

## **Council Corner – June Highlights**

Greetings from your Church Council! It has been a busy year at Trinity, and we thank you for continuing to support Trinity spiritually and financially. Thanks to your prayers and support, we are beginning to turn the corner and awaken increased vitality in our ministry together! This is just the beginning of a new, exciting chapter in the life of Trinity Lutheran Church!

For instance, beginning this Fall, and continuing for one year, Trinity will once again provide support and training for a pastoral intern.

Also this Fall, a new approach to Faith Formation begins with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, in the new “Atrium” (a new identity for the Kindergarten Classroom), for children ages 3 to 12.

Additionally, during the next year, Trinity will be in conversation with PLU and Campus Ministry, regarding the future of University Congregation, and Trinity’s possible role with students in congregational life!

God has great plans for us and for Trinity in the Parkland Community, and we need each and every person at Trinity to carry out this mission.

Below is an update on our campaign status, and a recap of the Heritage & Hope Celebration Event on June 7<sup>th</sup>:

**Campaign Update as of 6/21/2015 – Amount Committed YTD - \$595,520 of \$750,000 – 80% of goal**

**# of Commitments – 78 households = 39%**

**We need everyone to participate at some level, as every amount, no matter what the size or length of time, will help us reach our full goal of \$750,000!** If you have questions or concerns, we would love to hear from you, to learn how we can engage more members and friends of Trinity in our effort!

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> – Heritage & Hope Celebration Event**

- Nearly 100 people attended the celebration event!
- Five Benevolence Recipients received \$1,200 each:
  - PLUMs – PLU Matching Scholarships
  - Vocational Training Assistance Program
  - Lutheran Community Services Northwest – Caregiver Services
  - Mount Rainier Lutheran High School
  - Heifer International
- Other 2015 Benevolence Recipients are:
  - \$2,000 – PLU Nicaragua Water Well Project

- \$1,500 – Disaster Relief set aside
- \$500 – Habitat for Humanity – Tacoma/Pierce County

### **Impact on Ministry & Mission**

- A bold new emphasis on outside benevolence – **Adding \$10,000 additional dollars per year, with a goal of establishing a permanent amount of \$50,000 per year by year 5 of the campaign (over and above the amount we give to the Feeding Ministries and the Synod)**
- Providing permanent financial support for the Youth Director position – **hired in November 2014**
- providing funds to assist our youth attending the 2015 and 2018 Summer Youth Gathering
- Providing fair wages and benefits to our paid staff
- Fully funding our designated funds
- Hiring a 0.75FTE Communications & Marketing Coordinator, to ensure adequate staffing levels to increase our communication within the congregation, and extend our visibility in the community, as well as supporting the Heritage & Hope campaign – **hired April 1, 2015**
- Improving the safety and attractiveness of main entry, by removing and replacing the street trees with less invasive root systems and replacing the sidewalks
- Replacing the 60 year old main electrical distribution system and the wiring in the older parts of the facility
- Increasing the attractiveness and energy efficiency of our facilities, by replacing the existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting throughout the facility
- Improving hospitality by renovating the main restrooms in the Administration and Childcare wings
- Maintaining the integrity of the Sanctuary by finishing the roof replacement, and providing safe maintenance access to the roof

We look forward to serving in ministry with you, and continuing to listen and responding to God's call to serve. We ask for your continuing support through prayer, involvement in worship & ministry, and financial support!

In His service,

*Phil Edlund*  
Council President