



Spirit in the Hills

Lutheran Church

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Dear Friend in Christ:

John Ruskin, artist, and architect, said, “When we build, let us think that we build forever...not for present use alone.” Habitat for Humanity has as one of its mottos: “You will be remembered by what you have built, not by what you have bought.” Through faith we have come to our current worship location. Now our goal is to raise funds to do both required and desired upgrades to our property that will bring us in line with County and Emergency codes, and even more to plant roots in our community, and create an inviting place that provides ample opportunity to connect with God, neighbor, and nature.

I’m really excited about additional ministry possibilities open to us as we tend to these much-needed upgrades to our new property. Before Commitment Sunday, October 2, you will receive a brochure describing our Campaign goals with photos of our many members and ministries.

My family and I will add our support this effort as an act of thanksgiving to God. Raising these funds will be significant for our witness here in Spicewood, Bee Cave, Lakeway, and far beyond. This will enable us to provide a strong, visible, and vital ministry for Christ. Our world needs the church to be at its best today more than ever.

We witness in part with our pledges. I want you to know that Leigh and I plan to make a gift on commitment Sunday of \$1,750 as well as a pledge of at least \$2,750 per year totaling \$10,000 to the ***Seeds of Hope Campaign***. This will be in addition to our current offerings because this is such an important goal for the future vitality of our congregation.

Whether your pledge is large or small, it will be important! Those who give themselves to a great cause are always willing to go “the second mile.” Please join me as a prayer partner for this bold adventure in faith as we sow seeds of hope in Christ for generations to come.

In Christ,

Pastor Drew Ingram

P. S. Please see the reverse side for some thoughts on Why People Give.

Why People Give

Some give out of *gratitude*. They believe God has blessed them. Life is good. Out of gratitude they give.

Some give out of *responsibility*. They believe that everything finally belongs to God—that they are managers for God. They use what they reasonably need for themselves, but they use some for others. Out of *responsibility* they give.

Some give out of *loyalty*. They see the church as their extended family, and they want to be loyal to the family. Out of *loyalty* they give for the benefit, as well as the hopes and dreams, of their church family.

Some give to *express their inward commitment to God*. They believe that “religion of the heart” must be given hands and feet. Giving is a concrete way of doing so. Out of a desire to express outwardly their inner convictions they give.

Perhaps one or more of the above describe your reason for giving. Or perhaps, you have reasons that are uniquely your own. Whatever the case, remember what Jesus promised: when we invest ourselves and our resources beyond ourselves, we discover life at a richer and deeper level. As St. Paul expressed it: “...remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35