



multiply

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...”

— Acts 1:8





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We continue to actively seek God's guidance as we live out our vision to **Multiply Disciples // Transform Lives**. As we have prayed and asked for His leading we believe He is calling us to specific ministries during 2018 and 2019 that will require **\$8.4 million** in giving over these **two years**. We believe God has placed the resources in our midst to reach this goal! *(Rather than dividing the needed funds into "Regular Operating + Capital Campaign", **Multiply** includes the entire ministry that God is calling us to and puts it all into one fund.)*

In Acts 1:8, Jesus promises to unleash His power in His followers by the giving of the Holy Spirit. We're asking you to pray the prayer below and consider what effect the unleashed power of Jesus might have through you as you live generously. Our prayer is that 100% of us will take a step of faith and witness how God will **Multiply** our gifts for His Kingdom!

Following Him,

Pastor Tom

**"Jesus, unleash
Your power in **me**,
in my **relationships**,
in our **communities**,
and in Your **world**.
Amen."**

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In 1966, in His wisdom, God called Pastor Paul & Rhoda Pfotenhauer to plant a church in Woodbury, Minnesota. From its beginning, Woodbury Lutheran was a church focused on serving the community and welcoming people from all walks of life to experience the life-transforming power of Jesus. For 50 years, God has multiplied His blessings to Woodbury Lutheran in amazing ways and we cannot wait to see what He will do over the next 50 years.



HISTORY

1967

WLC launches and begins meeting at Royal Oaks Elementary in Woodbury.

1969

First phase of Valley Creek Campus is built.

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Preschool & Kindergarten begins.

1977

First new full-time ministry **staff is hired.**

1982

Second phase of Valley Creek Campus is built.

1983

Christian Cupboard Food Shelf is started at WLC.

1993

New Sanctuary on Valley Creek Campus is built.

Founding pastor, Pastor Paul Pfothenauer, retires and Pastor Dean Nadasdy becomes the **second Senior Pastor** at WLC.

● **2000**

St. Croix Campus land is purchased.

● **2005**

The **Bridge** is built on Valley Creek Campus and **the Alley Church** is planted in Cottage Grove.

● **2007**

Pastor Nadasdy is elected District President of the MN South District and **Pastor Tom Pfothenauer is installed** as Senior Pastor at WLC.

● **2012**

Formerly Risen Christ Church, the **Oak Hill Campus** launches in Stillwater.

● **2012**

The three-year **Greater** initiative begins.

● **DEC 2013**

Liberty Ridge Campus launches in eastern Woodbury.

● **FEB 2017**

WLC celebrates 50 years in ministry and looks to the future beginning the two-year **Multiply** initiative.

● **OCT 2017**

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Two-Year One Fund Initiative

Total Goal to Provide Funding for Everything God is Calling Us to - \$8.4 Million

Multiply is a two-year effort to boldly fund four initiatives to which God is calling us. We will be utilizing a one fund approach that resources our entire ministry plan. The **Multiply** generosity goal is the projected budget for everything we are currently doing plus several new areas of emphasis that God has put before us for 2018 & 2019.

Multiply is our opportunity to build on 50 years of ministry by looking forward to where God is leading us next. The unleashed power of Jesus will allow us to have multiplied impact in four areas:

- **Multisite Investment:** We will be proactive in using the blessings God has given us to multiply new campuses for His glory.
- **Focused Missions:** We will support the work of God's Kingdom by multiplying new church plants and leaders, partnering with developing communities and feeding the hungry.

- **Transformational Ministries:** We will be faithful to the ongoing ministry of WLC so that disciples will continue to be multiplied and transformed.
- **Foundational Expenses:** We will accelerate the payment of debt and make needed investments in our facilities so we can effectively say “yes” to what God has in store for our future.

To fund these initiatives, our goal is to raise \$8.4 million in giving over the next two years. You can see how this goal is broken out over the next several pages.



Multisite Investment

\$1.1 Million

We will be proactive in using the blessings God has given us to multiply new campuses for His glory.

Funds will be used for:

- Fully funding all of the ministry expenses of the Liberty Ridge and Oak Hill Campuses.
- Building up a reserve for future multisite ministry opportunities.
- Building a reserve for a future, permanent location for the Liberty Ridge Campus.



In 2012, a group from Risen Christ Lutheran approached WLC about the possibility of a merger. After much prayer and conversation, our two churches merged and the Oak Hill Campus was born. Over the past five years, God has moved in some incredible ways as we have seen this community of believers grow from 45 on a weekend to well over 200, including over 400 in worship last Easter. Praise God!



On February 5, 2017, we launched our Liberty Ridge Campus at Liberty Ridge Elementary in east Woodbury. Research continues to show that *starting new, reaches new* and this has been true at Liberty Ridge where we continue to see new people checking out Jesus in this unique setting.

Focused Missions

\$1.1 Million

We will support the work of God's Kingdom by multiplying new church plants and leaders, partnering with developing communities, and feeding the hungry.

Funds will be used for:

- Providing one million meals for at-risk children through Feed My Starving Children. (WLC will host four on-site MobilePacks during 2018-2019 at a cost of over \$200k.)
- Continuing to partner with missionaries and mission organizations throughout the world.
- Focusing on developing future leaders and planting new churches locally and globally.
- Continuing to provide short-term mission experiences and bring the love of Christ locally in the Twin Cities area.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

christian cupboard & closet

Robin's Nest - Jamaica

Phillips Neighborhood -
Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Support 17 Missionaries
& Mission Organizations
Around the World*



Liberty Ridge Elementary School

Sheridan Story

short-term missions

OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD

Ethiopia



Quito, Ecuador

kake, alaska

*SALT: Somali Adult
Literacy Training*

Team World Vision

support 3 refugee families

*Ekklesia Care Point
through Children's
HopeChest*



Valley Outreach

Transformational Ministries

\$4.5 Million

We will be faithful to the ongoing ministry of WLC so disciples will continue to be multiplied and transformed.

Funds will be used for:

- Ongoing ministry costs (kids and youth programming, etc.)
- Utilities, insurance, building maintenance, etc.
- Staff salaries and benefits



Foundational Expenses

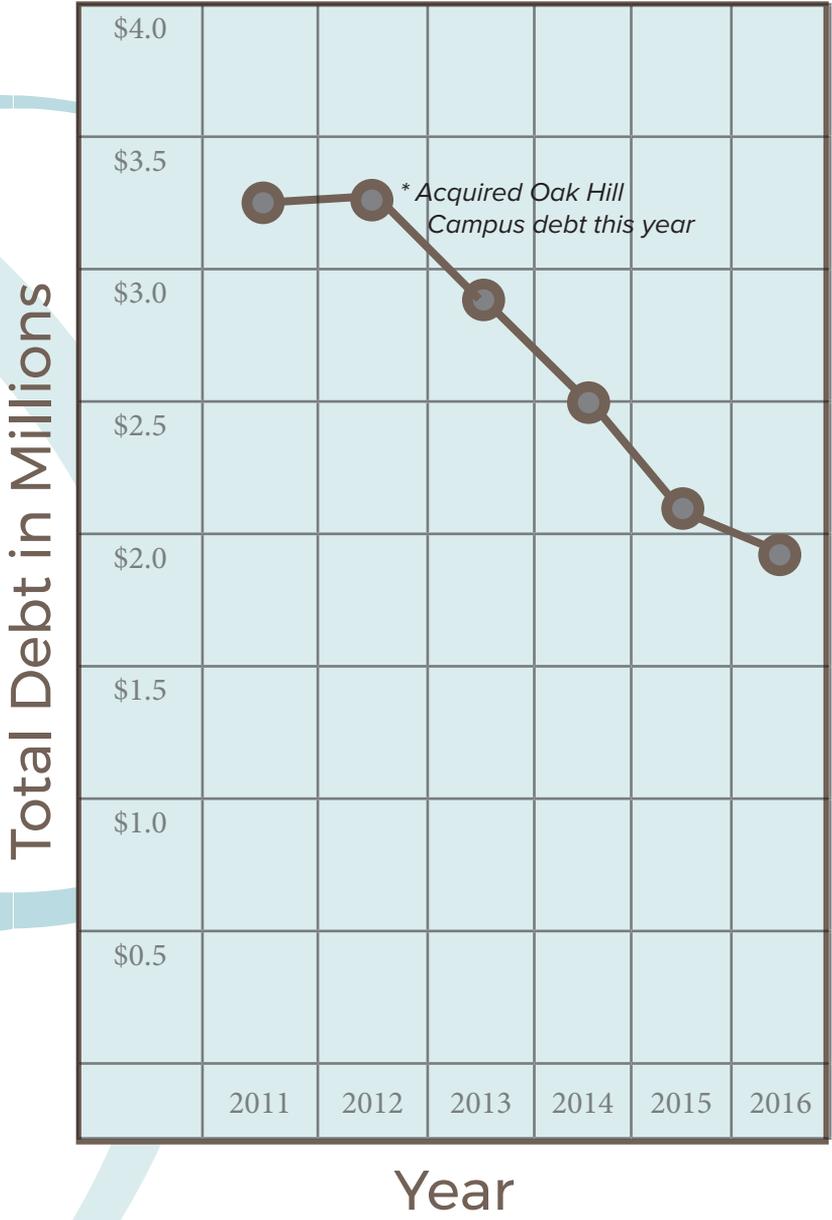
\$1.7 Million

We will accelerate the payment of debt and make needed investments in our facilities so we can effectively say “yes” to what God has in store for our future.

Funds will be used for:

- Aggressively paying down debt to better position our church for future ministry.
- Continuing to update our signage and buildings, including the sanctuaries at Oak Hill and Valley Creek Campuses.
- Making much needed investments in our facilities by funding capital improvement projects to roofs and both Oak Hill and Valley Creek Campuses’ HVAC projects.

Graph of Debt Reduction over the last 5 years



Reaching Our Goal

Generosity Journey

In order to accomplish the ministry that we believe God is calling us to in 2018 and 2019, our goal is to **Multiply** our total generosity to \$8.4 million over these two years.

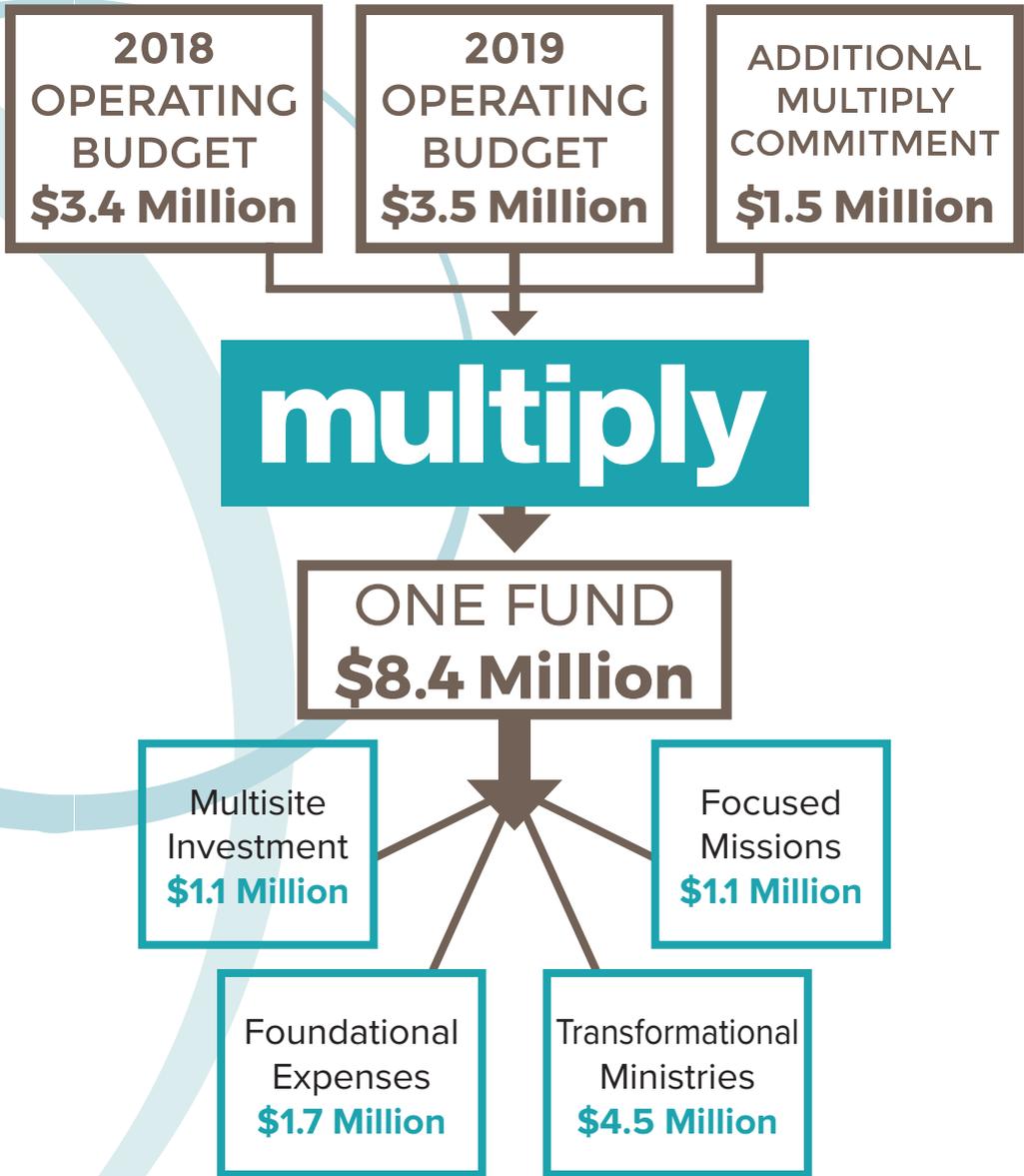
While \$8.4 million is a lofty goal, we can accomplish it as Jesus unleashes His power in us in ways that **Multiply**. It will take commitment and require sacrifice, not just from some of us, but from ALL of us.

We ask you to pray about how God is challenging you to **Multiply** your generosity. Our goal is 100% participation—we believe we are better together

and that God will **Multiply** His impact as each one of us takes another step on our Generosity Journey.



Multiply is a one fund initiative, meaning every contribution to God's work through Woodbury Lutheran between November 2017 and December 2019 is a contribution to **Multiply**.



WLC Generosity Journey

Where are you today and what Next Step are you being called to as you pray for Jesus to unleash His power in you?



Initial: I am giving for the first time, learning to trust God with my gift.



Intentional: I am choosing an amount and giving at least once a month.



Priority: I am putting God first, choosing to give generously and in a way that impacts my lifestyle.



Fearless: I am depending on God's provision, asking not "How much should I give?" but "How little should I keep?"



Legacy: I am impacting the future of God's Kingdom, giving to outlast my life.

Below is a gift chart showing how we can reach our goal of \$8.4 million.

Gifts Needed	Gift Level	Annual Gift of	Monthly Gift of	Gift Level Total
1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,000	\$500,000
2	\$350,000	\$175,000	\$14,000	\$700,000
2	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,000	\$500,000
4	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,000	\$600,000
5	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,000	\$500,000
8	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,000	\$600,000
10	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$2,400	\$600,000
16	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$800,000
20	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,400	\$700,000
30	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,000	\$750,000
30	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$600	\$450,000
42	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$400	\$420,000
55	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$300	\$412,500
66	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$200	\$330,000
175	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$100	\$437,500
Many	\$1,000	\$500	\$40	\$100,000
				\$8,400,000

Start with a number that seems doable - a number you can make work.

Now... pick a number that is truly GENEROUS - a number that would help you go to that next step on your Generosity Journey, which will require obedience, sacrifice, possibly a significant lifestyle change, and dependence upon God alone.

We want to challenge you to pick THAT number. Let's walk together in faith to see our lives transformed and our community impacted for God's Kingdom.

Response Card

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR MULTIPLY RESPONSE

\$ <input type="text"/>	+	What I/we normally give in one year
\$ <input type="text"/>	=	My/our expanded annual generosity for MULTIPLY
\$ <input type="text"/>		Annual total contribution
X 2 YEARS	=	\$ <input type="text"/>
My/our gift(s) from stocks, real estate, savings, etc.	+	\$ <input type="text"/>

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR MULTIPLY RESPONSE THRU DEC 2019	\$ <input type="text"/>
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***Privacy Statement: Your pledge and giving records are kept strictly confidential.*

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

What are you asking me to do?

Everyone who calls WLC home is being asked to make a two-year commitment. We serve a great God and trust Him to exceed our greatest expectations - to do more than we could ever hope or imagine through our collective Multiply commitments.

What if I can't afford to give right now?

Even in times of scarcity, God wants our hearts. The widow who gave her last coin did not make a very large financial contribution, but Jesus said that she gave the largest gift of all. Multiply is about all of us coming together, giving generously, and trusting God to do the rest.

What if I'm in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

It's important for generosity to be a part of our life at every point. If you are in the process of paying off debt, we commend you, and you should continue to do so. But the Bible does not teach that we withhold giving until we are debt-free. When we honor God first with our giving, He promises to be involved with every other aspect of our finances. If you are in need of assistance to become debt-free, consider attending one of our Financial Peace University classes by Dave Ramsey.

What if I'm new or have never given to WLC before and how is one fund different from a capital campaign?

If you have never given financially to WLC, Multiply is for you! Multiply is a one fund generosity initiative where all the ministry God is calling us to over the next two years is included, rather than a traditional capital campaign where you are asked to give an extra gift “above and beyond” your regular giving. Instead, Multiply recognizes that everyone in the church is invited to take a step on the Generosity Journey, especially if it is your first step. This initiative is for all of us!

Why do churches talk about money, finances, and giving?

At WLC we believe unequivocally that when it comes to being generous with our finances, God does not want something from us, He wants something for us. We serve a generous God who gave us everything in His Son Jesus and life is better when we learn to hold the blessings that He has given us loosely. Jesus himself made money – particularly our desire for it and our use of it – a major piece of our following Him as His disciples. Multiply is not about taking something from you, it is about each of us growing as disciples of Jesus in all areas of our lives, including our financial giving.

How long will my commitment be to Multiply?

We are asking for financial commitments to Multiply for the 2018 & 2019 financial years, along with a first-fruits offering toward individual responses on the weekend of November 18/19, 2017. The entire congregation will make their commitments on the weekend of October 28/29, 2017.

What forms of contributions will be accepted?

Contributions can be made via cash, check, and online transactions. Additional forms of contribution can include the transference of title to marketable stocks, bonds, real estate, ETFs, etc. Let us know if you are interested in contributing in one of these additional ways.

Can I update my commitment after Commitment Sunday if my circumstances change?

Yes. You may update your commitment pledge at any time. We understand that circumstances are always changing. The point of Multiply is to be led by the Spirit, not by a heavy yoke or burden.

Is my commitment confidential?

Yes. Only our small financial team has knowledge of pledges and giving records.

What is the future of the Liberty Ridge Campus and are we going to build on the St. Croix land?

At this time there are no immediate plans to build on St. Croix and for now the Liberty Ridge Campus will continue to worship at Liberty Ridge Elementary. We do believe that God is calling us to grow through starting new campuses and we are looking at where God might be opening up another opportunity. It is very likely that our next campus will be born out of another merger.

Can I earmark where my money goes?

One of the beauties of the one fund is that there is something in it for everyone to get excited about. If you are a debt person you will be happy that the debt is being paid down, if you are excited by missions then you will be moved by the mission aspect, if you think our sanctuaries need to be freshened up that is in there too and so forth. If you feel like the only way you can give is to earmark your contribution then you can always make an earmarked donation apart from the initiative, but we really hope that you will join us in Multiply!

Why do we need to do another multisite? Haven't we already done enough?

In Woodbury alone there are more than 40,000 people who are not connected to a local church and need to know Jesus. Jesus sacrificed His life for us, and in response we will sacrifice so that disciples are multiplied and lives transformed by coming to know Jesus.

Sermon Series

Introduction

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Week 1: Disciples

Sept 30/Oct 1

Reading: Acts 1:6-11
2nd Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Focus: The power of Jesus was unleashed in the disciples as His Holy Spirit was given to them and the result was that they became powerful witnesses for His life-transforming invitation. At the heart of Multiply is the call that we have been given as His disciples to make disciples as Jesus unleashes His power in us, in our relationships, in our communities, and in His world.

Notes:

Week 2: Leaders

Oct 7/8

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
2nd Reading: Matthew 9:35-38

Focus: Paul encouraged Timothy to entrust the teachings of Jesus to trustworthy people who would continue to pass them on to others. Jesus Himself called us to pray to the God of the harvest that He would raise up workers to go out into the harvest fields. The church stands at a crossroad, in need of trustworthy leaders who will pass on the teachings of Jesus. Will you step into your gifting and allow the power of Jesus to be unleashed in you?

Notes:

Week 3: Generosity

Oct 14/15

Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19
2nd Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Focus: Something happens in our hearts when we begin to learn to hold loosely to the financial blessings that God has given to us. When it comes to being generous givers, we are called to be sacrificial, have a joy-filled attitude, and be gracious. As you think about your own Generosity Journey, where are you today and what step is Jesus calling you to take next?

Notes:

Week 4: Churches

Oct 21/22

Reading: Matthew 16:13-20
2nd Reading: Acts 13:1-6a

Focus: Jesus promises that not even all the power of hell will be able to stand up to His church. The Apostle Paul gives a great example of how, when the power of Jesus is unleashed in new church plants, entire communities are transformed. What if God was calling us at WLC to Multiply churches locally and around the world?

Notes:

Week 5: Imagination

Oct 28/29

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

2nd Reading: John 14:8-14

Focus: The promise of God is that He can and will do far beyond what we could ever imagine. We have seen that for 50 years at WLC and as we look forward to the next 50, we continue to pray that His power will be unleashed and Multiply beyond what we could ever dream or imagine.

Notes:

Week 6: The Harvest

Nov 4/5

Reading: Mark 4:1-20

2nd Reading: none

Focus: By the power of Jesus, we as His disciples are called to produce fruit. Jesus describes a farmer who sows seed. When that seed falls on good soil, it multiplies and produces a harvest 30, 60, and even 100 times what was planted. Now is the time for us at WLC to step into what is next by producing a multiplied harvest.

Notes:

Week 7: Abundance

Nov 11/12

Reading: Mark 6:30-44

2nd Reading: Psalm 65:1-13

Focus: Jesus provides for us abundantly in so many ways and the proper response to this great blessing is to praise the name of our great God! As we think about the abundance of our blessings, may we turn them into multiplied blessings in our relationships, in our communities, and in His world.

Notes:

Week 8: Miracles

Nov 18/19

Reading: Exodus 7:1-5

2nd Reading: Exodus 36:1-7

Focus: God hardened the heart of Pharaoh specifically so that His miraculous signs would be multiplied. As the Israelites came to offer their gifts for the Tabernacle, Moses had to turn them away because they brought too much. As we bring our first-fruit gifts this day, may the miracles of God be multiplied through our offerings.

Notes:





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