

Maricopa Lutheran Church-ELCA

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ! You are receiving this letter because either a current church member or a former church member has connections to your congregation. We are seeking Mission Founder congregations to partner with us to build our first mission center.

Maricopa Lutheran Church is a three-year-old ELCA congregation that currently worships in a school. We have recently been blessed to call our first full time pastor. Maricopa is a city of 50,000 people just south of Phoenix and our church is the only Lutheran church in the community.

Our growing congregation feels God has called them to their next step which is to secure land and a building. Land in Maricopa costs about \$100,000 an acre.

We want to build a basic steel church building of 5000 square feet and to be debt free from the start. This building will provide our congregation with the following:

1. A visible 24/7 place to worship our Lord
2. A place that will be used for various ministries
3. A place to train disciples

Through several fundraising activities we have raised \$105,000 and have recently launched a three-year capital campaign. Our total land/building cost has an estimate of \$1 million. We are a vibrant middle class congregation and need the help of our ELCA friends to accomplish our dream.

We ask that you pray about the following options:

1. Invest in God's mission by joining us as a Mission Founder church either through church budget or a special offering.
2. Share this letter with your congregation so individual members can consider supporting this cause.

As a Mission Founder church we will provide quarterly updates to your congregation. We pledge to use the money only for the intended purpose.

Maricopa Lutheran Church needs the help of our ELCA Lutheran partners in mission. If you choose to support God's ministry in Maricopa, you may contact us at the address above or via email.

Thank you for considering this mission opportunity.

In Christ,

Pastor Glenn Zimbelman