

Faith FOWARD

AT FOX POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stewardship 2024

Hey there, my Fox Point Lutheran Church family!

Ready to buckle up and embark on the most exhilarating, faith-forward adventure of your lives? We're about to dive headfirst into the wacky and wonderful world of giving, where your generosity becomes the superpower that fuels our church's success!

First, I want to give each and every one of you a big virtual bear hug for your incredible and inspiring dedication to moving *Faith-Forward*. You all are the true superheroes of our congregation, and without your giving, support, and love, we wouldn't be where we are today. **Thank you!**

Now, let's talk about the theme of this year's giving campaign: *Faith-Forward*. It's all about reminding ourselves that every single dollar of the \$1.3 million we use to propel our faith forward is contributed by the amazing members of our congregation. We're completely, 100% self-sufficient. No national church or Greater Milwaukee Synod funding here. We dance to the beat of our own drums!

Not only do we fuel our own growth, we also give over \$80,000 to provide worship and education materials and to support those in need locally and worldwide. We're like a giving powerhouse, spreading love and kindness like confetti everywhere we go!

Speaking of growth, get ready to have your minds blown! While half of the Lutheran churches around us are unfortunately in decline, we're defying the odds. We just keep soaring higher and higher! Over the past two years, we've welcomed over 250 new people into our church family. That's some serious growth, my friends!

And we're not just growing in numbers. We're growing in spirit and energy, too! Our worship is alive, our preaching is relevant and dynamic, and we've got a vibrant elementary Sunday school with over 200 kids and a middle-school Confirmation program with over 70 participants. And let's not forget about our incredible high school youth program. Last summer, we sent 46 of our awesome teenagers to Boston to serve those in need. Talk about making a difference, right? We're not just talking the talk; we're walking the walk!

What makes our congregation even more special is that we share our love across generations. We are a church home to many multi-generational families, with grandparents, parents, and kids all coming to church together, creating a sense of unity, love, and community that is touching and simply unparalleled.

So now we've got some numbers to crunch and some fun to have as we dive into the world of giving. So, buckle up, put on your giving cap, and get ready to be wowed!

First things first, let's talk about those numbers. Did you know that our amazing \$1.3 million dollars comes from 593 stellar families? That's right, you're part of this incredible crew! If we were to divide it equally, each family would be throwing in \$2,594. But hold on, we've got an even more amazing breakdown coming your way!

The cost per family for our worship is just \$150 a year! That's like pocket change for the incredible experience we get to have each and every week. Talk about a bargain, right? The cost per family per year for Children's Ministry is \$139, to care and maintain our beautiful church building is \$260 per family per year, making sure we have an amazing staff is \$1,759, and our care for those in need outside the church is \$345 per family per year.

When you add all of it up, the cost of caring for our entire faith community, from taking care of our exceptional staff, those in need, our beautiful building, and those looking to learn about their faith—young and old—is only \$48 per family a week! That's a pretty solid investment to make in such an extraordinary place.

So, here's the exciting part – the "ASK." Exciting because we know you have and can continue to make a difference in so many lives. We're asking you to increase your giving for our *Faith Forward* journey by 9%. If you gave \$5,000 a year, that would mean an increase of \$8 a week. It will make it possible for us to soar to new heights and touch the lives of generations to come. You're making a real difference, my friends!

In 2024, we have some big dreams to bring on a new youth pastor, provide resources for our growing church, and increase our giving to those in need. It's like adding rocket fuel to our *Faith Forward* mission!

Can we count on you to return your pledge by Gratitude Sunday, November 19, 2023? The easiest way to respond is by using the online pledge card which can be found on our website at foxpointchurch.org. Or, you can indicate your pledge on a physical pledge card and mail it to our church office or drop it off at the welcome desk. Cards are available at church or you may download a card from our website.

So, my fabulous Fox Point Lutheran Church family, let's keep pushing on, fueling our journey with giving, love, and unbreakable faith. Together, we're going to keep this amazing energy and excitement alive and propel our *Faith Forward* far and wide!

With boundless energy, gratitude, and faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Bill Knapp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pastor" written in a smaller, more upright script than the last name "Knapp".

Pastor Bill Knapp
Senior Pastor