

A Trinity's Family Gift Match Announcement

Trinity Lutheran has embarked on an ambition plan to expand God's ministry here in central Florida. Many have questioned this direction, but there is no comparison to growing a ministry and bringing God's word to more people and closer to where they live.

When our family first learned of the plan to expand Trinity southward, we were excited at the prospect of worshipping closer to home. Available land was found, an offer was accepted, so it became a reality for Trinity to grow southward. For us this was a mixed blessing as the location is not exactly where we hoped. But looking forward, it became clear that this was the right location to create and build a new ministry. It's not about us, it's about Trinity's future and to further God's ministry.

So, what is the challenge? For our family, it's realigning what God has entrusted to us. Right or wrong, it usually about the "Money!". But, is it not God's anyway? God asks only that we be good stewards of his gifts. We decided we wanted to be a part of this new ministry and share a gift.

Our family's goal: to lessen Trinity's dependance on lender's money as stated in Proverbs 22:7, "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender".

Here is our family's gift to Trinity

Wishing to remain anonymous, it is with great joy that we can gift \$250,000.00 to be used in a matching program here at Trinity. This match program begins today and continues through to the end of May 2021. We invite all of Trinity's families to join in on this gift match. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may many be moved to add their support.

The direction for this gift match is to pay off the original fellowship hall loan. (former sanctuary) This debt payoff is very much part of a bigger picture to meet Trinity's new mission objective.

As an example/suggestion to meet this challenge, if approx. 250 households, each supporting a gift of \$1000.00, although some may be larger, and some may be smaller, with all gift amounts working toward the same intent and final goal of \$500,000.

Please remember that any gift to be matched, its understood to be over and above one's current weekly/monthly tithe. Trinity operations and ministry still depend on regular gifts/tithes. We encourage only give to this match if you can honor this request.

How can members of Trinity participate?

Your gift for a matching benefit can be made from numerous sources. This includes: Cash, Credit Card, surrendering stocks, bonds, mutual funds shares, withdrawals from deferred annuities, bank CD's, IRA's. Assistance for those gifts that are a bit more complicated, the church ministry of the LCMS Foundation can assist if necessary. Also, tax reporting may require outside support from a tax advisor.

In the case of cash or credit card payment, consider using Trinity's on-line "Give Plus" found on www.trinitysummerfield.com and select from the church web site near the top, "Tithing/Gifts". This will open the "Give Plus" window. No log-in required for a one-time gift. Using the "Mission" entry line, ensure you identify your gift as "Loan Match". You will be directed to a second page to enter your credit card or bank payment information. Checks and/or cash are very much welcomed through normal Sunday plate offering, but again, please mark your gift as a "Loan Match". Blank envelopes are available at the welcome counter in the Narthex or just add a separate check to your regular envelope offering.

There may be more questions, hopefully we have answered most, as this gift is intended to be without complexity.

Please feel free to reach out to the church office for any additional questions. Our family hopes and prays that this is an inspiration for our congregation to be good and faithful stewards.

All praise to our Lord and Savior.

PS. Trinity's financial secretary will oversee collection and maintain full confidential discretion as usual. Full reporting will be done at the end of the match timeline.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas!