

HERE WE STAND... TOO!



*I will sing of the Lord's great love
forever; with my mouth I will
make your faithfulness known
through all generations.*

PSALM 89:1

2017-2019

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL | CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



STANDING

BOLDLY

There was a time 500 years ago when reformers in Germany **BOLDLY** lived to bring the wonder of God's great love to the people of their time. They risked their lives for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. In that boldness, the reformation was born. Their efforts touched the lives of millions of people across the world.

175 years ago our ancestors stepped up to establish Trinity Lutheran Church. Historical accounts tend only to list the names of former pastors/teachers, but they were not the ones who laid the foundation for this ministry. That was laid by families with names like Wagner, Rieger, Knab, Sieb, and Eichbauer. These and

many others risked much and God blessed their efforts. We are the beneficiaries of that which they accomplished. Now God has placed this ministry into our hands—into YOUR hands.

Future generations may only remember names of pastors or teachers, but we know the church is God at work in families—in our homes. This has always been where God does his greatest work. Now is the opportunity for our members, our families, to be pioneers again. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation and prepare to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Trinity, we are called to boldly move forward, bringing Jesus to the people of the 21st century.



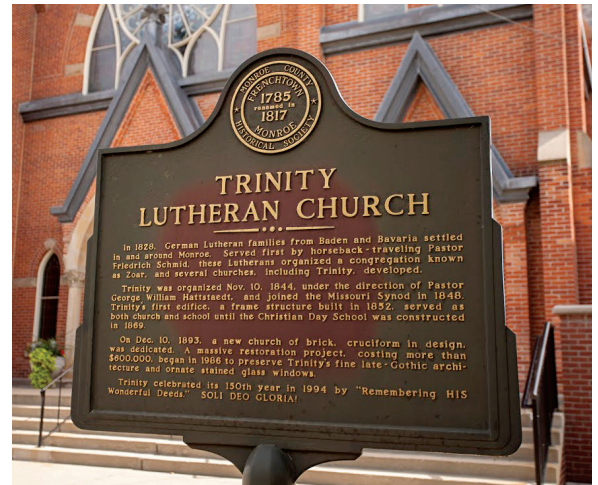


CAMPAIGN

AT - A - GLANCE

Estimated Costs & District Contribution

Fellowship Renovations.....	\$880,000
Organ Refurbishing	\$250,000
Elevator for School	\$200,000
Michigan District Campaign	\$120,000
Campaign Target	\$1,500,000



GIFT PLANS TO CONSIDER

GIFT RANGE	# OF GIFTS	\$ TOTAL GIFTS	\$ CUMULATIVE TOTAL
\$175,000	1	\$175,000	\$175,000
\$100,000	1	\$100,000	\$275,000
\$50,000	4	\$200,000	\$475,000
\$30,000	6	\$180,000	\$655,000
\$20,000	8	\$160,000	\$815,000
\$10,000	20	\$200,000	\$1,015,000
\$5000	25	\$125,000	\$1,140,000
\$2,500	40	\$100,000	\$1,240,000
\$1,000	80	\$80,000	\$1,320,000
Below \$1,000	Many	\$180,000	\$1,500,000

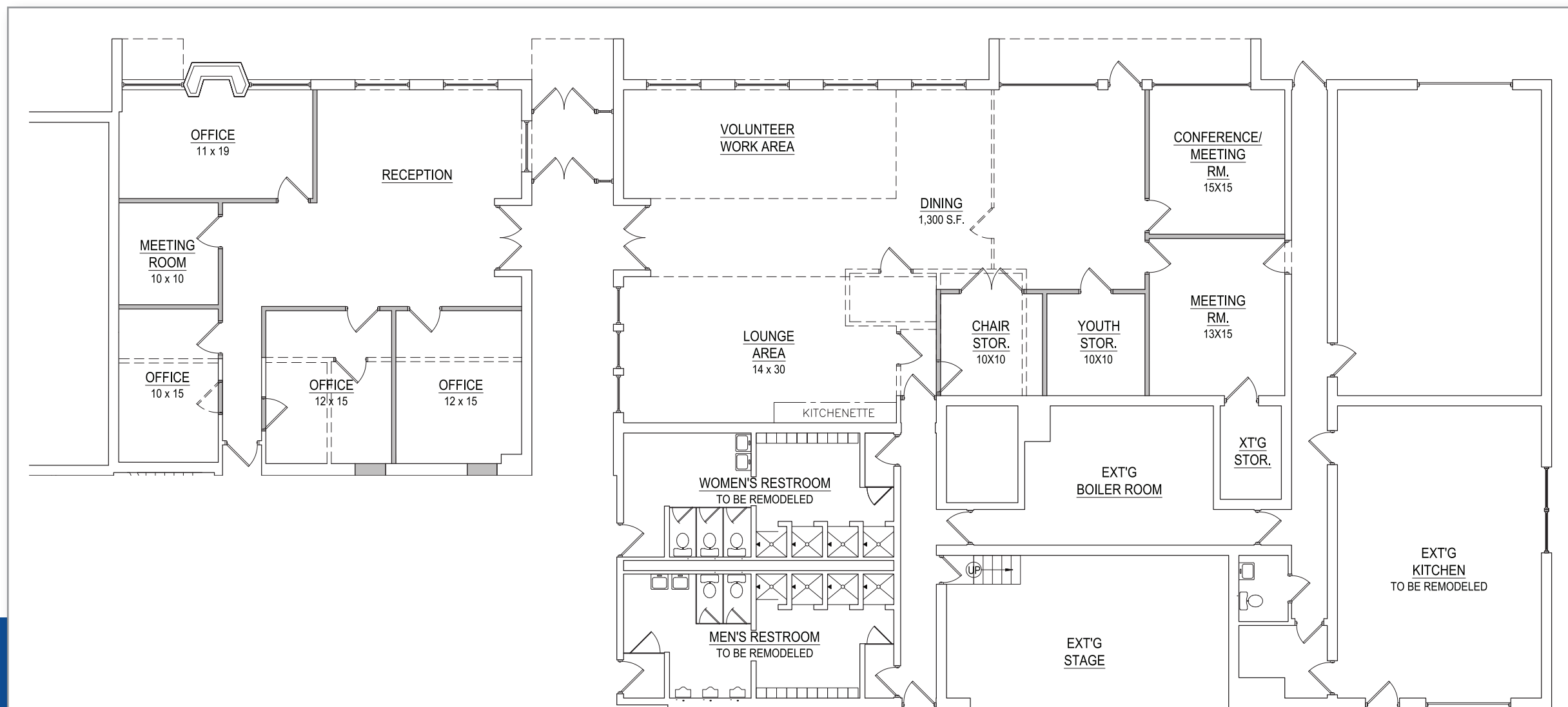
remember... Not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice – a contribution that truly reflects gratitude for your faith and a willingness to support the work of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Trinity has a great heritage which we honor best by moving forward in mission. Consider the faith of the reformers of 1517 and our ancestors of 1844. Both believed God could change the world through them.

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is our opportunity to be the church through which God would strengthen today's family and reach the lost today.

We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this campaign. Help us take this old space and make it like new. The Fellowship wing is almost 60 years old. Repairs, remodels and re-purposing can help us prepare for future ministry.



Here are some of the projects included in the plans:

► **Garden Room**

The plan is to open up this space to create a warm and welcome area for meals, receptions and fellowship. One end of the room will be partitioned for two meetings rooms. These meeting rooms will serve the function which the Garden and Heritage rooms currently serve.

► **Gymnasium Kitchen**

We will remodel to meet current needs.

► **Gymnasium**

We will replace the floor and update the design. We will also remodel the restrooms/locker rooms to be ADA-compliant (handicap accessible).

► **Heritage Room**

This room will be partitioned to consolidate administrative offices for both church and school for greater communication and to be closer to the main entrance.

► **Current Offices**

These will be repurposed. One will be remodeled to serve as a soft meeting/ Bride's room and the others will be used for storage.

► **Pipe Organ**

The pipe organ was installed in our sanctuary in 1953. Because of its age many components need to be checked and/or replaced. From leather stops on the pipes to electrical wiring inside the console. We would refurbish the organ in 2018 that it might add beauty to worship for another 65 years.

► **School**

To comply with State code we plan to provide handicap accessibility to the school by installing an elevator and other changes required.

► **Michigan District "Here We Stand" Capital Campaign**

Trinity is one of 370 congregations in the Michigan District. As part of the 500th anniversary of the reformation our District is conducting a \$10,000,000 campaign to advance ministry to support students preparing for church work, congregations to meet the needs of their communities and to support international ministries.

FAQs

Are gifts tax deductible?

Yes, Trinity will track your contributions and include them in your annual statement.

What is the length of the commitment?

We are asking people to make a three-year commitment. Individuals can give as they desire (even one lump-sum payment), but we plan for most people to spread their giving out over the three years. You can establish your own payment plan or use one of the options suggested.

What is wrong with the organ?

It was installed in 1953. Each pipe uses leather stops which have dried in 65 years. Also, there were no digital components in 1953. We would update some of the organ's "innards." So, no, the organ is not broken, but it does need some major 65-year maintenance.

What if my financial situation changes?

What you pledge is determined by your current situation. If there is income loss, you may choose to reduce your pledge. If God blesses you financially, you may choose to increase it.

What is the District Campaign amount?

The goal of the Michigan District campaign is \$10 million. We have chosen to support this campaign according to our standard policy, which is to send 8% of all funds contributed to Trinity. As we encourage and practice proportionate giving, we will contribute 8% of funds given to the campaign, except for restricted contributions. If we reach our goal of \$1.5 million, then we would contribute \$120,000 to the District, Here We Stand, campaign.

Can I give to a specific component of the campaign?

We consider every component to be important and pray that you do as well, still there may be one component which you are passionate about. You are welcome to restrict your gift to that component.

Can I give as a memorial?

Yes, you certainly may. Please note on the memorial if you want that to be part of your pledge.

What if we exceed our goal?

If we do, we will praise God. At that time, we would bring a plan to the voters for what to do.

When is the first payment due?

You will be encouraged to make your first gift on Celebration Sunday, October 29, but you will be able to determine your own payment schedule.

What happens if we do not get enough pledges to meet the goal?

The building committee has been tasked with prioritizing all the components included in the project. If our goal is not met, a workable plan will be determined and proposed to the congregation to determine precisely what is done.

When do we plan to complete the project?

The plan is to complete the project by October of 2019 with the major portion of construction to be done in the summer of 2018.

Commitment Form

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ I wish to remain anonymous. Thank you.

In prayerful consideration of my/our commitment to the initiatives to be supported by the Here We Stand . . . Too Capital Campaign, I/we would like to contribute the following amount over the next three years:

Total commitment \$ _____ Over _____ years

Initial gift with this form \$ _____

Balance to be contributed \$ _____

I plan to contribute: ☐ Annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly

Beginning Date: _____

Signature(s): _____ Date _____

☐ Please use my gift to support all components of the project.

☐ I would like my contribution to be designated to support (list component of project you wish to support): _____

(8% of all contributions are earmarked for the Michigan District "Here We Stand" Initiative)

☐ I am interested in information concerning electronic funds transfer.

☐ I am interested in information concerning estate & charitable gift planning.

☐ Please contact me, I have a question.



SETTING THE STAGE

FOR MINISTRY



Every member of our body of Christ is asked to participate by making a contribution to the best of their ability. The gifts of each and every member are vital to the success of our campaign.

Every member is asked to:

- ▶ **Reflect** on how God has blessed us as a church community.
- ▶ **Rejoice** in the blessings God has poured out on you.
- ▶ **Prayerfully** consider the gift God would ask of you that this campaign would bring honor to His name.



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