



FRUITION

The Prospectus

“ ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

— Galatians 5:22-23

Welcome Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are excited that you have taken a moment to prayerfully consider our Atonement life together as we engage together in the Fruition Campaign. Thank you! The fruit of faithfulness you exemplify continues to inspire, enlighten, and comfort all who are finding a spiritual home here.

Our shared vision to be “a welcoming and inclusive Christian community, fostering connection to God, one another, and the world” is not just a “statement,” but is an articulation of our driving purposes. We believe the concepts of welcome, inclusion, and fostering christian community and connection are what we are called to do together. They are weaved throughout all we do: worship, outreach, fellowship, faith formation, congregational care, sharing our facility with the community, and so much more as we do God’s work in our world.

2024 is a golden opportunity to advance this vision together through the Fruition Campaign, by caring for both our annual fund and a 1-year campaign to intentionally pay down our facility debt. This prospectus outlines our facility history, Fruition goals, and the specific invitation to commit together in faith.

The Fruition Campaign Steering Team



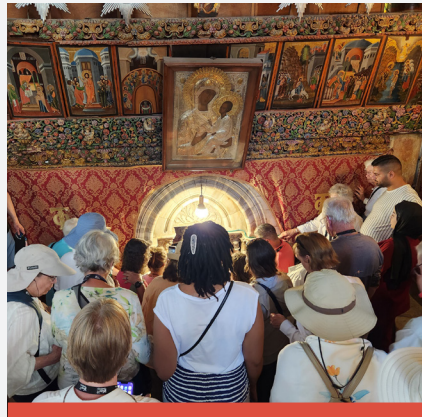
I give thanks to God for Atonement’s ministry as I see the community embody both God’s love and the Fruit of the Spirit for one another.”

— Pastor Chad Kohlmeyer

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I support Atonement’s involvement in the Fruition Campaign as it allows us to open our hearts and minds and look to the future of our family in Christ.”

— Jan Osburn





Atonement's Journey Together

In 1960, God placed a dream in the hearts of Lutherans to plant a congregation in the Frasier Meadows neighborhood in central Boulder. It was one of 19 Atonement Lutheran Churches started at the very same time. In May of 1961, three acres were purchased and our faith community worshiped for one year at Burke Elementary while the church building was constructed. The first building was dedicated on May 27, 1962. As the congregation grew, building upgrades took place in 1966, 1968, and 1981.

In 2020, we broke ground for a set of exciting upgrades focused on:

- Aligning the 60's and 80's builds for effective ministry in the 21st century, by creating a more open, bright, and inviting concept representing the heart of Atonement to the community.
- Being good stewards of God's earth by attending to HVAC and parking lot needs, installing energy efficient windows and doors and LED lighting.
- Expanding the sanctuary by opening up the narthex and adding 50 additional seats.
- Providing audio-visual upgrades throughout the facility, including three t-coil hearing loops, increased live-stream capability for worship, weddings, funerals, prayer vigils, concerts, and other community events.
- Updating the kitchen for more functional space to use on Wednesday, Sunday, and throughout the week.
- Enhancing outdoor and multi-use spaces for Atonement and facility user needs.
- Updating exterior landscaping that was more inviting by replacing overly-mature plants and adding new plants that thrive in our climate.



We love that Atonement is a place our children feel welcome, loved, and maybe a little too comfortable.”

— Leighton Minor



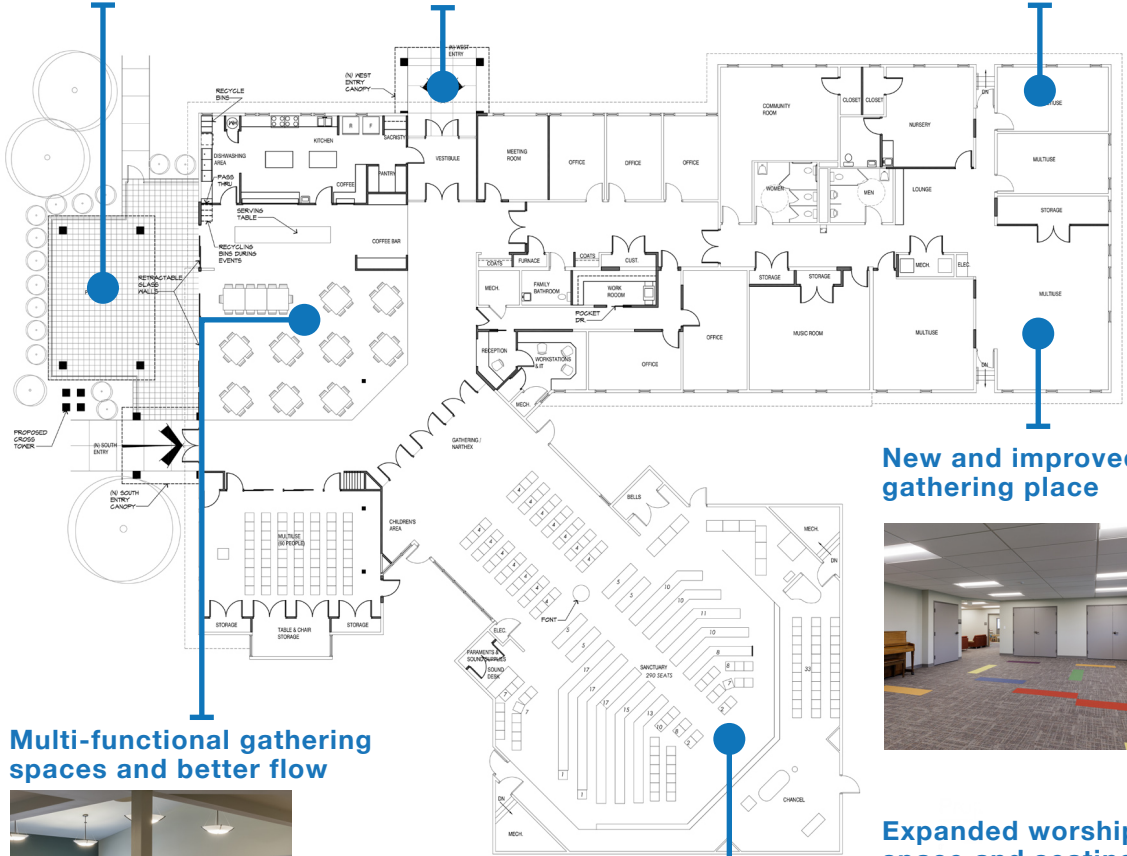
New outdoor patio space for fellowship



Redesigned entrances for clarity and flow



More spacious hallways, rooms and waiting spaces



Multi-functional gathering spaces and better flow



New and improved gathering place



Expanded worship space and seating



Connecting Campaign Summary

To accomplish these upgrades, Atonement members and friends generously pledged (and donated) nearly \$1M over a three-year period, and a gift of \$300,000 was given to Atonement by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church as it went through the process of Holy Closure. In addition to the upgrades the campaign gave 10% of funds donated to four worthy partners: TGTHR in Boulder, supporting homeless youth, New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry, Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Paso, TX, and the Guatemalan Lutheran Church.

Currently, the remaining debt on the upgrades is approximately \$650,000.



Atonement is a community that supports each of us as we gather together to share the Word and Sacraments. I'm supported by worship and choir that refocus and center me on what's important. I want this to continue to be here for me and you and those still to come. I am thankful for that and know it doesn't happen without hands helping and giving."

— Jan Ydstie-Roy

New Life and Opportunities

Effectiveness of the upgrade is realized by its promotion of community life during Sunday worship and Wednesday Night live programming. Flow from the Sanctuary, Fellowship Area, Patio, Heritage Room, and Gathering Place, greatly enhance our ability to be community together.

Prior to the renovations, our one multi-use space (former chapel) was under significant demand because it was the only space usable by a group of 20+ individuals. We are grateful that the new Gathering Place on the north side of the facility has offered a fantastic second multi-use space alongside the Heritage Room that is used upwards of 10-times per week.

New visitors to the facility comment on the design, amount of light in the space, ability to see where to go, and how wonderful the upgrades look. We are grateful to have a first-impression that matches the spirit of the people of Atonement. They also love the large parking lot and the barrier-free accessible facility.

Almost immediately after the renovations were completed in 2021, Atonement began receiving new facility use requests from the outside community. We estimate that now, over 300 members of Boulder community organizations enter Atonement's space weekly. We are grateful for continuing larger contracts with the Boulder Chorale and Boulder Children's Chorale, Boulder School for German Language and Culture and the added contract for the past two summers with Avid 4 Adventure. This past year we also have had well over a dozen other periodic facility users.



The Fruition Campaign Goals

1

Grow spiritually as a community through the Fruit of the Spirit series

2

Support our annual fund

Which supports our life together: Pastors, staff, intern, building maintenance, worship materials, outreach, benevolence, educational opportunities, and congregational care.

3

Intentionally continue to pay down Atonement's building remodel debt

This goal allows us to reduce our debt by 50% and avoid negative impact to our annual fund.



I so appreciate that the members of Atonement are choosing to combine thoughtful stewardship of our financial resources with faithful stewardship of our spiritual resources in this fruition campaign.”

— Jess Gribble

Three Additional Initiatives

Three additional initiatives along with the debt reduction goal of \$350,000, have been set that help us live out our vision here and around the world.

12% of money raised will fund these important initiatives.

(The more we raise, the more of these we can support):

Feed My Starving Children (fmsc.org) Mobile Packing Event

100,000+ meals to be packed
in shifts by ALC, other churches
and friends Dec. 8-9, 2023
(\$10,000 investment).

ALC Summer Youth Trip Support

(\$5,000 for 2024)

Patio Shade Pergola

~\$30,000
(We already have \$10,000 of
the ~\$40,000 we'll need)



I support the Fruition
Campaign because I am so grateful for
the care Atonement provides my family
and for our community!”

— Andi Brock

Commitment

We welcome your prayerful consideration of the Fruition Campaign. The campaign invites TWO statements of intent to give. Early in the week of Nov. 5 you will receive a letter along with two intent cards. You will have the opportunity to fill out an intent to give form for 1) our annual fund/stewardship drive for 2024, and 2) for the 1-year debt reduction campaign.

Meeting our debt reduction goal is important as it allows us to avoid increasing the amount dedicated to debt reduction in our Ministry Financial Plan (MFP). Payments on a loan balance of \$300,000 (the campaign goal) will be covered by the current budget amount (~\$30,000/year).

Gifts can be made as lump sum contributions or spread out over the year. Additionally, gifts of appreciated stocks, real estate, and other assets may enable you to capture tax savings (see questions and answers on next page). If you are age 72 or older, you may benefit tremendously from giving a gift directly from your IRA thanks to recent tax law changes.

Amount per week	Amount per month	Amount per year
\$500	\$2000	\$24,000
\$200	\$850	\$10,200
\$100	\$425	\$5,100
\$50	\$200	\$2,400
\$20	\$90	\$1,080
\$10	\$45	\$540
\$7	\$30	\$360

How many gifts do we need to reach our goal?	Per year commitment	All together we'll reach our goal
1	\$50,000	\$50,000
2	\$25,000	\$100,000
10	\$10,000	\$200,000
20	\$5,000	\$300,000
many	under \$5,000	\$350,000

Commonly Asked Questions

When do my gift payments for the campaign begin?

Giving for the Atonement annual fund begins on January 1, 2024.

Giving for debt reduction is for a one year period, and we invite gifts to begin as soon as possible. In fact, gifts given before December 1, 2023, allow us to reduce the amount of our payment as much as possible as our loan interest rate resets on December 1.

There may be tax advantages to carefully structuring the timing and/or source of funds for your gift. Some households may benefit by spreading out their gift to allow for deductibility in multiple tax years (2023/2024). Those 72 years old or older often find that making a Qualified Charitable Contribution from an IRA allows them to make a substantial gift while enjoying significant tax advantages by helping to fulfill their Required Minimum Distribution.

Is it possible just to make gifts to the campaign without making specific commitments on the statement of intent card?

Yes, but written responses, while never legally binding, give us an indication of what we can expect and allow us to plan for our ministry together. We invite a statement of intent even if you are not making a financial commitment.

Do all campaign gifts have to be cash?

No. Gifts of property, appreciated stock, mutual funds, cash value from insurance policies or policy loan proceeds, Certificates of Deposit (CDs), bonds, and annuities are just some of the ways we can give. All these gifts may be subject to restrictions and limitations, so it is wise to consult your financial advisor or accountant.

What is the advantage of giving appreciated stocks or property?

You can avoid capital gains taxes and may receive a tax deduction for making a charitable gift.

How do I make a gift of appreciated stock?

Your broker can transfer shares from your account to the church. Contact Atonement's financial secretary through the church office to start the process. Important tax consequences: Do not sell the stock yourself or you may be unable to avoid capital gains tax. The church's broker will sell the stock, and you will receive a deductible credit based on the average market value on the day the stock is transferred.

“Atonement has given me a place to experience contentment and joy while hearing the word of God.”

— Jodie Cottrell



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