

## Dear friends in Christ, God is **Good!**

**THAT STATEMENT IS TRUE** whether we think things are going well or not. No matter the circumstance, Jesus is crucified, risen and coming again and through Him, we receive God's Gifts! That said, we can be grateful to God for a long stretch of stability, health, and growth in our congregation. The economic downturn of 2008 led to some financial challenges for MVLCS that have long since been rectified.



The combination of careful management of expenses combined with an average offering increase of over 10% per year over the past six years has opened the door to new ministry possibilities and staff positions.

### **These include:**

- An associate pastor
- A full-time Business Administrator

- A Connections Counselor position for school admissions and special event planning
- A music and worship director position

We're now in a place where we have the *freedom* to move forward into a new future. Large segments of our MVLCS community spoke into our future ministry and facility planning process that was returned

with overwhelming support for moving into a capital campaign. Thankful as we are for the stability, health, and growth seen over the past several years we know that the necessary changes to align our campus with future ministry priorities are beyond the scope of what can be handled even through large annual percentage increases in offerings. Please pray for the dozens of people planning this campaign, and learn all you can as we share details of where we hope to go together, in the Freedom given to us in Christ!



**DEAR GRACIOUS FATHER** We praise your holy name for all of the blessings that you give to us out of your grace. Help each member of our congregation to be motivated by the Holy Spirit to consider the physical and spiritual needs of our church. Allow our Church to be a light upon a hill that proclaims the saving message of Jesus Christ. Allow our church to move forward in freedom so that we are ministers of the gospel. All this is prayed in your name. Amen



GALATIANS 5:13 TELLS US THAT WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST! TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS.

# receive serve grow

**FREE TO RECEIVE** God's gifts, promised in his word, and delivered through his church.

**FREE TO SERVE** in all our vocations, and in the thriving school ministry envisioned 30 years ago by our forerunners.

**FREE TO GROW** in the word, in faith, in our reach, and in the physical presence of our well-loved campus.

stay INFORMED . **AS THE INFORM DIRECTOR**, my goal is to keep our Mountain View family up-to-date on every aspect of the capital campaign. Keep an eye out in this newsletter, on social media, in church announcements and posters, and on-line for upcoming events and campaign progress. Don't hesitate to reach out to me, or any members of the campaign leadership team as questions arise. We want everyone to be well-equipped with information and prayer support as we walk together in to the future. - **Kyle Tayrien, Inform Director**



**IT HAS BEEN SAID BY MANY THAT THE CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.** Mountain View Lutheran School disagrees. Our students are the *present* of the church, and we owe it to them now to fully prepare them for a world that needs to hear and see the message of God's love for all. That preparation requires improved facilities and increased opportunities to fully realize the simple focus of our school: **GLORIFY GOD; NURTURE STUDENTS; AND SERVE COMMUNITY.** It's a simple focus driving all we do as we boldly move forward with strength and courage. I invite you to learn more about who we are and how we live the Gospel in the lives of our students, families and community.

- **Kris Schneider, Principal**

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PRAYER EVENT @  
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From learning about Christ and the **JOY** and **FREEDOM** we have in Him, to learning academics in the classroom, Mountain View set me up for success in every way... I truly feel that I owe my strong foundation in Christ and academia to Mountain View and its commitment to me!

- *Nicole*

Nicole Tayrien is a member of Mountain View Lutheran School's first graduating class. She now holds a bachelor's degree in biology, works in the US Peace Corps in Tanzania, and has been accepted to a graduate degree program at Johns Hopkins University. She also just climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro! What a blessing to see our alum living out their vocations around the world!

