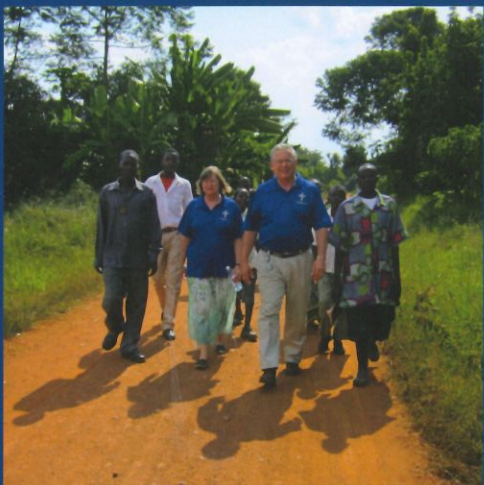


Resurrection Lutheran has always chosen to live out our mission, reaching out with His love to all people and building each other up for service. The NEXT generation is dependent on us continuing to do the same.



# Resurrection Lutheran Church

By Grace Through Faith For Service



# The NEXT 40 Campaign: *Immeasurably More*

\$170K

**Continuing to Grow our Gifts for Missions at 10% as We Strive to Reach Out with Christ's Love to All People (\$170K):** This is a core commitment to the way Resurrection manages resources entrusted to the ministry.

- ◆ We want to be ready to reach out to our community and world, *telling the NEXT generation the wonders God has done!*
- ◆ Resources made available to strengthen our partnership with the Lutheran Church of Uganda. We have seen firsthand the amazing growth of the Kingdom through the LCU.
- ◆ Funding made available to plant new ministries in our local communities. When the right place, right person and right plan came together, the decision to plant Jordan Lutheran became a reality because of RLC's commitment to set aside 10% of resources given for missions.

\$600K

**Growing our Paul Kibler Education Endowment Fund (\$600K):** We are committed to growing the dream of Resurrection's schools. Like missions, our core identity is in part defined by our connection and ministry to our community through providing Christian education.

- ◆ An Endowment Fund approaching one million dollars can provide a steady revenue source that can help open doors to new families to share in the Christ centered education of our schools.

\$700K

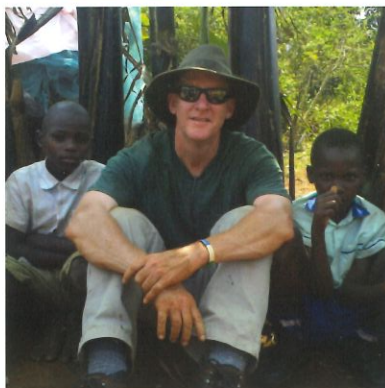
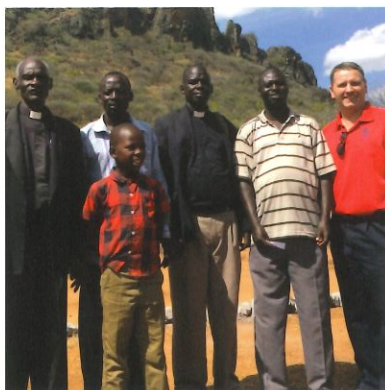
**Reducing our Debt for Future Ministry (\$700K):** Much has been given in the past to provide our excellent facilities, but the congregation also assumed debt to complete the projects. Reduction of the current debt of \$2,085,000 would free additional resources to be used for in the ministry budget for reaching out and building up.

- ◆ Reducing the debt will reduce the amount of interest paid over the life of the loan.
- ◆ Reducing the debt frees resources that could then be directed to strengthen and expand our ministry in telling the NEXT generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

\$160K

**Planning for Future Facility Improvements (\$160K):** Maintaining a ministry reserve fund will help us sustain our vital work of reaching out, building up, and focusing more on serving others.

- ◆ In the coming years these same facilities will require updates to major systems. Setting aside resources now into a ministry reserve account for the future will allow us to keep our mission focus without having to be reactive to financial crises.





# The NEXT 40 Giving Goal \$1,700,000

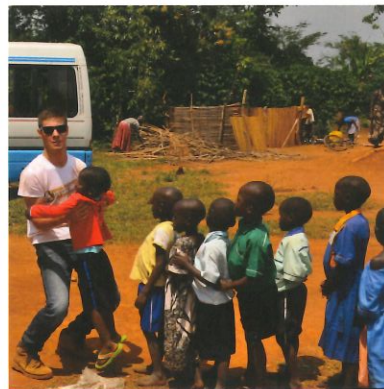
Giving is over three years,  
over and above regular giving

Number of Gifts Needed	Per Week	Per Month	3 Year Total
<b>Impact Gifts</b>			
1	\$962	\$4,166	\$150,000
1	\$641	\$2,778	\$100,000
2	\$481	\$2,083	\$75,000
2	\$321	\$1,389	\$50,000
4	\$192	\$833	\$30,000
4	\$160	\$694	\$25,000
<b>Pacesetter Gifts</b>			
10	\$128	\$556	\$20,000
10	\$96	\$417	\$15,000
10	\$77	\$333	\$12,000
8	\$64	\$278	\$10,000
8	\$58	\$250	\$9,000
<b>Celebration Gifts</b>			
10	\$50	\$217	\$7,800
10	\$40	\$173	\$6,240
10	\$30	\$130	\$4,680
15	\$25	\$108	\$3,900
15	\$20	\$87	\$3,120
15	\$15	\$65	\$2,340
20	\$10	\$43	\$1,560
Many	Up to \$10		

“Now to Him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than  
all we ask or imagine”  
Ephesians 3:20

## Giving is...

- ◆ A response to God's love
- ◆ About our need to honor Him; we give out of our relationship with Him
- ◆ Sharing a compelling vision that is worthy of support
- ◆ A legacy, for those who come behind us
- ◆ About equal sacrifice, proportional giving
- ◆ Joyful, generous, purposeful
- ◆ About first fruits, honoring the Lord with our best
- ◆ The blessed being a blessing
- ◆ A commitment to live all of life and manage life's resources to God's glory
- ◆ Spiritual, a sign of discipleship



## What makes a gift sacrificial?

### ◆ Rearrange Priorities in My Life

Am I planning some event/expense which I could do later after I give my sacrificial gift?

### ◆ Changing My Lifestyle

Could I save money by doing something differently or giving up some habit/indulgence that has a cost?

### ◆ Give Something of Value

What do I have besides cash, wages, savings, and investments that I could give and the church could convert into dollars?



# The NEXT 40 Campaign: *Q & A*

Q

*What is my role in this campaign?*

A

**Pray** that God will lead and bless our ministry.  
(see prayer on reverse)

**Commit** to seeking God's guidance in your participation.

**Give** your sacrificial gift as you are led.



Q

*Why do we need a special campaign?*

A

The 40th Anniversary of Resurrection is a wonderful God-moment to celebrate what He has done, while strengthening and positioning our church for reaching out and building each other up in The NEXT 40. It has been 10 years since our last campaign and we know that people are truly blessed in many ways when they experience God's generosity and then give generously. Giving sacrificially, over and above past or current levels, invites us to trust God's promises and blessings. Giving joyfully, freely and generously is a leap of faith and a bold declaration of how much we love the Lord and our church! Don't be held back. Join us as an important partner in supporting and shaping the future ministry of Resurrection.



Q

*If I can only make a modest pledge, is it important that I even bother?*

A

Every commitment, regardless of the amount pledged, is important. Remember, "not equal giving, but equal sacrifice".

Q

*Why is individual participation so important?*

A

We want everyone to participate in The NEXT 40 Campaign because everyone from children to the most mature among us can be blessed by learning to give generously and trusting God to provide for our needs. We're thrilled about moving our ministry forward. Everyone can give generously, just not the same. Ask God about what you should do.

Q

*When should my commitment begin?*

A

This campaign lasts for three years, and you may fulfill your commitment as best suits you. First Gifts and Commitment Dedication Sunday is June 3rd.





Dear Family and Friends of Resurrection,



We are a maturing congregation that has always chosen to live out our mission, reaching out with His love to all people and building each other up for service. The next generation is dependent on us continuing to do the same. Now is the time for us to consider the NEXT 40 years and what God will do through Resurrection Lutheran. As we move into our NEXT 40 years it's time to prepare and position ourselves for telling the next generation, trusting in our God "who is able to do **immeasurably more** than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Eph. 3:20 NIV)

We are moving forward over the next 3 years with an 'immeasurably more' funding emphasis at Resurrection that plans to generate \$1,700,000, above and beyond our normal giving. We believe this giving goal will position the congregation to tell the NEXT generation. As we celebrate the past 40 years of bold, innovative, challenging and effective ministry and outreach, prayerfully consider the future blessings as we go forward in the NEXT 40!

As we continue to move forward in the NEXT 40 emphasis with a special worship series, Bible studies, daily devotions and prayer, you may find yourself wondering about how we will meet our goal. You may be wondering about whether there is anything you can contribute to this effort. Now is the time to focus on who God is and what He can do through His power working in us, rather than looking at what we can do in our own power, or strength. It's not about us; it's all about God.

This funding emphasis is about telling the NEXT generation. We want to be prepared to engage in and sustain emerging ministries and creative new ways to present the saving work of Jesus within our community and to the ends of the earth. Reaching out with the love of Christ and building each other for service in His name is what we believe God is calling us to do. The financial resources that will come from our sacrificial, generous giving will in a variety of ways position and prepare this congregation to tell the NEXT generation all the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

We are turning 40. Thanks be to God. Now is the moment to embrace boldly what God will continue to do through Resurrection in the NEXT 40. Thanks for joining the journey.

In the joyful service of Jesus,

*Pastor Mark*

Pastor Mark

## The NEXT 40

"What we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the NEXT generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."

Psalm 78:3-4



### *Mission Statement*

By grace, through faith in Christ, we reach out to all with His love and build each other up for service.



Pray

Commit

Give

the NEXT 40

*What you can do to be part of God's plan  
for the NEXT 40 at Resurrection:*

◆ **Pray**

Thank the LORD for all He has done through Resurrection during our first 40 years. Ask our gracious God for wisdom as we take this step toward the NEXT 40. Pray that He will move our hearts and minds to give generously and joyfully. Pray that He will use this emphasis to accomplish the mission He has called us to do...reaching out with Christ's love to all people and building each other up for service.

◆ **Commit**

In this funding emphasis we are committed to raising \$1.7 million, to position and prepare us to tell the NEXT Generation the praiseworthy deeds of our God. Consider how that goal is broken down in the giving chart illustrated in this brochure. Take note of the various levels that can contribute to this goal. Consider all God has entrusted you with in this world. Trust the same God who can do more than we could ever ask or imagine and make a commitment that reflects a sacrificial gift, trusting the God who always provides. It's about equal sacrifice not equal giving.

◆ **Give**

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8). Once you have made your commitment to participate with the NEXT 40 funding emphasis, you can then decide how best to fulfill your commitment pledge over the next three years – weekly, monthly, quarterly, or in one gift. Then, bring your gifts to God. Please take this step of faith and bring glory to God as we serve Him together.



The NEXT 40 Leadership Team

***The NEXT 40 Covenant Prayer***

Dear Heavenly Father,

I believe you have led me to my church family at Resurrection for a reason.

Help me to embrace this exciting time of opportunity to help GROW YOUR KINGDOM for the next generation.

I know You have a plan, and I am a part of it.

I commit to praying for our leaders and members during our NEXT 40 emphasis.

Grant us wisdom and discernment as we seek Your direction in the next season of RLC's ministry.

Open our hearts to all You are preparing for us.

Thank You, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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