



Dear Friend

After 4 years here, Karin and I call Christ Lutheran Church our "home." Quite frankly, we can't think of another church that offers so much, has such great staff, involves so many wonderful people, encourages strong families, and embraces community outreach and also numerical growth – all firmly rooted in the Word of God.

We suspect this is how you feel about Christ too. There's a lot happening here with 2000+ worshippers on 2 campuses, 450 children in Sunday School, 90 young people in confirmation, and 304 students in Christ Schools. It's a big place, a big ministry, with big numbers!

Thank you for being an integral part of letting us, as newcomers, in on the secret of Christ Lutheran!

As we draw attention to *Participate 4 Growth – Year 2*, Karin and I ask you to consider how God has blessed you, and how you will *Participate 4 Growth* in 2018, on behalf of Christ Lutheran, and for God's kingdom. Using the attached response card, we challenge you with these 4 questions:

How can I continue to grow spiritually?

Review, add to, or change: [4 Christ – Next Steps](#)

How will I share my financial blessings to help underwrite this dynamic ministry?

Review, add to, or change: [4 All – Tithes and Offerings](#)

How can I help alleviate the space issues at Central and/or help build a second campus at South?

Review, add to, or change: [4 Now – Land, Buildings, Debt](#)

How can I leave an enduring legacy for generations at Christ and the Church-at-large?

Review, add to, or change: [4 Ever – Wills, Trusts, Estate Plans](#)

Above all, **thank you** for your generosity in all things! Karin and I pray God will help you discern His desires for you in the next 12 months.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom" followed by a flourish.

Tom and Karin Grunow

(Tom serves as Director of Biblical Generosity at Christ Lutheran. For more information, please contact him at 402-483-7774 ext. 107 or tgrunow@christlutheranchurch.org)

PERSONAL GROWTH PLAN

PARTICIPATE GROWTH

Out of love for the Lord, this Personal Growth Plan is made in good faith that God will provide for the work of His Church through His people to be “*still GROWING so none our turned away.*” This plan will be returned each year for you to make adjustments according to God’s plan for your life.

- 2016-2017
- 2017-2018
- 2018-2019
- 2019-2020

We (I) 1. _____ 2. _____ intend to **live the Gospel more fully 4 CHRIST** and will strive to:

4 CHRIST Next Steps

CONNECT with:

- 1 2 Fellowship Groups
- 1 2 Sports Teams/Wellness
- 1 2 Men/Women/Family Activities
- 1 2 _____

GROW through increased:

- 1 2 Prayer/Devotions
- 1 2 Worship
- 1 2 Bible Study/Small Groups
- 1 2 _____

SERVE in the areas of:

- 1 2 Hospitality/Parking/Greeting/Usher
- 1 2 Caregiving/Home Visits/Hospital
- 1 2 Trades/Handy Man/Event Setup
- 1 2 Office/Counters/Bulletins
- 1 2 Teaching or Assist/Mentor/Coach
- 1 2 Music/Band/Drama/Art Team
- 1 2 _____

GO by considering or sponsoring:

- 1 2 Serve Lincoln Day/Other Events
- 1 2 Family & Int'l Mission Trips
- 1 2 Crisis/Disaster Response
- 1 2 Professional Church Worker
- 1 2 _____



4 ALL Tithes & Offerings

We (I) rejoice in God’s financial blessings and **desire to be a blessing 4 ALL** by increasing our (my) tithes & offerings in support of ongoing ministry as follows:

- For 2016-17 to \$ _____ per week or \$ _____ per month or other: _____
- For 2017-18 to \$ _____
- For 2018-19 to \$ _____
- For 2019-20 to \$ _____

Will continue current tithes & offerings level

Please send:

- Offering Envelopes
- Electronic Giving Information
- Special Giving Circles List
- My Current Giving Statement
- Christ Lutheran Church Spending Plan (Budget)

4 NOW Land, Buildings, & Debt

We (I) intend, as God blesses, to share an over-and-above gift of love to **underwrite ministry and facilities at both campuses 4 NOW** in the amount of

\$ _____ as follows:

- Lump Sum
- 4 Annual Installments
- 16 Quarterly Installments
- 48 Monthly Installments
- \$ _____ Starting on date _____

Use _____% of this 4-year gift **toward debt payments**

Please **provide information** on tax-advantage gifting ideas:

- Sale of Stock or Collections
- Sale of Property or Business
- Distribution from IRA or Trust
- Liquidating Investments, Inventory, Insurance, or Valuables

4 EVER Wills, Trusts, & Estate Plans

We (I) intend to **share the faith of a risen Christ with family and others 4 EVER** by including the following ministries in our (my) Wills, Trusts, or Estate Plans.

- “**Christ Lutheran Church**” (estimated) \$ _____
- “**Christ Schools**” (estimated) \$ _____
- “**Christ Lutheran Foundation**” (estimated) \$ _____

Please send information on:

- Charitable tax-advantaged or income-generating giving plans
- Christian Preamble samples for use with a Will or Trust
- Proper wording to include Christ Lutheran in a Will or Trust
- Legacy Planning Workshops: My Faith Story (Funeral), Christian Wills, Transfer the Blessings (Estate Planning)

Print Full Name(s) _____

Date _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Return in the envelope provided to: Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506 or visit Participate4Growth.org. Checks or transfers should be made payable to “Christ Lutheran Church” Attention: “Participate 4 Growth.” Thank you!



4 CHRIST • 4 ALL • 4 NOW • 4 EVER

TO GROW IN FAITH, RESPOND WITH HEARTS, BUILD HIS CHURCH, BLESS FUTURE GENERATIONS

YEAR ONE BLESSINGS

encouragement to “grow so none are turned away”

- Operated with a balanced and healthy budget
- Recorded 467 Appeal Participants (second highest ever in an appeal)
- Received \$3.6M in projected Building Fund commitments (highest ever in an appeal)
- Received \$0.9M in Legacy (Estate Plan) commitments
- Paid down 2007 expansion debt of \$5.7M now to \$2.4M
- Approaching \$1M in CL Foundation assets which allowed \$25K in grants to outreach events, school scholarships, volunteer appreciation, and much more
- Purchased South Campus land for \$2.25M with additional commitments of only \$600K still needed
- Completed South Campus utilities infrastructure (water, sewer, electric, cable)
- Established South Campus Building Committee; worship growth continues
- Received 17 donated vehicles and repaired 54 through Car Care Ministry
- Encouraged 528 volunteers to be a blessing through community service

YEAR TWO GOALS

encouragement to “participate 4 growth” in 2018

- Operate with a balanced and healthy budget
- Receive 183 additional Appeal Participants
- Receive \$1.6M in additional Building Fund support (design & construction)
- Receive \$600K to complete South Campus land purchase commitments
- Receive \$1.1M in additional Legacy (Estate Plan) support
- Pay down 2007 expansion debt to \$2.2M
- Reach \$1.5M in CL Foundation assets
- Establish a Central Campus Building Committee
- Complete South Campus street paving and street lighting
- Approve the South Campus building design
- Break ground at South Campus
- Offer forums and classes in financial matters and estate planning
- Add a Financial Coaching program and a FPU support group
- Encourage more volunteers to be a blessing through community service

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