



ALL IN: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CALVARY'S FUTURE

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Campaign Giving Goals

On February 4th, the Congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church adopted a goal of \$750,000. This number was based upon congregational giving trends over the past several years as well as input from our Campaign consultant. We believe this goal is challenging but achievable. It will take all of us to get there.

Project Needs

Elevator:

An elevator is consistently ranked #1 on Calvary's list of improvements. Currently, worshipers, mourners and visitors who require vertical mobility assistance must trek around the outside of the church to move between floors. This is unacceptable in this day and age and severely affects the attractiveness of Calvary as an all-inclusive destination.

Bathrooms:

Calvary's bathrooms in the narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall were completed in 1962. Today, floor tiles are cracked, walls are marred, toilets fail regularly, and our restrooms are generally unhospitable to persons with disabilities. Our goal in upcoming renovations is to modernize and improve our restrooms, bringing them up to modern ADA standards as well as to improve efficiency and general attractiveness.

HVAC:

While the air conditioners serving the sanctuary and fellowship hall were replaced in the last five years, Calvary's boiler is a much different story. The current boiler, which provides heat throughout the building was installed in 1962. We are quite certain God must have several angels watching over this system keeping it from harm and danger for this long. We have been told for quite some time that the time is now to update this system, completely replacing the current, antiquated setup. A new boiler plus updated components will provide significant energy costs savings for the church, plus the added assurance of having a modern, reliable system.

Windows:

The windows throughout the educational wing and church portions of the building are original to 1962. While many of the windows seem OK at first glance, closer inspection will reveal numerous issues. Calvary's windows are single pane, which means they are very energy inefficient. Given their age, they are prone to cracks or breakage under even slight duress (several have been repaired in recent years). Many windows throughout the building are no longer operational in opening and closing; some have locking issues which are a security concern. Our builder and architect estimate it will cost about \$85,000 to replace the windows throughout.



All In

Our Capital Campaign has a set goal of raising \$750,000 to aid with improvements to our facilities.

Improvements could include: elevator, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) bathroom upgrades, window replacements throughout the building, and even building expansion if funding allows.



Stairs



Windows



Boiler

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

by Vision Awareness Team

Please find a few of the FAQs are listed below. For the full list, please go to calvarysilverspring.org/allinfaq



Why are we conducting this campaign?

Over the past 3 years Calvary has been working to identify specific goals for congregational ministry and mission work. One of the goals that has been adopted is a commitment to caring for our aging facility. Since no major upgrades have been made to the building since 1962, a number of critical building systems are in need of overhaul. Additionally, we have the desire to make our building accessible and safe for all who use it. We believe this campaign will allow for work to be done to reach these goals. To be clear, this campaign is not just about the building. We believe that caring for our facility is just

one step towards a future where Calvary is better equipped to care for our worshipping families, meet the needs of the community, and serve as an incubator for new ministries and initiatives.

How will the building repairs and improvements further Calvary's mission and vision?

We believe the building improvements are critical to meeting our future ministry goals. Currently, a significant portion of church leadership and staff time is spent managing building repairs and problems. We envision a future where the congregation is freed from

these administratively time-consuming tasks in order to focus on ministry. Specifically, we believe a big part of our ministry will involve serving a growing children's and family ministry which will benefit from improved space and dedicated classrooms. We believe that we have the opportunity to be an incubator for new ministries and initiatives which will require space in our facility that is safe, efficient, and accessible for all. And we believe that our commitment to long-term ministry partnerships, such as Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, The Auburn School, Little Leaves, and others, demands that we provide a space that is more accessible and efficient.

Stewardship Journey

From Claire and Jerry Miller

JERRY: In reflecting on our approach to giving, we're compelled to think about the influences our families had on us. We were both fortunate in picking good parents! We grew up in very similar families, our home churches were about a mile apart, and when we got our first jobs in high school, we followed our parents' examples and gave our "first fruits" to God.

CLAIRE: Giving 10% wasn't hard to do when our parents provided us with the necessities of life. But we got married right before Jerry started graduate school, and for most of the next five years, we lived on Jerry's doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships. Of course, we were contributing to our church, but certainly not tithing, until . . .

JERRY: The pivotal event in our "giving life" came when I was serving two years as a lieutenant in the Army stationed north of Baltimore. My younger sister Grace and her husband, who was an enlisted man in the Navy, were stationed near us, and we got together frequently. One night they talked about tithing to their church. Grace simply

said, "God has always taken good care of us, so we don't have to worry."

Hmmm—we thought, God has certainly been taking good care of us and our two kids, too, and if Grace and Bob can tithe on an enlisted man's salary, we could at least shoot for giving 10% of our net income!

CLAIRE: When Jerry landed a job as a prof at the University of Maryland, we rented a house a mile or so from Calvary, and we have been members here for 53 years. What's been so important for us has been the support from Calvary members for our family – AND – the opportunities that have kept coming our way.

JERRY: Eventually, we got past 10% of net income to 10% of total income. Other opportunities came both at Calvary and beyond. I was given the opportunity to join the board of "Ablaze for God's Mission," a



Southeastern District program that started new congregations and schools. We pledged our support to that mission and have also enjoyed supporting second-career seminary students in honor of Claire's dad, who went into the ministry after a long career as a Lutheran teacher. And opportunities keep coming for all of us!

CLAIRE: Now we at Calvary have the opportunity to make a significant advance forward for God's ministry in Silver Spring. We're fortunate that Grace & Bob helped us see the opportunity for significant giving when we were in our late 20's – it isn't something just for well-established folks at the peak of their career or in retirement. It's a NOW thing for everyone!

JERRY: Yes, and it was quite touching to hear from both of our kids recently that they are involved with helping their churches during capital campaigns. They're our next generation! Our grandsons are in college now, and may they continue the same tradition. It is the opportunity, the responsibility to help continue the ministry.

Levels of Giving

On Sunday, April 15, 2018 (Commitment Sunday) members of the Calvary community will be invited to make a pledge to the ALL IN Campaign. During the service there will be a "time of commitment" for placing pledge cards on the altar, dedicating our offerings to God's work. Alternatively, if you cannot join us in church that Sunday, pledge cards can be returned to the office by mail.

These pledges indicate a commitment to give over a three-year period. Some people may choose to fulfill their pledge via an initial, all-at-once gift. Others may choose to give every week, month, or year, for the three years of the campaign.

To fulfil your pledge, checks can be made out to Calvary Lutheran Church with ALL IN CAMPAIGN in the memo line. Or, you can visit calvarysilverspring.org/go-all-in to give electronically via Vanco, our secure online giving partner. One-time gifts, or recurring donations may be made electronically. In addition to check, cash, or electronic giving, Calvary is also prepared to receive gifts in the form of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other items of value. If you would like to give in one of these ways, please contact the church office at 301-589-4001 and ask to speak with Carl Johnson, Calvary's business manager.

No matter how you choose to give, we are appreciative of your generosity to this Campaign. It will take all of us to reach our goal!

KING DAVID BEGAN
PREPARING FOR THIS
MAGNIFICENT BUILDING THAT
HIS SON, SOLOMON, WOULD
ACTUALLY CONSTRUCT.
BEGINNING WITH HIS OWN
SACRIFICIAL GIFT AND
CHALLENGING THE LEADERS
AND PEOPLE TO GIVE, HE
RAISED A GREAT SUM OF
MONEY TO PROVIDE FOR THIS
TEMPLE.

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Meet the Campaign Directors - Courtney Fletcher

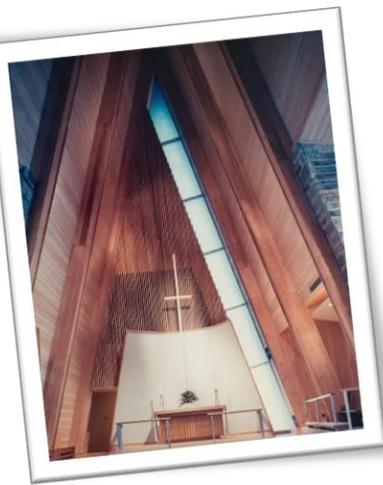
Meet Courtney Fletcher, our co-Director together with Robyn Frank. Since joining Calvary Lutheran in 2003, Courtney has been the VP of Education, Executive Vice President, sat on a number of committees and currently serves as a KidsChurch teacher for our PreK – Kindergarten and 3rd – 6th graders. Many years prior to joining Calvary, Courtney was a graduate of the Calvary's School. She was just one of six graduates that year and is still in contact with most of her graduating class. Following her mother and son joining Calvary, her grandmother returned to Calvary as a member (Norcie and Lewis Green were members of Calvary prior to moving to California in 1992). You may remember them as they sat in their standard "Lutheran Approved" pew with four generations every Sunday.

Courtney is passionate about the success and positive changes Calvary has made over the last few years and is encouraged by the promise of more to come. It is for this reason she was open to working with our Capital Campaign.

"The love we share for Calvary and the faithfulness of our members drives my desire and willingness to help Calvary fulfill our mission and vision for the coming years."

Ultimately, Courtney understands that "Motivation, love and faithfulness alone cannot ensure our All In capital campaign is a success, it takes those things plus prayer and pledge commitments, from not only our campaign leaders, but everyone".

Courtney believes that with everyone working together we can achieve our goal, fulfill our mission and be a welcoming and inviting place to share the love of God.



Spiritual Life Team

The Capital Campaign is blessed to include a Spiritual Life Team.

The team has put together a 21 Day Spiritual Devotional guide for March 25th through April 14th which will be distributed March 18th - keep an eye out for it! They hope this guide will aid in self-reflection when considering your commitments to the campaign. Furthermore, Bible Study Groups have been provided with a Stewardship Bible Study Guide to guide discussions and educate members on different aspects of stewardship this March and April.

A Prayer Service Program is being planned for the days ahead of Commitment Sunday. Additional details will be provided in future Capital Campaign communications.

Important Campaign Dates

Spiritual Life Weekend

April 13 & 14

Commitment Sunday

April 15

First Fruits Sunday

April 29

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