

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As stewards of God's Great Commission we spread the word of Jesus Christ. Our response to this mission is to gracefully renew our spirits, intentionally renew our relationships and purposefully renew our temple.

Recently a member of our church family anonymously gifted Calvary Lutheran Church with a generous unrestricted offering of \$200,000, plus an additional contribution of \$50,000 to Calvary's Endowment Fund. The church is extremely grateful for this donor's contribution and it reminds us that benevolence is a key tenant in our faith walk. This donation is an opportunity to renew our total commitment to Jesus Christ and prompted a time of renewal to better connect us to each other and to our church. We are led in the renewal of our spirits with worship, devotionals and Bible studies. We are led in the renewal of our relationships through fellowship and a congregation-wide service project. It is now time to renew our temple, the tangible witness of our evangelism to the outside community that says, "*This is a house of God.*" The physical structure of our church is in disrepair and the list of renovations is extensive. The idea of a capital campaign was born to ask the congregation to *match* the generous gift of \$250,000 from our donor in order to complete the list of fixes for our facility while also funding several new missions projects here at Calvary.

Earlier this year a team of people were tasked with creating a list of prioritized repairs for our church. They asked ministry team leaders, staff, pastors and visitors for input and came up with a long and varied list of needed repairs and improvements. Our church requires physical plant and technology updates so that we may best steward the gift of the gospel. A list of such projects is available in the office.

Calvary tithes 10% of all giving to capital campaigns so that future ministries will have funding available to get started. Several wonderful evangelical missions are being implemented here at Calvary that require additional funding. The tithe from the capital campaign will aid us in ministering to those in crisis, those who are seeking and those who are teaching.

Calvary needs your support to renew and strengthen our temple and our missions. Here is what we can do as a church family to accomplish our goal to help make Calvary an even better place to worship:

- Attend service during each of the six weeks of the Renewal Campaign (October 16 through November 20) and connect with Calvary
- Attend a cottage meeting for both fellowship and information regarding the campaign (November 1 through 19)
- Prayerfully consider supporting this campaign

Please come to church on Commitment Sunday, November 20th; there is much to be done!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Krewson