to determine that ability as circumstances during this outbreak dictate. We are also encouraging members who have not yet made a pledge commitment to consider doing so and returning their pledge cards to the church via mail. Again, individual circumstance will determine that possibility. If you need a pledge card, please contact the church office, so that one can be sent to you.

The LORD continue to bless you and our congregation during these uncertain times!

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Building on Our Faith Campaign Chairman

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Pastor

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” 1 Chronicles 29:14