

A Celebration of Gathering: 25th Anniversary of the Expansion of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Building and Mission
GIFT FUND DRIVE – Goal: \$25,000

20 September 2013

To: Members of the Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

From: 25th Anniversary Steering Committee: Jon Christy; Elizabeth Kaschins, co-chairs, Paul and Carol Hasvold, Charilyn Hover, Jane Kemp, David Lester, and Pastor Mau

With this letter we are formally launching our 25th Anniversary Gift Fund Drive. At its August 2013 meeting, the Congregation Council approved the Anniversary Steering Committee's recommendations for our Anniversary Gift. It has two components: \$15,000 for Hospitality Upgrades and \$10,000 for a thank offering, the Congregational Outreach Gift.

HOSPITALITY UPGRADES - \$15,000:

After 25 years, upgrades need to be made to our facilities. Various committees have been formed and recommend these priorities (alphabetical order). Funds totaling \$2,800 are already in hand raised from WELCA allocations, congregation members, and funds remaining from the 50th anniversary celebration fund drive which were designated for outreach and hospitality.

- Chairs for the Fellowship Hall
- Coffee Maker System
- Emergency Medical Equipment/Supplies
- Kitchen Upgrades
- Narthex Furniture

CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH GIFT - \$10,000:

- Local: Decorah Community Free Clinic – 75%
- Global: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services - 25%

Enclosed you will find a form on which you may indicate your contribution and pledge intent as well as a copy to retain for your records. Please return the form to the church office in the pre-addressed return envelope by *October 18*. **It should be clarified that this special fundraising initiative is separate from the annual stewardship drive for operating expenses that will occur later this fall.**

Records from the building process which led to the current addition and renovations clearly show that priorities were for larger, enhanced areas for worship, education programs, and fellowship. A quote from the building committee at the time says: *Now we can plan for new programs and opportunities for community outreach and service sharing God's love in service to others.* This fund drive is an opportunity to enhance and build upon those goals. We deeply appreciate the variety of gifts you bring to Good Shepherd and our service in this place. We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting our 25th Anniversary Gift Fund Drive.

If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Committee. Thank you.

