

Dear friends in Christ,

There has been much good news at Decorah Lutheran this year: we gained not only a wonderful new pastor in Pastor Eric, but also recently installed Vicar Kristin as well! Our youth have helped each other grow in faith through a number of summer opportunities, and our halls and classrooms are once again full of children on Sundays!

We also have some hard news at Decorah Lutheran. At this time, we are spending about \$10,000 per month more than we are bringing in. There are a number of reasons for this, including a substantial increase in insurance premiums, unexpected expenses like the elevator and phone repairs, adding a second pastor, and so on. Giving has remained the same, but it does not cover our expenses and we must take action to change that.

We are blessed to have many great things at Decorah Lutheran, and we want to keep having worship that lifts our spirits, ministries that shape our children, outreach that blesses our neighbors, and facilities that house many important programs in our community.

Today I'm inviting you to join me and my fellow council members in participating in the All In For Decorah Lutheran campaign. This campaign has two goals: To raise \$100,000 by December 25, and to have 100 households increase their regular weekly or monthly giving by the amount that works for them by December 25. You can participate in either, or challenge yourself to do both.

There are several ways to make a donation towards our goal of raising \$100,000:

1. Find the Give button on the Decorah Lutheran Church website, and make a donation. Make sure to select the "All in For Decorah Lutheran" option.

2. Scan a QR code found throughout the church next to the "All in for Decorah Lutheran Fund logo." Follow the instructions to donate, making sure to select the All in At Decorah Lutheran Fund.
3. Look for the special envelopes in the church pews, and put your cash or check donations in them during workshop on Sunday.

To participate by increasing your giving, Go to tithly and increase your weekly or monthly donation amount or add more to the cash or check you give in church on Sundays. We will soon have a poster that your household can color once you've committed to increase your giving.

Participation is time sensitive, as we have benchmarks we hope to reach each month to stay on track. Please take a moment to decide how your family can join us today. This is a season where God is calling us to step up and meet this urgent need. Together we can ensure that everything we love and value at Decorah Lutheran remains for years to come.

Sincerely,

Brecka Putnam, DLC Council President