

# BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Thanks to the many who have contributed to the Building Fund. In June of 2020 we launched an interim period of giving called *Continuing in Faith*. Since that launch we have had \$114,594 contributed to the Building Fund by 181 households. This level of giving has allowed us to make our monthly payment of \$27,010. If you wish to support the Building Fund, you can do so by mailing a check with *Building Fund* in the memo line or contribute online at [firstlutheranalexandria.com/giving](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com/giving). You can make a one-time or ongoing gift at any time. Thank you for your support.

**"YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE RICH TO BE GENEROUS." —ANONYMOUS**

## STOCK TRANSFERS

Gifts of appreciated stock, which has been held more than a year, can be an excellent way to share God's gifts with First Lutheran Church. When you contribute appreciated stock to First Lutheran, you will receive credit from the church for the current fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift, no matter what you originally paid.

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA

Did you know if you are over 70 1/2 years old you can make a direct transfer to First Lutheran from your IRA via a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)? You should coordinate this strategy for giving with your IRA custodian. Please also consult your financial advisor or tax preparer before deciding to contribute in this manner.

## PLANNED-GIVING YOUR LEGACY

God's work in the world has spoken to your heart, but where do you begin? Having an estate plan in place can help ensure you leave a legacy to those persons or organizations you most care about. Gift planning usually involves financial or estate planning, however, it is not reserved for the wealthy.

Please contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office at the number below for more information.

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## Giving Options

*Even a pandemic cannot dampen our spirit. It cannot keep us from caring for one another whether it is by texts, calls, handwritten notes, drive-by blessings or countless other creative connections.*

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is a secure, automated giving option that provides consistent support to the ministry of First Lutheran Church. With Simply Giving, you decide when and how often your offering is made. Enrollment is easy by visiting the Giving page on our website or by contacting the church office.

GIVE ONLINE

Online offerings are a fast, safe way to make a donation. Visit the Giving page on our website.

GIVE BY TEXT

Text the dollar amount you wish to give to 320.500.6014 and follow the prompts to complete your donation. Account setup is simple and only needed at the time of your first gift. Subsequent offerings can be completed by simply sending the dollar amount to the phone number above.

**“FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLAN I HAVE FOR YOU” SAYS THE LORD, “PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE.”**

**-JEREMIAH 29:11**

This year has been like no other. Every person has experienced loss at some level. However, along the way, we have also grown as God’s people, learned to adapt and have discovered new opportunities. Together we believe in the promise of Jeremiah 29:11. That says, God has given us “a future with hope.” This is not just optimism; it is trusting in the one who we have trusted in so often before. God is faithful and continues to inspire and use us to move from simply “going” to church to actually “being” the church. As a community of faith, let us entrust our hands and hearts, our spirit of generosity, and our very lives to God once again. That is what it means to be people marked by hope. Thank you for believing together.

## MAIL YOUR OFFERING

Offerings can be mailed to the church at the address on the reverse side of the brochure or you can drop your offering off at the church office during office hours. We love hearing from you!

## OTHER GIVING OPTIONS

Please contact the church office or visit our website for more information on these options:

- IRA Distributions
- Stocks or Mutual Funds
- Legacy Gifts
- Endowment Fund