

## The Story

In the mid 2000's, Ankeny First's growth had created a capacity problem. The leaders at the time had a vision not only to solve the problem of space demand, but to meet the growing recreational needs of a such a fast-growing city as Ankeny - and so the Christian Life Center (CLC) was born.

The reality has surpassed the vision in every way:

- ◆ Over 500 people in worship each week
- ◆ Over 350 people in senior adult fitness each week
- ◆ Over 50 people in adult fitness classes each week
- ◆ Over 300 children in soccer and nearly 50 children in basketball each year
- ◆ Wednesday night educational and worship arts activities for children, youth, and adults at both Uptown and the CLC
- ◆ Nearly 100 people in Alcoholics Anonymous and recovery groups each week

With so many amazing ministries happening, not just at the CLC but across our 3-site church, our congregational leaders agree that as long as the mortgage exists, there is the possibility that we would need to choose between the mortgage and the ministry to which our whole church has been called.

We believe that focusing financially, just as we have recommitted to focusing in ministry, will continue our church's great momentum.

Rather than worrying about debt, **we dream of focusing our creative energy on mission and ministry that changes lives.**

## Campaign Schedule

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|-----------|-----------------------|
|           | <b>SEPTEMBER</b>      |
| <b>20</b> | Grounded In Gratitude |
|           | <b>SEPTEMBER</b>      |
| <b>27</b> | Impact of Ministry    |
|           | <b>OCTOBER</b>        |
| <b>04</b> | Celebration Sunday    |
|           | <b>OCTOBER</b>        |
| <b>11</b> | Commitment Sunday     |

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UPDATED  
SCHEDULE

  
**REACH BEYOND**

**Ankeny First  
2020 Capital  
Campaign  
REACH  
BEYOND**



## Our Plan

- ◆ All money raised in the REACH BEYOND campaign will go toward the \$1.8M principal on the mortgage of the Christian Life Center.
- ◆ We will pay interest on the loan (\$70,000 the first year) through the operating budget.
- ◆ We will continue to budget \$70,000 even as interest declines so that we can save up for major repairs that arise.

## Impact

- ◆ We will be able to save up for future major repairs across our three sites.
- ◆ We will save \$200,000 in interest over the rest of the life of the loan.
- ◆ We will connect missional giving to the stories of those whom we help.



**This campaign is about having the freedom to pursue the vision God has given us.**

## What Can You Do?

- ◆ **Pray** As part of the Ankeny First family, you will receive communications regarding the REACH BEYOND Capital Campaign in the months to come. Please pray for what the future of our church holds and our vision of expanding ministry even further into our community as our mortgage debt is eliminated. When praying, reflect on our campaign prayer: “Lord, what do You want to do through me?”
- ◆ **Praise** Praise God for the endless blessings He has given to Ankeny First United Methodist Church. Praise God for the current ministries and the potential ministries as a result of this campaign. Praise God for future opportunities He will bring and the lives that will be touched.
- ◆ **Plan** The campaign team is prayerfully planning the future of our church. Each member of our church family is invited to plan and pray in order to seek God’s guidance. Plan to be involved. Plan your calendar around the special events that are designed to provide information and to celebrate this campaign. And, plan to be a part of the future God has intended for Ankeny First United Methodist Church.

Use your smart phone to capture this QR Code to save a special prayer reminder image as your Lock Screen through the campaign.



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