



STEWARDSHIP 2024

# *Built on a rock*



Luther Memorial Church

# Dear Luther Memorial family,

“Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing.” This line from the hymn *Built on A Rock* reminds me of Luther Memorial as a building and as a faith community. This fine building that houses our congregation is an architectural marvel. Yet it is just an earthly frame; what happens here is more important than the building itself.

Think of all that happens in this earthly frame!

- A happy and bustling Sunday School experience for all ages.
- Incredible music and talented choirs; we are blessed to hear the voices of children and adults!
- The Keep Food Pantry, busy on Thursdays with LM volunteers working to address food insecurity on campus.
- Partnerships with Lutheran Campus Ministry to connect with students.
- Marvelous music, strong faith and delicious food we share with Parroquia Santa María.
- Bible study, confirmation; the list goes on and on.

I am touched by the congregational family that calls Luther Memorial Church “home.” When I serve as Assisting Minister and look out from behind the altar, I am in awe of the music, the building, and most of all, the people.

Your involvement at Luther Memorial—your gifts of your time, your money, and your talent—is inspiring. Thank you for your financial gifts to Luther Memorial. These gifts are critical to our impact as a congregation. And, thank you for all that you do to make this spiritual house a loving, thriving, welcoming church home.

**I invite you to continue your involvement and support by renewing your annual operations pledge to Luther Memorial. As you prayerfully consider your 2024 annual operations pledge, please consider joining me in raising your pledge amount by 4% over last year. Increased prices and inflation affect the church, too.**

As we focus on our work, joining Christ to call every seeking soul, may we treasure and celebrate what makes Luther Memorial a community of inspiration and faith that we share.



Wishing you God's peace,  
Mary Jean Huston  
Luther Memorial Congregation Council President

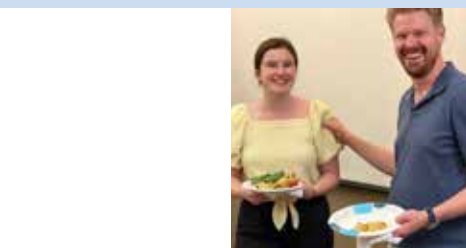


# *“To Font and Table, To Prayer and Word, I Call Every Seeking Soul.”*

*Danish inscription on church bell at West Denmark Lutheran Church, Luck, Wis.*

Inscribed on an old church bell, first rung at a church in Minnesota, later in northern Wisconsin, the sound of the bell calls people together. The calling of this bell articulated the sounded invitation to worship. This inscription on the bell tells of the central matters of Christian worship. We are washed in the waters of the font and called children of God; we gather to eat and drink of the meal that will sustain us until the end of all things; we receive the Word in song and proclamation, and we join together in prayer for the world, praying to the One who makes all things new, Christ our Lord. Let us heed the call; let us gather together, let us rejoice.

Pastor Brad Pohlman  
& Pastor John Worzala Dumke



# Pledge today

Please take time to prayerfully consider your support for 2024. Your pledge will help sustain the mission and ministries of Luther Memorial Church. Please direct your gift to the General Ministry Fund.

Your gifts to the general ministry of the congregation go to support everything from Sunday School, youth & family ministry, worship and The Keep Food Pantry to light bulbs and snow shoveling. As we plan for ministry in 2024, we invite you to consider making a pledge toward our ministry, and if you have done so in the past, to consider a 4% increase from the current year.

To pledge, simply go online to [www.luthermem.org/pledge](http://www.luthermem.org/pledge), or use the enclosed pledge form and return envelope. Extra forms are available at the welcome desk.

Have a question? Please contact Suelyn Swiggum, Director of Shared Ministry, at [swiggum@luthermem.org](mailto:swiggum@luthermem.org) or by calling the church office, (608) 258-3160 ext. 15.

## Note about Capital Appeal

We will be conducting a new 3-year capital appeal in the spring. Please see the enclosed letter from treasurer Bill Hunnex regarding this appeal and the building fund.

## Thank you!

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