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A PLACE TO CONNECT:

WITH GOD, OTHERS, AND THE WORLD

STEWARDSHIP 2018

ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

Good Shepherd is a **place of connection across generations**. There are so few places in today's world where young and old people gather as friends, sing, play, and work together.

We want children, youth, young adults and elders to feel seen, known and central to life at Good Shepherd. We want our building to serve the educational needs of children, youth and adults more fully.

We will focus on **deepening youth and young adult connections to our ministry life** through staff support and increased funding for the following: Sunday School, the new Youth Forum, youth retreats and service trips, Vacation Bible School and camperships to cover costs for Bible camps.

In 2017, a special gift made it possible to employ Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson as Assistant Pastor at Good Shepherd. Now the whole congregation has the opportunity to support the ministry that her presence makes possible.

Pastor Amy will continue to invest time with youth and young adults. Both pastors will

continue to share in visitation with elders and will help other members stay connected to homebound members.

We seek to build on the wonderful growth and energy this past year at Good Shepherd.

During a recent visit with Pastor Marion, charter member Dr. John Bale told her, "We do this together. We depend on each other. **Hope for the future is more likely to happen if it's a shared experience.**"

Later, in reflecting on that visit, he told Pastor Amy, "**Pastors are very important in building and maintaining the spirit and the sense of what we're trying to accomplish.**"

The goal of our 2018 Stewardship Appeal, **A Place to Connect**, is to **increase offerings and gifts by \$85,000**, some of which will pay for our youth and elder ministry.

Pray for a generous response and please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in the coming year. With your engagement, we will invest in the intergenerational ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran as we connect with God, others, and the world.

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Here is a bar graph that displays two charts of our giving. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts (if you give monthly, be sure to break that down to what you give weekly). The other bar shows how many gifts are needed at each level to reach our goal. As you read this gift chart, ask yourself these questions:

How does my giving compare with other ways I use my money?

How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for what I have in my life?

Where would I be if I doubled my offering? And can I consider doing that?

How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

