



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Sharing Christ's Love*

June 10, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of First Lutheran Church,

We are writing to update you on the work of the Charlotte Swanson Trust Fund Task Force.

## Task Force Accomplishments to Date

- 1) Surveyed the congregation for suggestions and comments (50+ responses), plus held several “town hall” meetings;
- 2) Investigated the feasibility and costs of many of the suggestions presented to us;
- 3) Met monthly to review the suggestions and feasibilities we found in our investigative work;
- 4) Developed a few principles that would guide us, including:
  - a) monies would not be spent on items that are largely budgetary (i.e. HVAC, roofing, security, etc.), rather on things we might otherwise not be able to afford;
  - b) the congregational responses indicated a strong desire for charitable giving; we agreed that 10% should be spent in an impactful manner.
- 5) Contacted architectural/consulting firms to look at a possible redesign or remodel of the Fellowship Room, other meeting/educational space, and a covered entrance at the Main Street doors. Met with Streamline Architects (East Moline) and received a proposal.

## Preliminary Recommendations to Church Council

- 1) 10% of the overall gift (\$24,000) shall be designated for charitable giving. We recommend \$8,000 each to Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger, and Lutheran Disaster Response.
- 2) Accept the initial proposal from Streamline Architects for \$16,000 to develop a master plan for the redesign and remodel of our existing building.

Finally, a survey is included in this letter regarding the possibility of installing a columbarium on church grounds. We would like your input! We also invite you to keep us in your prayers, as we continue to discuss and discern.

Sincerely,

Co-Chairs Ray Bergles and Bill Nelson; Members Darla Anderson, Lendol Calder, Pastor Laura Kamprath, Pastor Matt Kamprath, Lorrie Lord, Cathy Runty, and Connor Runty