

CREATIVE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING



Some families may be very supportive of the Capital Campaign and want to help out, but might need to do it in different ways. There are alternatives to providing cash to the three-year capital pledge if you have other types of assets. You may want to consider: certificates of deposit, publicly traded

stocks and bonds, gifts of personal property, such as gifts of gold jewelry, gifts of real estate, life insurance, or planned and estate giving targeted to the building.

If these or other options appeal to you, information will be available in your pledge packet and on the capital fund pledge card, or you can speak to one of the campaign leaders about your interests. Another way to help the Campaign for St. Luke is through long term planning in your estate or will. Sometimes this type of gift is managed by The St. Luke Lutheran Church Trust Fund .

LEGACY GIVING

The St. Luke Lutheran Church Trust Fund enhances the work of the church above and beyond what is funded through general offerings. Your gift to The Trust Fund may also be designated for a specific ministry including the Capital Campaign or Building Fund. The St. Luke Lutheran Church Trust Fund (The Trust Fund) furthers St. Luke's mission to Worship, Connect and Serve through the many new ministries and programs The Trust Fund helps to launch.



Each year the St. Luke Trust Fund committee distributes approximately 4% of the Trust general fund for projects that support our mission. The Trust Fund receives monies from three main sources:

- ◆ **Investment Strategy & Performance** - The Trust Fund invests in a balanced and diversified portfolio with the assumption of an indefinite investment horizon in an attempt to capture long-term market growth.
- ◆ **Wills and Trusts** - Through wills and trusts, members have used The Trust Fund to continue their wishes to serve St. Luke.
- ◆ **Memorial Gifts** - Memorial funds are used to purchase items to further the St. Luke mission such as candleholders for the altar and microphones for the Pastors. The Trust Fund follows the wishes of the family when making use of memorial funds.

By remembering St. Luke in your will, you are leaving a lasting legacy to further the work of God.

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OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS

Capital Fund: Raise \$2 million over the next three years to fund the first stage of the St. Luke 2012 Master Plan

Annual Budgets: Raise the remaining annual funds needed to meet the Church's \$1.1 million 2013 operating expenses

Pledge for 2014 ministries and programs

Legacy Giving: Raise awareness and encourage participation

LIGHTS, ACTION, CAMERA OR PENCIL AND PAPER

Send us your 30-60 second video or an e-mail message to mystorystluke@gmail.com or place your story card in the glass jar labeled My Story in the narthex. Visit our website to see fellow members talking about what brings them to St. Luke week after week and year after year.

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD, NEW IDEAS

The display in the narthex provides a glimpse of our past, snapshots of ways we are connecting today and a look at an implementation plan for our future. We also have a wall display to show your new ideas. We encourage you to walk around the display to learn about how we've built this place and how we plan to enhance this space for ministry. We also invite you to provide an idea about something you want to see in our future. Put forth a fruit or plant a seed with us during the campaign. The more information we capture, the better we can serve God and our neighbors.



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THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. LUKE



...they are like trees planted by
streams of water that put forth
fruit in their season

Psalm 1

WEST WOMEN'S SHELTER

St. Luke has a heart for the victims of domestic violence, and we have made a long-term commitment to support the West Women's and Children's Shelter. When women find the courage to escape an abusive relationship, they find a safe place for themselves and their children at the West. A ministry of the Salvation Army, the WWCS provides a safe home, clothing, meals, counseling, job search assistance and a friendly helping hand to abuse victims and their children.

St. Luke continuously gathers women's and children's clothing for the West in a bin outside the Fellowship Hall. To honor the courage of the mothers at the West, we have hosted a Mother's Day Tea for them since 2007. St. Luke members decorate the dining room at the shelter to create a beautiful setting and serve a special luncheon and dessert for the residents to make Mother's Day special for them.

For the past year, Sarah Circle has focused its service work at the West, collecting needed items for the shelter each month. They have also been collecting items the women will need when they are ready to leave the shelter and move into their own apartments.

"We are in gratitude for all the ways you support the Shelter and survivors of domestic violence."

- West Women's and Children's Shelter.



Honoring West Women's Moms with a Mother's Day Tea—St. Luke Volunteers from 2012.

LETTY OWINGS CENTER



Photo of resident babies from Letty Owings website.

Every mother wants to give her precious baby a happy, healthy start in life. Mothers living in poverty and struggling with addiction in our community would have little hope of achieving that dream without the help of the Letty Owings Center (LOC). At Letty Owings, addicted mothers find a safe place to receive treatment and learn parenting and life skills. It is the largest of the very few treatment centers in Oregon where mothers can live with their children. The innovative, gender-specific treatment programs offered at the Letty Owings Center help to ensure that babies are born drug and alcohol-free and that new mothers learn how to care for and nurture their infants and young children.

St. Luke has a long-standing support relationship with the Letty Owings Center. Each year we contribute Social Concerns dollars to support the LOC program. If you have taken gift tags from the Giving Tree in the narthex at Christmas time, the gifts you've contributed have shown God's love to the women and children at the Letty Owings Center.

"Thank you for your generous donations. Your support is crucial for us to provide comprehensive, intensive residential treatment to poverty level women who are pregnant and/or parenting young children. Since first opening in 1989, we have helped more than 1100 women, and 232 babies have been born drug free."

- Letty Owings Center



Let our lives reflect your glory

Hymn 670

MORE ABOUT LEGACY GIVING

WORSHIP The Trust Fund has made several new programs and ministries possible. It



has provided funds for the Capital Campaign and the musical ministry to acquire the church's digital organ and new hymnals. Special speakers and programs such as Stephen Ministry training were funded by The Trust Fund. Ministry growth was made possible by The Trust Fund financial commitment to loan money to acquire additional real property and the sanctuary updating including disability accommodation. The pew pads and remodeling of the church nursery to enhance the atmosphere and ensure the safety of our children were aided by The Trust Fund. As you view the beauty of St. Luke, know the art work, including paintings, stained glass windows, paraments and pew candle sticks were made possible through funds provided by The Trust Fund.



Your contributions to The Trust Fund such as memorials, bequests, and gifts, can be made at any time. They can be in the form of cash, insurance policies, stocks, and other assets through a clear and properly defined statement in a trust agreement or will. Tell any Pastor or the Church Office that you would like to meet with a Trust Fund Member to discuss your short-term or long-term plans. You will have an opportunity to request more information on your annual giving pledge card.

CONNECT The Trust Fund aids St Luke Educational & Outreach Programs and provides educational



assistance for pastoral sabbaticals and staff education. It provides substantial financial support to our Seminary Students.

SERVE The Trust Fund provides our Pastors' discretionary fund to support special short-term needs. The seed funds for Annual Grauer Project for providing needed school supplies for SW Portland children and the start-up assistance for Community Table and food bank supplies and support came from The Trust Fund.



GROW - Scholarships



The Trust Fund administers the Benson Family Foundation Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to St. Luke members or their lineal descendants who attend Lutheran universities.