

CONSECRATION DAYS

March 7, 2010 — March 21, 2010

Reaching OUT... Touching HEARTS... Making DISCIPLES...

When we know the “why” — it leads us to the “how”

*YOUR support of the operating budget
through YOUR ANNUAL PLEDGE
makes ALL ministries possible*

GENERAL OPERATING FUND RECEIPTS

TRINITY ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

As a % of the 2010-2011 Proposed
Operating Budget — \$1,536,615

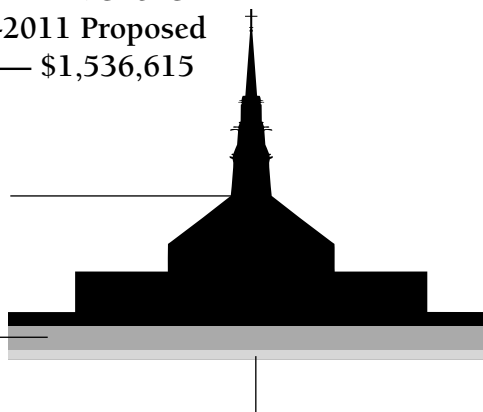
OFFERINGS — 78% of Budget

(of which 75% are regular
pledges and 3% are other
offerings/collections)

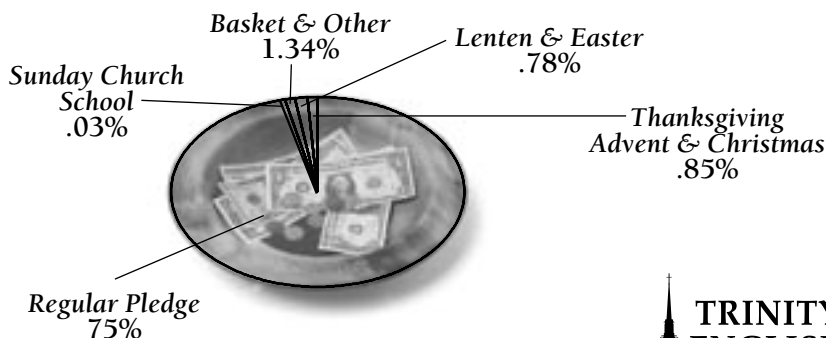
ENDOWMENT INCOME

— 18% of Budget

OTHER RECEIPTS — 4% of Budget



OFFERINGS (78% of Budget)



*“Welcoming Everyone to Grow in the
Love and Grace of Jesus Christ!”*



Touching HEARTS...

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*Asking...Nurturing...Serving...Cultivating...
Needing...Comforting...Tending...
Finding...Growing...Fulfilling...Sowing...
Answering...Receiving...Thriving*

*"I cannot think but God must know
About the thing I long for so;
I know God is so good and kind
I cannot think but God will find
Some way to help, some way to show
Me to the thing I long for so."*

— Author Unknown

What tremendous gifts we have been given as we continue to sow the Seeds of Faith planted in October, rejoiced over at the birth of Jesus in December, cultivated in this Lent's journey to the cross, and anticipate on approach to Easter's joyous rising! The church year's seasons of faith remind us in every time of God's constant mercies.

Martin Luther said, "So this is now the mark by which we all shall certainly know whether the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is effective in us: If we take upon ourselves the need of our neighbor."

God's creation is home to many neighbors in need. In seeking that which will truly help our neighbor and ourselves, we discover old and new gifts: giving and receiving, seeking and

finding, nurturing and thriving. Such gifts can readily be found in images of gardening, calling us to dig deep, to be nurtured to our roots, and to grow strong in response to God's love, grateful recipients of the finest spiritual food made available to the children of a gracious Creator.

"Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to those who knock, it shall be opened."
(Matthew 7:7-8)

Welcome to the new Care Ministries Garden in the Seeds of Faith Gathering Area. We hope you will find comfort and place there for pondering God's presence among us and possibilities awaiting in your own faith journey. We invite you to journey with us and discover along the way how, for this time in your life, you can seek, find, knock, and be opened to the grace of being blessed to be blessing.

— Janet Altmeyer
Care Ministries Coordinator

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