

Dear Friends in Christ,

Not many generations are asked to do something monumental for future generations. But more than **sixty-five years** ago, a generation came together to do something extraordinary, build a church in the new community of Clairemont. Since 1954, Clairemont Lutheran Church has experienced God's continuous blessings. And whether you have been a member for only a brief time or longer than you are able to remember, you are standing on the foundation laid by those who have gone before us.

We have always been more than just a group of people who gather together each weekend. We are a family of faith and we live our faith out in the community. The doors of our iconic Sanctuary and our Fellowship Hall swing open wide, and we welcome all to join us in praise and fellowship.

The facilities of Clairemont Lutheran have served tens of thousands of people through caring, worship, teaching, feeding, and even entertainment. We offer a gathering place for members and neighbors seeking fellowship, reflection, and solitude. Our campus is a beacon of light and respite for the congregation and the neighborhood. But our 65-year-old Fellowship Hall can no longer meet the needs of our congregation or the community.

- Our kitchen, the heart and soul of the Fellowship Hall, is antiquated and inefficient.
- The south section of the building is sinking and is now a safety hazard.
- The plumbing is failing and the fireplace is non-operational.
- Our once beautiful exterior now shows deep signs of aging.
- The entire building is in desperate need of repair.

With input from the congregation, the building committee and our contractor, a master architectural plan has been developed that meets our current needs and positions us to serve the community well into the future. **But the need is urgent, and the time is now to move forward with enthusiasm in building a new Fellowship Hall.**

The church council has approved a capital campaign titled, **'Raise the Roof.'** The ultimate goal is to raise \$400,000 or more, but the minimum requirement is \$375,000 in pledges over three years. The \$375,000 is the lender's requirement to secure the loan.

Today the need for a place of Christian fellowship and community gathering is greater than ever. In just a few days you will receive a letter in the mail containing a listing of ways you can contribute to our Raise the Roof campaign. Please, prayerfully consider how you can generously contribute to this needed and worthwhile project. Complete and return your pledge card in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you,

The Raise the Roof Campaign Committee