



Mindekirken

The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church



LAUNCHING THE NEXT CENTURY

December 30, 2022

Dear Mindekirke members and friends,

The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, Mindekirken, is embarking on a fundraising campaign called Launching the Next Century to raise at least \$100,000 to fund a program and volunteer coordinator position. Because of the rich and robust programming offered by Mindekirken, more than 1,000 volunteers are needed during the calendar year to execute programs. When one thinks about it, that is overwhelming!

Volunteer service is the heart of Mindekirken and its growth. It is a very important way to connect with members, associate members and friends. Through its wide range of volunteer opportunities, the church has a chance to connect with people who cannot make a consistent commitment or may be struggling to find the best way to utilize their talents. The program and volunteer coordinator will focus on that.

Over the years, the church council and staff have worked hard to recruit volunteers and lead events that offer a broad spectrum of spiritual and cultural content. However, the council's primary duty is fiduciary, such as church administration and financial oversight. The staff have a significant number of duties. A program and volunteer coordinator position will make it possible for the council and staff to carry out their key responsibilities while recognizing the importance of a well-organized volunteer program.

The Launching the Next Century Campaign will kick off at the church's final Centennial event — Centennial Banquet, Jan. 7, 2023, Minnesota Valley Country Club, Bloomington, and culminate on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. We have included a Case for Support, a Question and Answer document, pledge card and return envelope for your information and consideration.

Mindekirken has faithfully served the spiritual and cultural needs of the Norwegian and Nordic communities for one hundred years. Moreover, it has partnered with the local community as it continues to evolve and thrive. With its neighbor, Norway House, it anchors what is now referred to as the Norwegian Campus, and the church's visibility continues to expand, as do its responsibilities.

Best regards,

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Church Council President

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Pastor