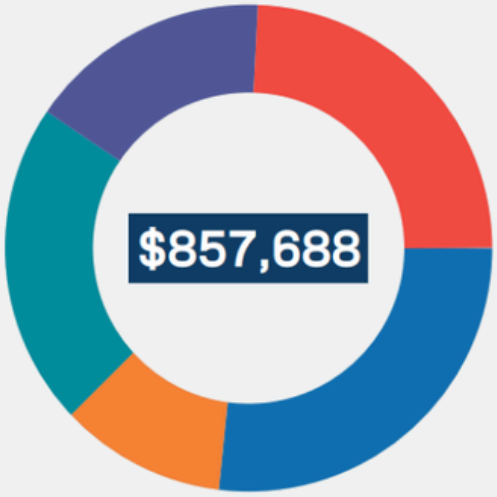


## Financial Giving

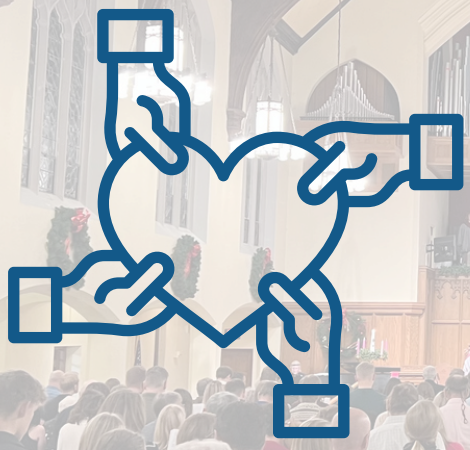
By sharing the gifts of our financial resources through a pledge commitment, we help equip the work of our church for the coming year. Our challenge for 2027 is for members and friends to either give for the first time, give again after a break, or give with an increase for those who are able. All pledge commitments to our 2027 Annual Giving Campaign make a difference!

### 2026 Narrative Budget




- Worship $231,845
- Children, Youth, & Preschool $209,410
- Missions & Outreach $183,317
- Fellowship & Connection $138,053
- Discipleship $95,061

A "Narrative Budget" tells the story of the areas of ministry your giving supports. In 2026, your giving supported a wide array of ministry and mission. This Narrative Snapshot of 2026 illustrates where your giving will make an impact in 2027. Since our budget is largely based off of your pledged commitments, the 2027 budget will be created by the Finance Committee following the 2027 Giving Campaign.



# Better Together

## 2027 Annual Giving Campaign
## Westminster - Lincoln

Westminster Friends,

In our next chapter, we believe that we are better together! We begin our “Next 100 Years at Sheridan and South” in December 2026, and so we look ahead with hope to the ministry that is to come in 2027. One of our new Values, “Better Together” reminds us that our church can flourish and grow when every member shares their time, talent, or financial support for the work God is calling us to do. That Value is at the heart of this year’s Giving Campaign Theme: “Better Together!”

You are invited to join us as we write this next chapter together, and one piece of that invitation is to pledge your support to give in 2027. Giving is a ministry of support, a way of trusting in God’s abundance for our future, and how we join with others in something none of us could do alone. In our giving, we are “Better Together.”

**Why Pledge to Give for 2027?**

• Where we have been: On Sunday, December 6, we will gather for our 100th Sanctuary Celebration after church, marking a century of faith at Sheridan and South. Every pledge you make is a way of showing gratitude to the generations who have supported our mission and a promise to the generations still to come. From our roots as “Mission Sunday School” in 1892, an outreach ministry, we have grown to be an impactful congregation for our community. Looking ahead, we only seek to grow that impact and our congregation!

• Where we are now: With new values of “Radical Welcome, Joyful Service, Deepening Faith, and Better Together” we are already shaping the good that is to come. Nearly 20% of your pledge supports Children & Youth Ministries including scholarships and programs, while 10% of our budget supports operating costs of Westminster Preschool as a mission expense of the church. Our facilities, while costly, are only increasing as a hub of community activity in Lincoln – hosting a beloved non-profit’s Staff and Board meetings, weekly Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln meetings and performances, Cub Scouts, community elections, two weekly Sunday worship services (in English and in Nuer), and Wednesday night gatherings for kids, youth, choir - and more!

• Where we are headed: In Quarter 1 of 2027 we will conclude our consultancy with Ministry Architects, but that is just one threshold toward our future. The journey of new ideas, faithfulness to our best tried-and-true practices, and community-forward thinking will continue! Your giving now supports a renewed vision of welcoming and serving our neighbors for the next 100 years.

**How to Give for 2027…**

• Pray, then decide. Take time to ask what God is inviting you to give before determining your pledge.

• Pledge on Commitment Sunday, November 15. Bring your completed Pledge Card to worship that morning and place it in the basket or return it to the church office in the enclosed envelope. Pledging soon allows Westminster to plan well for a faithful, impactful, and growth-focused 2027.

• Take the Power of 10. Our Stewardship Team invites you to increase your giving by 10% this coming year. If you gave more in 2026, we hope you will continue or increase that support, especially as costs to the church only increase.

• Join us in reaching a goal of $600,000 in pledges. Last year our pledges increased by 6% and a total of $25,000. Our goal for Pledged Giving Income for the church is a big one – an increase of another $77,000 or 12%. This would move us closer to one of our Financial Assessment Goals – increasing all sources of income to reduce Foundation support of the church budget over the next five years.

Westminster, we are, “Better Together!” Let’s say yes to God’s invitation and give generously toward our life together in 2027.
Your Stewardship Team

*Rev. Chris Peters*
*Mrs. Sarah Baltensperger*
*Mr. Dan Schafer*













