DO SOMETHING
BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF
“Together, we have done lots of things. Things that have changed lives and pointed people to Jesus. **And together, God is calling us to do something more.**”

LEAD PASTOR KRISTEN CAPEL
For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?

ISAIAH 43:19
Over the last 40 years, Easter Lutheran has experienced moments of transformation: our first worship service at Eagan City Hall, the first group of confirmation students affirming their baptism, becoming a multi-site church with services at the Hill and the Lake, building relationships around the world through mission trips, expanding our reach into the community to provide tutoring, free meals, and food support. But what if this is just the beginning and God’s mission is still unfolding?

We believe we are at a crossroads. Easter can be content with the status quo or keep moving forward to become the church God is calling us to be. We believe God is always out in front of us, calling us to move forward and to do something. Now is a critical moment of transformation. It is Easter’s opportunity to do what we have done from the start, to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ. It is this mission that will drive our future.
Be part of something bigger than yourself.

What does it mean to be part of something bigger than yourself? It means doing something bigger than yourself.

There is so much hope and love in the world. It can often be difficult to see that hope and love when we tune into the events unfolding around the world. Do you wonder what you can do to help? Does it feel too big to do anything?

You can do something. And it starts right here. It starts in your backyard and your community. It starts in the church, which is God’s seed of hope for the world. When you give to our community, you’re giving to the world. And when you give to our church, you’re making the world a better place too.
Our primary goal is 100% participation. We want 100% of those who call Easter Lutheran home to experience something life-changing and radical through their generosity.

Our secondary goal is $5.8 million in generosity over the next two years to keep moving forward, seizing opportunities, and being innovators for the sake of the Gospel. This includes $1.2 million growth in our generosity, above the $4.6 million in current giving. God is calling us to do something.
Do Something is the next transformational moment in the life of Easter Lutheran.

Easter has always been a church with a heart that beats for God and God’s people. We’re reaching out to our youth, our maturing adults, and our beautifully diverse community. We want to see our community and the people in it flourish and grow. You’re invited to be part of a vision that calls us forward, in unity, to do more. Some of our most important days are still to come. And it starts with you.

**To guide our youth towards a strong faith foundation**

*WHY?* Building an open and welcoming environment for youth to be engaged at Easter will create a life-changing and lasting legacy for the future of our church.

**To better reflect the cultural diversity of our community**

*WHY?* Easter is strong in our community and it’s time to join arm-in-arm to better reflect the community around us.

**To leverage the experience and wisdom of Easter’s maturing adults and care for our aging adults in declining health**

*WHY?* Easter’s population of maturing and aging adults is increasing exponentially and they need opportunities to learn more, teach more, and serve more.
I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, I created you"

Matthew West
From Church School all the way up through the high school-age programs, I think it’s really important to be rooted in your faith in the church as you’re growing up. It’s definitely helped me get through a lot of struggles and also times of joy. I feel so ready for whatever God has in store for me. It’s my junior year right now, going into my senior year of high school as well as college and beyond. I just feel like no matter what happens, I have support and I’m ready to face anything that comes my way through the faith that I’ve gained at Easter.

RYAN KNIPPING, EASTER YOUTH
THE NEXT GENERATION

Make a difference in the world by guiding our youth toward a strong faith foundation.

At Easter, we are striving to build an environment where youth can openly discuss the big questions of life and faith. We are called to do something life-changing and lasting that ensures our youngest members are growing in faith and embraced by the church. Keeping youth engaged starts from the beginning of Church School all the way through high school. It means an update to our curriculum and an increase in pastoral support for struggling youth. We need kids to know that whatever their life circumstance, Easter is a safe place. Our church’s future is bright with the future of Easter’s youth.

OUR GOALS

- Call a full-time Children, Youth, and Family pastor to focus on the increasing pastoral care and programming needs of our youth
- Reevaluate and re-energize children’s programming to ensure Easter is meeting the needs of our youngest members
- Continue to grow our youth ministry program by sharing God’s love beyond our walls into the lives of youth in our community

COST: $275,000
I truly believe, in this day in age, with all of the trials and tribulation that we encounter as Americans, it is our Christian duty to unite as one. There are so many things in this world telling us to divide, to separate, and stay with our own kind, while avoiding anyone that does not look or think like us. But in the church, when the main focus is on love, we are forced to look at each other differently with open hearts and minds. If all can laugh, cry, and praise together in the house of God, it is easily translated into society and our every day works. Together we can be better, together we will be better.

JAKE & JESSICA DEL PINO, COMMUNITY MEMBERS
At Easter, we stand united. We are engaged in the community around us.

But inside our church walls, we are called to better reflect our community. Sunday morning is the most segregated time in America. Easter is working with the ELCA and St. Paul Area Synod to explore a potential mission development project. We will examine the possibility of starting a cross-cultural church that reaches out to our increasingly diverse community. We will do something radical that brings hope to everyone around us. Alike and different, we are invited by God to join arm-in-arm in faith. We are all better together.
Adult Ministry provides us with meaningful connections to be involved with Easter Lutheran and our community. We get to gather and share with others who want to learn, serve, and, most importantly, grow in faith. We especially enjoy the group outings to places we may not go on our own. We find it more fun to volunteer with a group of people we know, rather than by ourselves. Through our involvement with adult ministry at Easter, we realize we are seeing more familiar faces at church.

SUE & DAVE MONTGOMERY, EASTER MEMBERS
**Easter’s maturing adults are at a new stage in their lives. They are retired, but not tired.**

Ready to share their experience and wisdom, we are called to embrace the energy that this generation brings to teach, serve, and learn.

We will ensure that those who struggle are never alone. Aging adults in declining health will experience the loving support of their church community. Our church is called to do something to be by their side with hope, prayer, and love.

**OUR GOALS**

- Create and energize new opportunities for empty-nesters and people who are “retired, but not tired”
- Unleash the possibilities for mature adults to teach more, serve more, and learn more in and through our church
- Continue to expand our care ministry for Easter’s aging population, ensuring all adults in declining health are surrounded with hope, prayer, and love.

**COST: $60,000**
Most of our ministry and mission takes place in our buildings. Both campuses are now heavily utilized by Church School, high school youth group, Bible studies, our community partners, including TreeHouse and Loaves & Fishes, and many others. Easter’s buildings bring people together. Over the last few years, we’ve been able to greatly expand our outreach by expanding the footprint and making crucial improvements to both sites. However, now Easter needs to keep up with the on-going maintenance. We are called to be good stewards of our buildings at Easter on the Hill and Easter by the Lake.

OUR GOALS

- Improve the sanctuary at Easter on the Hill, including carpet, lighting, sound, and chairs
- Replace carpet in the Fellowship Hall and entryway at Easter on the Hill and various locations at Easter by the Lake
- Improve the parking lots at both campuses
- Repair waterproofing at Easter by the Lake

COST: $800,000
Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
One Fund Appeal

In the past, you’ve been asked to give additional gifts above and beyond the usual General Fund. These gifts make special appeals possible. For example, you gave to a Capital Fund for new facilities, Global Mission for Tanzania and Guatemala, or Fall Hunger for our partnerships. This multi-fund approach can be confusing and overly complicated, especially for people who haven’t given before.

We’re taking a new, one-fund approach to giving. Easter Lutheran has one mission: to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ. To reflect our one mission, we’ll give to one fund.

The Do Something appeal will run for two years. In those two years, every gift given to Easter will go to Do Something to help us live out our mission. Together, we’ll build faith foundations in our youth, better reflect our culturally diverse community, and expand our ministry opportunities for maturing adults.
Since you excel in so many ways — in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us — I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7
The giving goal for Do Something is $5.8 million.

It's a financial goal only made possible through God. We trust in God and God’s people to do more because God isn't done with our church. The Gospel needs to be shared and our faith passed on from generation to generation. We're asking everyone who calls Easter Lutheran home to engage in a decision-making process that will lead to a financial commitment.

Here's the financial breakdown for the next two years:

Projected needs for maintaining our mission & buildings: $4.6 million
Do Something Challenge to Grow: $1.2 million
Total: $5.8 million

Far more than an appeal about money, you're invited to be part of something bigger than yourself. You are invited to experience something life-changing through your generosity.

You may feel ready to give right now and that’s great. But most of us need some time to think and process what the next step means for us and our faith. Pray for how God is calling you forward to do something in our church and our community.

Moving from prayer to action can be a difficult next step, but the vision of Easter can’t be accomplished by passive onlookers. We need the people of Easter to serve and engage in new and transformational ways in and through Easter.

This is a very personal and very critical step for everyone. It's a transformational moment for the people of Easter to give with radical generosity as God is calling us forward to do more for our youth, our community, and our maturing adults.
THE GIVING LADDER

**Ridiculously Generous**
Give above and beyond

**Prioritized**
Give a percentage of income

**Consistent**
Give regularly on a weekly or monthly basis

**First Time**
Never given before, but will start giving now

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We’re all at different places with regards to our generosity.

However, we can all make a meaningful investment in what God is calling us to do. The Giving Ladder is designed to help you identify where you are with your generosity and where you want to be. There’s no formula for what to give and these are not steps to get closer to God. The ladder is a simple way for you to evaluate your growth in generosity. God is calling us to grow in our faith and grow in “this gracious act of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7).

Easter Lutheran is challenging you to take another step. We’re challenging you to imagine what we could accomplish together if everyone participated in radical generosity. We’re challenging you to be part of something bigger than yourself and do something.