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A Capital Campaign for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston

A BEACON OF FAITH

St. Luke's Episcopal Church stands as a beacon of faith, inclusivity, and service. With a mission to create a welcoming, multigenerational faith community, St. Luke's is committed to fostering spiritual growth, lifelong learning, and acts of service that make a positive impact in the world. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, its dedication to vibrant worship—enriched by preaching, liturgy, music, and the arts—reflects its profound commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of its members.

St. Luke's strives to be a place where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can explore and celebrate their faith. It aspires to cultivate a sense of belonging through worship, fellowship, and meaningful expressions of God's love. By inspiring one another through shared ideas, questions, and unique gifts, St. Luke's continues to thrive as a dynamic community for spiritual exploration and growth.



CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY

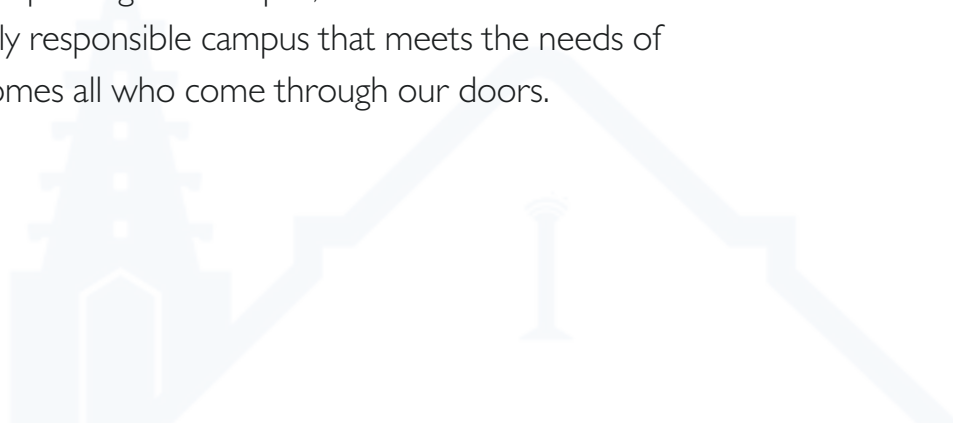
St. Luke's is experiencing an upward trajectory in all aspects of our community. For the last five years, we have enjoyed consistent 15% year-over-year growth in our membership and now maintain one of the highest average Sunday attendance rates in the diocese. Our vibrant growth and expanding ministries demonstrate a thriving faith community that bucks national trends among mainline churches.

St. Luke's has committed and talented clergy and staff, strong lay leadership, and a vibrant and engaged multigenerational congregation that continues to grow and flourish.

With such an active community, however, our physical spaces are becoming increasingly inadequate. Our historic parish house, the center of our community life, is difficult if not impossible to access for those who are not fully mobile.

Investment in our parish house will allow St. Luke's to welcome all people, regardless of their physical limitations into a safe, dry, accessible, and hospitable space. To be a resource for the people of St. Luke's and those we have not yet met, we must create a space where people can easily and safely gather.

By thoughtfully investing in improving our campus, we can create an inclusive and environmentally responsible campus that meets the needs of our congregation and welcomes all who come through our doors.



THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: ELEVATE ST. LUKE'S



The ELEVATE capital campaign provides critical resources for renovations and improvements to beloved spaces within the St. Luke's campus, including the historic parish house—built in 1920—and the outdoor courtyard, also known as the garth.

If we are to continuously evolve and meet changing community needs, we must invest in our beautiful, historic building to ensure we are ready to engage and inspire future generations.

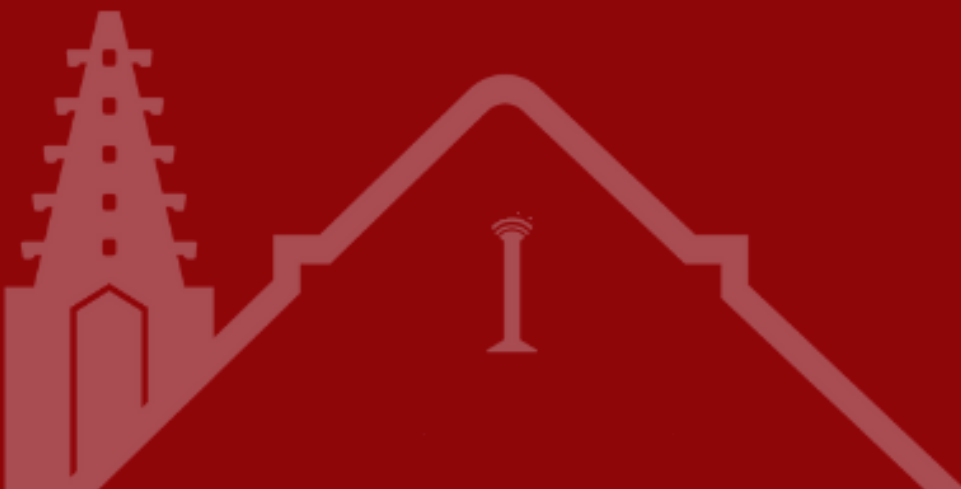
Our capital campaign goals will strengthen our ability to achieve our **strategic plan goals**, which include:

- Working toward equity, sustainability, and racial reconciliation.
- Expanding the arts in worship and establishing St. Luke's as a space for arts organizations across our community.
- Developing educational excellence so that St. Luke's becomes known for its education as much as for its music.
- Increasing the percentage of households with children while maintaining our commitment to members of all ages and life stages.
- Developing a comprehensive campus plan for maintenance, improvement, and sustainability to ensure our historic campus serves future generations.



NO BARRIERS TO BELONGING

Our Core Goals



The ELEVATE capital campaign seeks \$2 million to transform our historic building into a fully accessible, functional, and sustainable space that will serve our growing congregation and community for generations to come.

What Your Support Will Accomplish

Core Elevator Project:

- Install a two-sided entry elevator in the parish house providing access to every floor, including direct access to the nave.
- Construct an uninterrupted access ramp through the garth, creating a direct path from Hinman Avenue to the elevator.

Enhanced Accessibility Improvements:

- Install accessible restrooms on the lower level and first floor of the parish house.
- Revitalize the garth into an accessible, welcoming gathering space with native plantings and a green memorial garden.

Required Infrastructure Updates:

- Build a new code-compliant stairwell in the parish house.
- Reconfigure the kitchen and office spaces to accommodate the elevator while improving functionality.
- Update our electrical system to safely operate the elevator and support future needs.

Critical Building Maintenance:

- Replace deteriorating roof segments to protect our historic structure.
- Upgrade sanitary infrastructure to prevent flooding and sewage back-up in the parish house.



DREAMING BIGGER

Beyond Our Core Goals

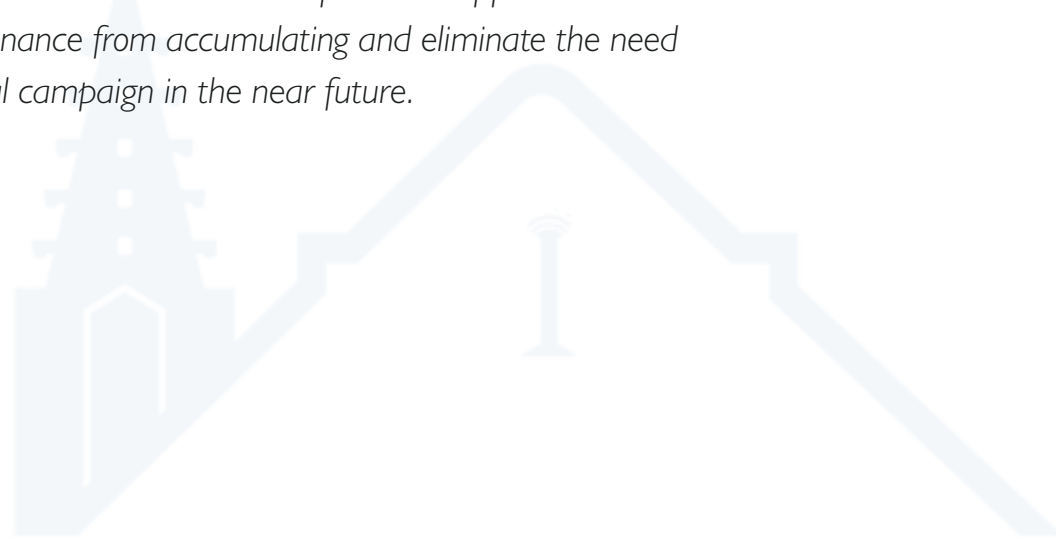


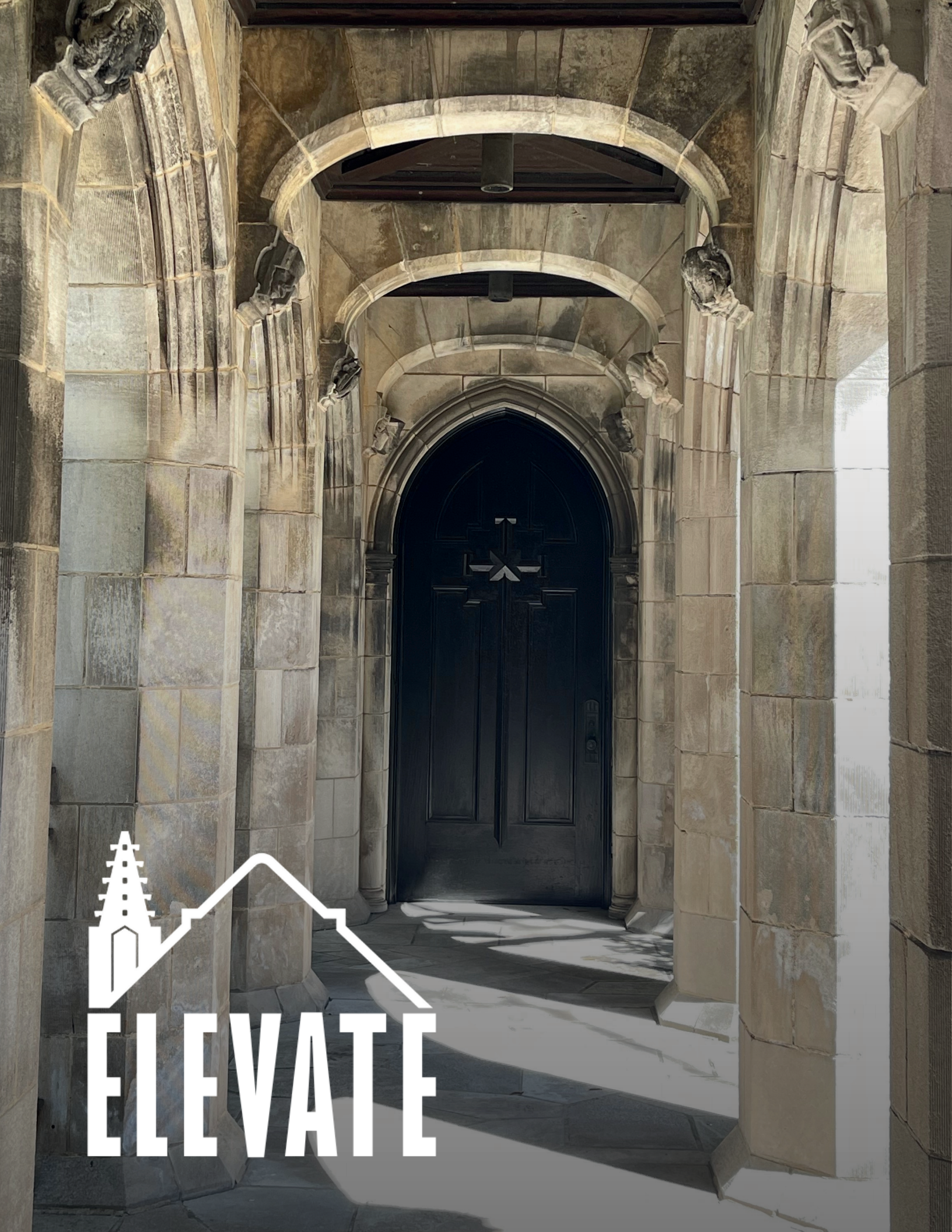
Our \$2 million goal represents the essential foundation for making St. Luke's fully accessible. However, we have the opportunity to accomplish even more with additional support. By exceeding our initial target, we can implement further improvements that enhance our ministry, reduce our environmental footprint, and ensure our campus serves our community for generations to come.

If we exceed our \$2 million goal, we can achieve these additional priorities:

- Create versatile, accessible spaces for meetings, offices, and classrooms throughout the parish house.
- Add an accessible restroom on the third floor for complete building access.
- Install energy-efficient boilers to reduce costs and environmental impact.
- Prepare infrastructure for future air conditioning to preserve our historic limestone and enable year-round use.
- Add solar panels to offset energy use and demonstrate environmental stewardship.

Regardless of the total amount raised, we are committed to implementing a year-over-year operating plan to systematically replace and repair roofs, windows, and systems on an annual basis. This proactive approach will prevent deferred maintenance from accumulating and eliminate the need for another major capital campaign in the near future.






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IT'S OUR TURN: TAKE ACTION

This campaign envisions the next chapter in St. Luke's history. The challenges we face—achieving universal accessibility, minimizing climate impact, and creating welcoming community and education spaces—will be met as we work together to realize a campus as beautiful as the St. Luke's community itself.

We invite you to support St. Luke's by confidently and generously investing in the ELEVATE capital campaign, above and beyond annual support, at the most inspired level possible.

Together, we can realize a campus that stands as an example of our collective dedication and commitment—one that is accessible, sustainable, and welcoming for all members of our community and future generations.





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