



Complex world. Thoughtful church.

January 5, 2024

Dear Member,

The Opening Doors Capital Appeal that began in February of 2021 is ending in January of 2024. In that appeal many University Lutheran Church of Hope members joined together to support the pay down of our mortgage and the installation of solar panels and other energy efficiencies; provide upgrades to our kitchen; enhance our ability to stream our worship services; fund the construction of new doors to the sanctuary to be installed 2024; and provide benevolence gifts to Lutheran Campus Ministry, Global Health Ministries, Women's Advocates, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, First Nations Kitchen, Voices of Hope, and more!

We are now writing to engage your support in the next three year **Opening Doors 2 Capital Appeal** beginning in February of 2024. Our pattern is that as one capital campaign concludes, we begin another. Our new campaign will run February 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026 (35 months).

The Vision and Governance Board has designated appeal funding for these exciting projects: a rebuild of our 1920 Steinway piano in the sanctuary; continuing upgrades to the kitchen; replacement of the partition between Heritage Hall and Fellowship Hall; upgrades in the courtyard and in the lounge kitchenette (coordinated with a possible new lounge design funded by the generous gift); and, again, benevolence gifts beyond the congregation.

In addition, not only will we use the appeal funds to support the pay down of the mortgage, but at the end of this appeal we will be able to **PAYOFF** our mortgage. Completion of our mortgage will enable us to consider what new opportunities lie before us as we testify in word and deed to the gracious YES of God for the world. As such, the theme of Opening Doors emphasizes Hope's intention to continually offer an extravagant welcome and a generous sending out into the world to advocate and serve.

We hope you will join us again in this appeal with another commitment to our future and help us meet the appeal goal of \$400,000. Members of the Capital Appeal Committee and the Vision and Governance Board, as well as the pastors, all plan to make a pledge and we invite you to join us.

We are asking that each household prayerfully consider a response. We invite you to watch the appeal video available this month and consider the invitation to attend one of the opportunities to hear more about the appeal. Please note that three of these events will be hosted at church in the lounge, and the fourth is on Zoom.

- A midday luncheon with the Hope Diamonds at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 17th – all are welcome.
- A dessert gathering at 8:30 – 9:15 p.m. on Wednesday January 17th after choir practice – all are welcome.
- A “heavy appetizer” event on Thursday evening January 18th at 6:30 p.m. – all are welcome.
- An online gathering on Monday evening January 22nd at 7 p.m. on Zoom – all are welcome.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center to attend, or click on the link in the Thursday Epistles. For questions or concerns please contact appeal committee members Tim Abrahamson, Deb Bordsen, Sharlene Hensrud, Ben Hartmann, Gretchen Peik or Erik Strand. Enclosed in this letter is a capital appeal pledge card and further information about our plans and congregation.

With gratitude and hope,

The Capital Appeal Committee