

Capital Campaign Updates-July

Trinity Brothers and Sisters-

Jason proposed, you prayed, God provided and here we are at the threshold of a new chapter for our church. You will recall Jason's call to all of us to pray about a campaign to reduce Trinity's debt before our mortgage is scheduled to increase at a significant rate early in 2026. The result of that prayer was an overwhelming affirmation from the body that this family wants to move into an expansive place where money going to the constraints of debt would be redeemed instead for purposes of ministry and outreach to our church and community. A committee was formed under the gracious and able leadership of T.J. Ruskell and we have been praying, listening and responding to see how best to facilitate this work. We want to keep you apprised of those activities because it is you, the committed congregation of Trinity, through whom God will work out His best will for our future. Read on to see how the plan is coming together.

The committee was tasked to give consideration before the monthly meeting as to what our logo could be. In a perfect world, there would have been a graphic design artist there or at least someone who wouldn't embarrass themselves in a game of Pictionary but it was just the team. When the chair asked for suggestions, there was a pause until a tentative suggestion was made that, since our theme was to be Freeing Tomorrow, we should have a design showing something being untethered and set free. Following the suggestion, this individual offered a very rough drawing she made earlier that day of a hot air balloon with **Tomorrow** written across its broad front. Immediately after this first



drawing was shown, a second member pulled from his notebook a drawing he had made prior to the meeting of (cue the drum roll and Doxology) a hot air balloon with **Tomorrow** written across its broad front. There had been no communication of this between these members prior to the meeting. You can't make this stuff up but God ordains. And we love it when His plan comes together. Now more about that theme.

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**WHAT DO YOU
GET WHEN YOU
PUT EIGHT
PEOPLE AROUND
A TABLE TO
DESIGN A
CAMPAIGN
LOGO? A
TESTIMONY!!**

Breaking News: Team Deems Dream Theme

Your capital campaign team has chosen “Freeing Tomorrow” as the theme of the endeavor. Why a theme you ask? The answer would be several excellent reasons.

A good theme collects the images, ideas and urgency of the capital campaign under a recognizable phrase. It focuses campaign-related prayer, thought and action across the Trinity body while allowing the priorities to be developed through pastoral messages, periodic communication and individual testimonies. The theme will also signify this time in Trinity’s history where we have sought God’s will and endeavored to take action to follow it.

What does Freeing Tomorrow mean? It speaks to the history of Trinity: the beginnings as a Sunday School ministry (spoiler alert: more on that history in the next newsletter), the growth of Trinity’s body and facilities, and our specific placement in Lakeville.

Freeing Tomorrow embraces our current opportunities: eliminating the mortgage and enabling our congregation to dream about advancing God’s Kingdom further in Lakeville.

Freeing Tomorrow addresses the realities in our communities: Children raised with no knowledge of the love of Christ and families struggling to meet the challenges of these unsettling and empty times. It calls us to a growing dependence on Christ for all the needs within our own congregation and to loving our neighbors enough to share the gospel and give them the hope of Eternity in Christ.

Our question to you: What would the redemption of over \$20,000 per month currently going to mortgage payments look like to you? Dream with us then dialogue with us. We’ll include the names of the CCT at the end of this newsletter.



And Now a Word from our Chairman

We asked TJ Ruskell to dream a bit and tell us what success in this campaign looks like to him. Here are his comments: “Ever since we built the new church on the property with its proximity to Lakeville South High School, I have thought that God put us at the location for a reason. What a great opportunity for Trinity to sponsor after-school events for the youth. Perhaps we could offer gatherings at such times to bring students to Trinity with food and games provided. All of this would be in an effort to get students and parents familiar with Trinity and, ultimately, as a way to reach them for Christ. With funds available we could even consider having a designated staff person in charge of these activities. Trinity has a lot of students that are homeschooled and I feel that we may be missing some students right next door in the public school.”

Together with you in expectant faith that our God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory!

TJ Ruskell – chair

Deb Ruskell- event chair

Dave Kes – communications chair

Andrew Rock- prayer chair

Dave Bigler- advance commitments chair

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