



“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:4)

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Over the next six weeks, we will be sharing the details of our Building a Legacy: Inspiring Generations Capital Campaign through temple talks, videos, bulletin inserts, events, and more. We hope that you will receive this information, listen for how God is calling Como Park Lutheran Church to the future, and prayerfully consider your support.



The Building a Legacy: Inspiring Generations campaign will culminate with the return and celebration of our commitments on Sunday, June 19.

THE NEXT 100 YEARS AT COMO PARK

There is no way that the founders of Como Park Lutheran Church, gathering just eight years after World War I and having survived a pandemic of their own, could have envisioned everything that this congregation would become. Yet with confidence and in community, they boldly stepped forward into the future.



Now it's our turn.

In the coming weeks, we will celebrate the impact of those early faithful steps and prayerfully consider how the Building a Legacy: Inspiring Generations Campaign will be the next bold and faithful step in Como Park's history. The renovation of our facilities will make our space safe and welcoming.



As we prepare for these campaigns, each week we will be sharing excerpts of *Six Steps to Joyful Giving*, written by Dr. Bob Gronlund, which will remind us that generosity is a faith practice. Like prayer, study, and worship, it requires our attention.

STEP 1: RECOGNIZE YOUR NEED TO GIVE

It is a fundamental spiritual and psychological principle that life and its gifts are to be used and shared. Life cannot be hoarded or it turns in upon itself and you lose it. “Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:25) We each have a deep inherent need to give. To give is to live!

But unfortunately, instead of focusing on our own need to give, all too often we center on the need of the church to receive. The church does seek our support but we must remember it is God’s Church and it will prosper and flourish in God’s own good time whether we give to it or not. The wonder of it all is that God invites us to be a part of God’s church and to experience the joy and blessing of generously supporting and extending its mission.

Just like a coin, Christian giving has two sides. For too long, we centered mostly on the side entitled “The Need of the Church.” We need to begin concentrating on the other side, “My Need to Give,” because giving is an integral part of spiritual life and growth.

*“Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,
I know I am moving from fear to love.” – Henri Nouwen*