



Dear UNITY Members,

On January 1, 2022 we will be celebrating the 5th Anniversary of UNITY Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support! From the expansion of the Aspen Center to serve men and women in recovery, to the hundreds of people we see on every Mission of Healing clinic in El Salvador, to every worship service we share together, we make a real impact on our members, partners and community.

In the past months we have resumed in-person Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation and VBS. All of our youth and servant trips took place this past summer. During Lent we contributed to Hebron House for much-needed technology. We set a record for scholarships for El Salvador. We contributed extra food and money to the Waukesha Food Pantry. We have been blessed to be a blessing.

We cannot forget the dedication of our Health and Wellness Center, which took place last month. We have also added what amounts to a third campus: our online worship, podcasts and bible studies serve a significant number of members and visitors alike.

With all those good things there are challenges too. The year we officially became UNITY was the year in which we were at peak giving for our Operating Fund. Since that time giving has declined about 1-2% a year for a cumulative four-year decline of 6.7%.

Our 2022 Stewardship Appeal theme is *United for the Future. Build, Serve, and Grow.* In 2021, over 13% of our Operating Budget went back to our Partners. We hope to increase that in 2022 even as we budget to add to the full scope of our ministries.

Our challenge to each other is this: Can you help us get back to where we were at the start?

- A 6.7% increase in your giving for 2022 would help accomplish that!
- If you feel especially able, could you consider 10%?
- If you want to do more but not that much, a 3.3% increase gets us half-way!

We will hold a pledge-a-thon December 3-5. Our goal is 300 pledges or online accounts (Electronic Fund Transfer/Credit Card) for 2022. We will have fun ways of marking when we hit 50 pledges, then 100, and so on. We will meet people from all our partners, interview members about the history of both campuses, go to worship and attend the high school youth group soccer game. All of this will be on our website and Facebook Live. The packed menu will be released soon!

Starting today, you can pledge online at any time. [CLICK HERE TO PLEDGE NOW](#). If you continue, add, or change an online account (EFT/CC) that counts as your pledge. Or, you can drop a hard copy in the marked boxes at either campus. Whenever you pledge, you can pick up a UNITY laptop/window sticker. If your pledge gets us to one of those milestones (50, 100, etc.), you might get a crazy prize or a chance to do an ice-bucket dump on one of the staff! These are fun things meant to bring energy and meaning to something that's essential to our future.

Thank you for every prayer, dollar, & minute you share here and beyond in Christ's name.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller, Chair and your 2022 Stewardship Team

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