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# Together.

**BETTER, STRONGER, FORWARD.**

*“For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.”* I Corinthians 3:9

Our Stewardship theme for this year captures the momentum of ministry when we work together as God’s field of gold. For three high-impact weekends we will celebrate and re-commit to these three Stewardship Goals:

**Nov. 6 + 7      BETTER TOGETHER**

**Nov. 13 + 14    STRONGER TOGETHER**

**Nov. 20 + 21    FORWARD TOGETHER**

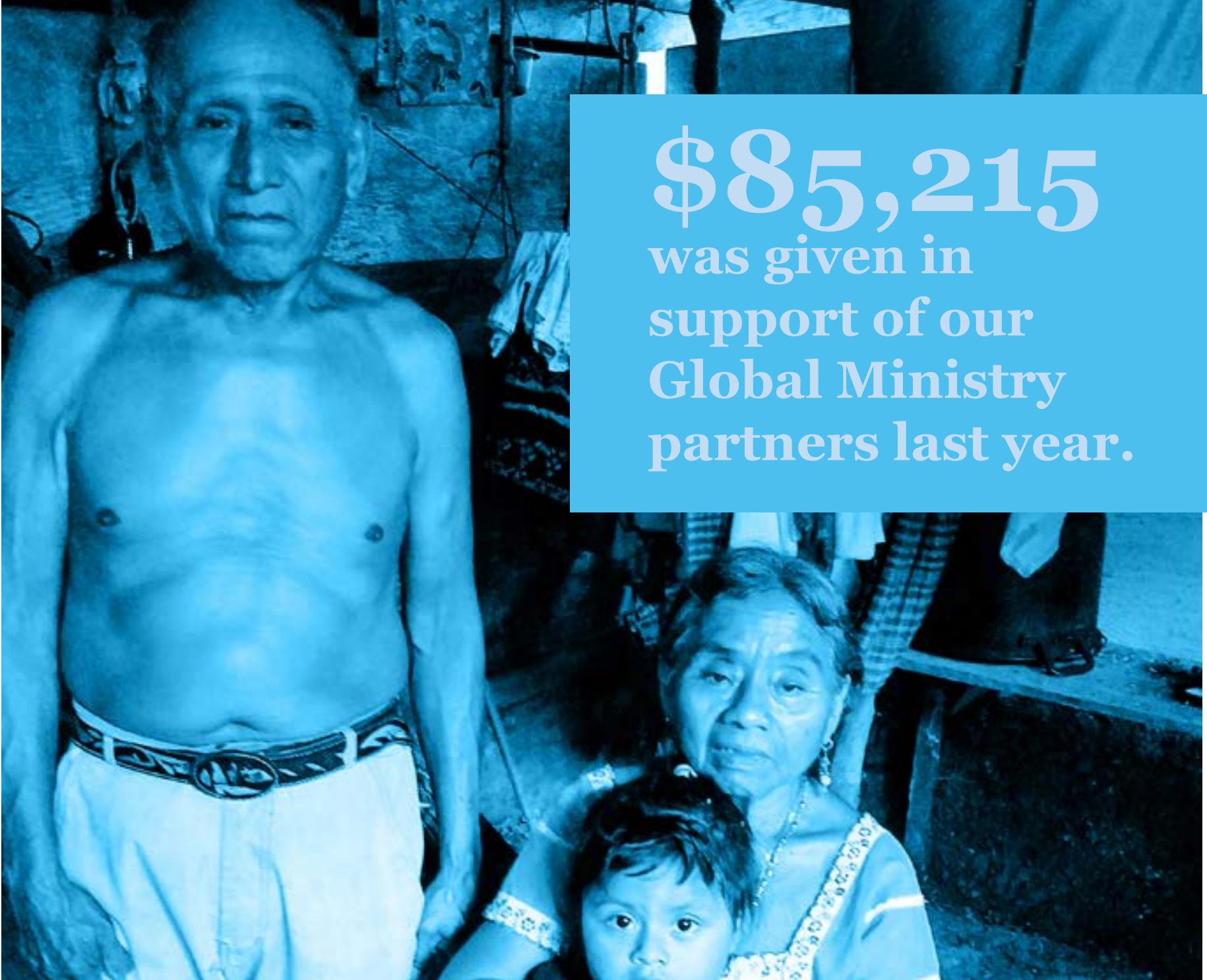
Together as a faith community we have done and are doing some inspired ministry! We ask that you pray and consider how you might grow in your giving so that the ministry we do “together” will grow in lives touched by the love of Jesus. All living things grow and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is a living being!

You and I are God’s field of gold called to work together for the sake of building the kingdom of God, right here and right now. What could be better than this?

Will you participate in our TOGETHER Stewardship?

**PLEDGE HERE!**

*D. Tom Grevot*



**\$85,215**  
was given in  
support of our  
Global Ministry  
partners last year.

# Better Together!

HOW WE HAVE BEEN **WALKING** TOGETHER

*“To Move From - Nothing to Something, Incidental to Intentional, Scattered to Strategic, Comfortable to Sacrificial, and Casual to Committed.” The Great Joy of Giving*

**Over 20% of All Offerings** received have gone outside the church walls to support ministries globally and locally!

**Congregational Generosity** during the Covid-19 pandemic has supported us in staying connected through children and youth ministry, small group ministry, music ministry, adult ministry, and more.

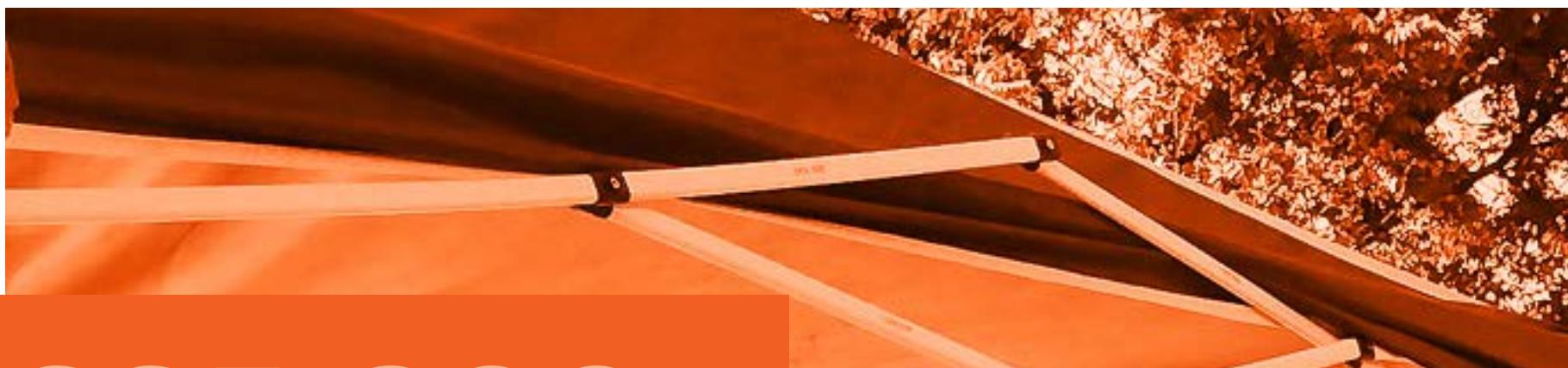
**Digital Ministry** has grown significantly, keeping us connected both locally and nationally.

**Care ministers** in the congregation faithfully reaching out to church members, staying connected, and sharing the love of Jesus.

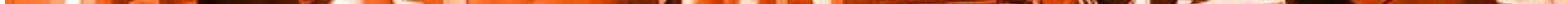
**Weekly Food and Diaper Collections** for our Bread for All Food Pantry have served our neighbors in SE Austin with nearly \$50,000.00 worth of items received and provided over the past year!

**Butterfly Pre-School**, with protocols in place and close collaboration with staff and congregational support, served children and families without interruption.

**PLEDGE HERE!**



**225-300**  
**families are served**  
**each month at**  
**Bread for All Food**  
**Pantry.**



## Stronger Together!

### HOW WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER

*“Jesus doesn’t want us to simply act like Christians. He wants us to authentically be Christians. But the only way for this to occur is by allowing Jesus to work on us from the inside out. God doesn’t want to have a relationship with us from afar. No, God wants to be actively involved in every aspect of our life.” Christine Caine*

**Participation** in carrying out our mission to “Think, Act, and Be Like Jesus” through many Teams, Boards, Task Forces, Council Leadership, Butterfly Board, and especially Volunteerism.

**Resourcing** our Mission partners not only through our money but with our time and personal involvement, such as Bread for All Food Pantry, Mariposa Family Learning Center, Baby Care Kits, Quilting Ministry, Children’s and Youth Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, LuMin Campus Ministry, Shepherd’s Garden, Food Ministry, Worship and Arts, Digital Ministry, and more.

**Connecting** through our play, Bible studies, conversation groups, Ignite! Groups, Zoom, social occasions, learning events, Realm posts, mailings, webinars, personal visits, and more.

**Practicing Generosity** through consistent mission support by online giving, auto-debit, and mailing of offering allows us to meet our ministry needs! God multiplies whatever we give when we walk and work **TOGETHER!**

**PLEDGE HERE!**

# New!

The  
Contemporary  
Courtyard  
Worship seeks  
to reach out to  
the community  
at large.



# Forward Together!

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER WITH POSSIBILITIES

*“For all that has been, Thanks. For all that will be, Yes.”*

Dag Hammarskjold

**Providing a New Worship** style and format with our Contemporary Worship Leader in our outdoor Courtyard Worship.

**Continue Building** our Digital Ministry outreach, reaching out to our neighbors near and far.

**Finish our Campus Renewal** by renewing the Butterfly Center supported by a Butterfly Center Renewal and Debt Elimination Capital Campaign.

**Expand our Partnership** with Austin City Lutherans supporting ministries of Feeding (Bread for All), Learning (Mariposa Family Learning Center), and Sheltering (Homelessness initiative).

**Build and Strengthen** our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries through continued staff growth and development.

**Growing Spiritual Depth** through faith conversations, worship participation, gatherings to bring people together, and intentionality building up our community.

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

v. 4 They'll Know We are Christians

**PLEDGE HERE!**



# 2022 Budget

TWO BUCKETS TO FILL!

**Our Budget** consists of two funds. We often refer to these funds as “buckets” which need to be filled to support our ministries.

## **Bucket # 1 is the Mission and Ministry Fund**

**2022 Budget \$1,300,000**

Giving to this fund is a way to participate in what God is doing right here in our own community, as well as in greater Austin and around the world. Your gifts provide for our faith-centered development, our in-person and live stream worship, and compensation for our staff who put it all together! Your gifts also impact people locally and around the globe, through financial support dedicated by the Developing Missions Team.

## **Bucket #2 is the Facilities and Campus Care Fund**

**2022 Budget \$92,300**

Giving to this fund supports ongoing repairs, maintenance, utilities (electric, gas, water, and sewer), janitorial services, tree trimming, pest control, and groundskeeping. All we possess, including our facilities and campus, are a gift from God, worthy of our good stewardship!

**\*This fund was formally known as the Building Care Fund.**

**PLEDGE HERE!**

## **A Special Word of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to our Stewarding for Growth Team for their inspirational leadership in planning and implementing our Fall Stewardship “TOGETHER.” Serving on the Team: Larry Wikelius (Team Leader), Emily Franke, Ronny Pinckard, Ron Bacon, Bill Dawson, Pr. Lauren, Kevin Marlow, Steve Olson, and Pr. Tom.



**Our challenge is to work TOGETHER and grow our overall church pledge in 2022 by 10%!**



# Pledging Questions

## AND ANSWERS

### Q. Why Give?

- A. Created in the image of a God who gives, we are created to give. It is in our DNA as children of God!

### Q. Why “Pledge”?

- A. Quite simply, Shepherd of the Hills can rely on your pledge as predictable income, enabling us to accurately budget for the coming year’s expenses in all that we are called to do.

### Q. Why all the money talk?

- A. Jesus taught about it all the time because God knows that “where our treasure is there is our heart also!”

### Q. Why is this so important?

- A. Human lives depend on our response. The Lord’s work is the most important thing we do but it cannot be done without resources. We are blessed not to accumulate but to be a blessing in this one life we get to live.

### Q. How much should I give?

- A. This is your decision as an individual or family and it is between you and God. The Bible sets a giving goal of 10% of what you earn. Some do less and seek to grow to that Biblical goal, others exceed 10%.

### Q. How do I Pledge?

- A. **Click on the Pledge Here! button below**

**PLEDGE HERE!**



# Together is a Gift.

BETTER, STRONGER, FORWARD.

Stewardship is about our whole life--not just our time, or talent, or treasure. When we begin to see our whole lives as God's gift, then parcelling out what is "ours" and what is "God's" no longer makes sense! It becomes freeing to realize that nothing is ours. We give excitedly, abundantly, and without reserve because God has given to us first in the same way.

We invite you on the stewardship journey with us, whether you have been giving to the church's ministry for years, or have never been sure about where to start, or find yourself somewhere in between. God has already given us everything we need to move forward in faith. So let's keep going! TOGETHER!

*Pastor Lauren*

**PLEDGE HERE!**