



# SHEPHERD @ 50

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## Shepherd @ 50 Update from Pastor Chris

November 2, 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past weekend, we surpassed the \$1 million mark in pledges. With one weekend to go, we've received \$1,056,176 from 183 pledges. Thank you to everyone who has made a financial commitment to Shepherd @ 50! Every sacrificial pledge gets us closer to making the vision a reality. We respectfully ask that all pledges be submitted by this coming weekend so that we can have an accurate count of what is being pledged.

At the **Nov. 5** Commitment Celebration Event at Lutheran High School, we'll count all of the pledges and announce the results of our sacrificial intent in a big reveal. With more than 400 people registered for the event, we've maxed out floor space at LHS and are unable to accept any more RSVPs. It was exciting to see that so many people wanted to be there! If you are not attending the event, please place your pledge card in the offering plate at services this weekend so that your pledge can be included in the count. The event will be a time to share the total and thank God for His work among us. Next steps in the building project will be discussed in future days and weeks.

Sunday, **Nov. 12** is our regularly scheduled congregational meeting at 9:30 in the gym. At that time, we'll have more information on possible scenarios based on the amount of funding. We'll address questions such as: Can we go ahead and start building or do we need to continue to add to the fund? What options are we considering for subsidizing our loan payments with capital campaign proceeds? Nov. 12 will be the beginning of the conversation based on the amount raised. It's likely we'll be able to make concrete decisions as a congregation at the January congregational meeting. Final decisions belong to you, the church. Between now and then, the intent will be to provide information and receive congregational input.

Saturday, **Nov. 18** and Sunday, **Nov. 19** are Dedication Weekend. At services Nov. 11/12 and 18/19, you'll receive a special prayer card. You'll be invited to write your prayer for Shepherd @ 50 and the Shepherd of the Hills ministry in general. As you come forward for Communion on Nov. 18/19, you'll place your prayer card in a basket. At the end of worship services, designated individuals will bring forward all the pledge cards, pour them in a basket, and pour the prayer cards over them, symbolically covering the pledges in our prayers and God's blessing.

As we approach these important days, prayer is needed. Please pray that God would provide all of the resources needed to accomplish His plans among us. Please pray for those still

considering their sacrificial gift. Please pray for Shepherd @ 50 leaders as we seek to faithfully lead our church, school, and child care community down the path of wise stewardship and visionary action. Please pray for all of us as a community, that our work together in this program would bind us more closely as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are on a journey, and the Lord is with us every step of the way!

**“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)**

Serving Jesus alongside you,  
Pastor Chris