



Over the next five weeks, we will continue sharing the details of our ***One Easter One Mission Capital Campaign*** through mission moments, videos, bulletin inserts, special events, and more. We hope that you will receive this information, listen for how God calls Easter Lutheran Church for future ministry, and prayerfully consider your support.

Our ***One Easter One Mission*** campaign will culminate with the return and celebration of our financial Statements of Intent on Sunday, March 3.

"Now is the time for One Easter because Easter people crave a sense of connectedness across our campuses. Now is the time because we can become One Easter while still maintaining and enhancing Easter's ability to deliver two incredible modalities of worship. Now is the time for One Easter because we have the momentum to launch us into the next 50 years of Easter in a space that allows us to more deeply live into and practice our mission to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ."

– CATHIE FORD, VISION BOARD PRESIDENT

STEP 2: SEEK IN PRAYER GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR GIVING

What do we tend to do when the church asks for our support?

The common tendency is to consult our spouse, our budget, our bills, our income, our tax situation, our investments, our accountant, etc., and then determine what we can afford or spare.

Instead, we should, as Christians, seek to discover what God's will is for us in our giving. A Christian pledge can really only be made on our knees, seeking God's will in fervent prayer.

Prayer is an integral part of the Christian life. The decision on how much to give should not be made without seeking first in prayer what God would have us do, and listening for the voice of God in the prayer conversation.

Giving to the church is not a financial transaction. Instead, giving to the church is a spiritual exercise undertaken only after conversation with God.

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

FROM SIX STEPS TO JOYFUL GIVING, WRITTEN BY DR. BOB GRONLUND