

That They May Know

2017-2020 Capital Campaign

As a result of a recent feasibility study about the future of Ankeny First, we would like to take this opportunity to better inform you about our current financial funds. In particular, we would like to highlight and briefly describe our three major funds:

Capital Fund: Housed within Ankeny First's Capital Fund is our Capital Campaign funding. All funds designated for a capital campaign, in particular our current campaign, "Faith Grows Here," are used for three different capital needs:

- Paying the monthly mortgage payment on the Christian Life Center (CLC).
- Capital improvements at all three worship sites.
- Tithing 10% towards capital improvements for our mission partners at Trinity/Las Americas UMC in Des Moines and Malawi UMC in Africa.

Not included with the Capital Fund are the utilities, building supplies, and staff needed to maintain our three sites and three parsonages. These expenses are included in Ankeny First's Operating Fund.

Operating Fund: Each fall we invite our congregation to participate in a stewardship campaign to set our Operating Budget for the following year. Within the operating budget, we are able to support the operations of our various ministries from children to youth to adult programming, and an assortment of sports, worship arts, Christian care, and recovery ministries. Our annual budget also includes the utilities, building supplies, insurance, and maintenance of our three worship sites, staff compensation, and apportionments to the Iowa Conference.

The Operating Budget does not include any direct mission giving or the CLC monthly mortgage payment.

Mission Fund: Members and guests always have the option to designate their financial gifts to a specific mission area and 100% of the gift goes to that mission. A few of our ongoing missions include DMARC Food Pantry, Bidwell Riverside, Love Lunches, Agape Garden, Malawi Partnership of Hope, etc.

For more information about our current/future capital campaign and operating budget, see the Giving page of our website www.ankenyfirst.org/online-giving and watch for more inserts like this one in our upcoming bulletins!