



**GOD'S
INVESTMENT
IN US**

**OUR INVESTMENT
IN GOD**

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
BEFORE PEOPLE IN SUCH A WAY THAT
THEY MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD WORKS
AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.**

MATTHEW 5:14-16



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church genuinely reflects these words of Jesus in Matthew 5:14-16 through our people, our projects, and the possibilities. We shine! And because of our very nature in Christ, we glorify God in such a way that blessings are experienced within the church and shared out in the community that surrounds us.

WHAT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE?

It is because, since our beginnings, there has been a principle and a practice at our core. We are **Centered in Christ**. And so, we share our resources. We give generously.

Our prayerfulness, worship, and engagement with God and one another brings such a deep level of spiritual life and a vitality of vision that there appears to be no limits to what God can do through us.

This fall, we celebrate being **Centered in Christ** by

reflecting on stories that have been life-giving. Our hope is that even more stories will be birthed anew.

For six focused weeks, beginning October 20, we will remember, reflect, even perhaps re-imagine a bit of who we are.

Then, on November 16 & 17, we will be invited to make a new investment of ourselves and our financial resources into the light and life of SOTV so that we can meet the goals we've set out to accomplish together.

One week later, on November 23 & 24, we will celebrate, offering thanksgiving and praise for the vision God has inspired and the commitments made for the year to come.

**BE INSPIRED. BE JOYFUL. AND BE BLESSED.
YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

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**YOUR JOYFUL
PARTICIPATION
WILL HELP US
REACH OUR GOAL**

CENTERED IN CHRIST WE ARE...

1 TAKING CARE OF OUR HOME SO THAT IT'S A **WELCOMING** AND **SAFE PLACE FOR ALL**

- Keeping up with the rising costs of necessary services such as snow removal, insurance, and utilities.
- Completing critical maintenance and repair projects, some of which have been on hold for multiple years.
- Making our home even more inviting and easier to navigate.

2 TENDING TO **GENERATIONAL NEEDS** SO THAT EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE **FULLY** IN LIFE WITH SOTV

- Integrating people of all ages more fully into worship, focusing on providing better hearing assistance for those who are hearing impaired, and providing worship assistance for families - especially those with younger children.
- Supporting those who are homebound, experiencing crisis, or are at end-of-life by adding visitation pastor hours.
- Investing in adult ministry by adding a part time staff person to support these ministries' needs.

3 **NURTURING LEADERS** SO THAT WE HAVE **STRONGER CONNECTIONS** WITHIN THE **CONGREGATION** AND **COMMUNITY**

- Providing leadership learning opportunities for lay leaders, staff, and volunteers.
- Continuing our role as a resource to our community through ministries such as the Food Shelf, partnering with Independent School District 196, and Belong Rosemount.
- Potentially hiring staff to work with group leaders, volunteers, and our online community.

4 **INVESTING** IN OUR MINISTRIES SO THAT WE CONTINUE THE WORK **GOD IS CALLING** US TO DO

- Continuing to invest in our robust music ministry, learning groups, connect groups, and care ministries.
- Exploring ministry start up for parts of our congregation who have limited group opportunities, especially our young adults to empty-nester population.
- Enhancing our support for existing community partners.

