

Will I be expected to give a recommended amount?

The members of St. Mark's have been blessed with different resources for giving. You are encouraged to make a meaningful gift based on the resources God has entrusted you to manage.

Why make an estimate of giving?

Strong Heritage, Strong Future is a significant appeal, and we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the gifts received as part of the appeal. Having estimates of giving allows our congregation to plan realistically for the future.

This appeal calls for significant giving by all members of our congregation—perhaps more than you ever dreamed of giving for the mission and ministry of Christ through your church. Your gift will help St. Mark's continue in ministry in the years to come. Pray and think carefully about your gift.

The Bible teaches proportionate giving. Although we cannot all give an equal amount, we can all give generously of the gifts God has given us. All gifts are important, from the smallest to the largest.

The table below offers one way to consider the gifts needed to meet our appeal goal.

No. of Gifts Needed	Total Gift Amount	Three Year Monthly Gift	Cumulative Amount
10	\$1,000	\$28	\$10,000
8	\$2,500	\$69	\$30,000
8	\$5,000	\$139	\$70,000
6	\$7,500	\$208	\$115,000
5	\$10,000	\$278	\$165,000
3	\$15,000	\$417	\$210,000
3	\$20,000	\$556	\$270,000
2	\$30,000	\$833	\$330,000

When can I make my estimate of giving?

We will place our giving estimates on the altar as the conclusion of the appeal on Sunday, June 2. You may also mail your estimate of giving to the church at any time.



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Our Mission:
Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1869-2019

150 YEARS

STRONG HERITAGE. STRONG FUTURE.

A CAPITAL APPEAL TO CONTINUE
STRONG MISSION AND MINISTRY
FOR THE NEXT 150 YEARS.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...” - John 15:16a

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For 150 years, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church has been committed to proclaiming the gospel and nurturing faith in the lives of the people who worship here, in the Virginia Synod, and in the community around us. Our capital appeal theme, *Strong Heritage, Strong Future*, is a reminder of that strong past and of the promise that the Holy Spirit will be continuing to impact lives through us for generations to come.

As part of this appeal, we are replacing a significant part of our pipe organ which can no longer be repaired, installing new heat and AC for the nave and Fellowship Hall, making repairs to the nave floor, resealing & striping the parking lot, and supporting youth ministry in the Virginia Synod. These things will enable us to “bear fruit that will last” in the lives of our congregation, community, and synod for years to come.



Carols by Candlelight, 2018

St. Mark’s Life-Changing Ministries In These 150 Years Include:

- Worship
- Youth Ministry
- The Free Clinic
- Food Pantry
- Ministry to the Deaf
- Christian Education
- David’s Kingdom Preschool
- Clothes Closet

Frequently Asked Questions

What is *Strong Heritage, Strong Future*?

Strong Heritage, Strong Future is an appeal to raise funds for two main projects: the repairing and upgrading of the sanctuary/fellowship hall air conditioner and boiler system and upgrading significant components of the pipe organ. Our plan also includes an additional gift—a tithe of our total—for Forwarding Faith, a campaign to endow the youth and faith formation activities, events, and programs of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



National Youth Gathering, Houston, TX, 2018

Why undertake this appeal now?

St. Mark’s 150th anniversary celebration is an excellent opportunity for us to build a solid foundation for the future ministry of our congregation. While we are replacing “things,” that isn’t the true goal of this appeal. With *Strong Heritage, Strong Future* we want to ensure that St. Mark’s remains a place that inspires faith and hope through our worship services, social outreach, and commitment to youth ministry.

What are we hoping to do?

The first phase of the appeal is to purchase and install a new chiller unit for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Additionally, the second boiler, which has been offline for a number of years, will be repaired and brought back to working order, giving us a backup boiler for the future. Further, the floor in the nave will be repaired and the parking lot will be sealed and striped.

The second phase of the appeal is an upgrade and enhancement of our current pipe organ. A new organ console will be built, and digital stops will be added, enabling the organ to better accompany the choir and congregation and making it a more versatile instrument.

Finally, because we are called to give to the church beyond ourselves, we are giving a tithe of our total to Forwarding Faith, the Virginia Synod capital campaign for youth ministry, to help the Virginia Synod reach future generations of youth in our churches.

What is the total cost for the appeal?

The total cost is \$330,000. This includes \$100,000 for the air conditioner and boiler upgrades and other improvements to our worship space; \$200,000 for the pipe organ upgrades; and \$30,000—a tithe of the appeal total—as a gift to Forwarding Faith.

What is the duration of the appeal?

Contributions may be given over a period of three years, beginning in June 2019. Special one-time gifts may be given at any time.

May I give stocks, real estate, insurance, IRAs or other gifts in kind?

Yes! Because of tax advantages, this may be a wise option. The congregation has people available to help you learn more about these methods of giving. Please speak with Pastor James to get more information about these methods of giving.

Should I make a one-time gift or give in installments?

You can give your gift any way that fits your situation—one-time, weekly, quarterly, monthly or annually. Any gift is greatly appreciated.

How does *Strong Heritage, Strong Future* affect my current giving?

Your gifts to *Strong Heritage, Strong Future* are over and above your present support of the mission and ministry of St. Mark’s. Your current gifts are greatly appreciated and are needed to help our congregation continue in ministry.