RAISE
THE ROOF

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Name: _____

Write your name on the line above so everyone knows this is your Raise the Roof initiative workbook. We're about to go on an exciting journey together. Bring this workbook back with you for each of the Sunday messages during our Raise the Roof initiative.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you with joy and gratitude as we enter into a season of vision, growth, and faithful action. I'm thrilled to share the launch of our capital campaign: **"Raise the Roof!"** This initiative represents more than just bricks and mortar—it's about building up our shared mission, deepening our roots in the community, and ensuring that our church home is strong and welcoming for generations to come.

"Raise the Roof" is our opportunity to invest in the future of Messiah Lutheran Church. I truly believe God is calling us to this work, and I couldn't be more excited.

At the heart of it: this isn't my campaign, or the leadership team's campaign—it's ours. Every member of this congregation has a part to play. Each prayer, each gift, each act of encouragement will lift us closer to our goal. Just as dedicated supporters historically built and sustained this church, now it's our turn to **"Raise the Roof"** in faith, generosity, and hope.

I invite you to begin praying now for this campaign and your role in it. Consider what it means to take ownership—not just of a project, but of the vision God has placed before us. Together, we can build something that will serve our church and our neighbors for decades to come.

With joy and hope in Christ,

MESSAGE NOTES

Let's make more room for MISSION

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #1

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Let's make more room for TRUST

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #2

MESSAGE NOTES

Let's make more room for GENEROSITY

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #3

MESSAGE NOTES
Let's make more room for SACRIFICE

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #4

MESSAGE NOTES

Let's make more room for COMMITMENT

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #5

MESSAGE NOTES

Let's make more room for PRAYER

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #6

MESSAGE NOTES

Let's make more room for WHAT'S NEXT

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #7

MESSAGE NOTES

Let's make more room for GRATITUDE

Write down what God is teaching and revealing to you in Week #8

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ASPIRATIONAL GOAL: 110% ENGAGEMENT

We pray this season inspires everyone who calls Messiah their church home to step out in faith. In fact, we're boldly praying for people who don't call Messiah their church home to participate—that's where the 110% comes into play! *Raise the Roof* is about more than raising capital for a building—**it's about elevating our trust in Jesus and following where He leads.**

THE GIVING GOAL: $5,000,000

We are trusting Him to move through His people to invest **over the next two years** to accomplish the vision He has given us. **We can do this...but we can only do this together. $5 million**

PRAYER WALK SCHEDULE

Please meet at the Three Crosses Entrance

Date	Walk Leader	Time of Walk	Theme
10/12/25	Laura	4:00 PM	Come as you are.
10/19/25	Chuck & Mary	6:00 PM	"Glow" (glow wands provided). A Community Group is meeting at Messiah from 4:30 - 6:30.
10/30/25	Jill McCoy	5:00 PM	Halloween
11/2/25	Chuck	3:30 PM	Guys ("holy smokes") A Community Group is meeting at Messiah from 4:30 - 6:30.
11/4/25	Ryan & Maxx	3:30 PM	Messiah Youth & MLS Middle School Families. There is Boys basketball practice from 3:15 - 5:30.
11/9/25	Hannah Lang	Noon	Kids & family
11/29/25	Jim	8:00 AM	Kids & Family

Generosity Matters and Makes a Difference

Every day, we make financial decisions. Some decisions are small such as, ***"Should we make our coffee at home or splurge for a latte at Starbucks?"*** While other decisions are big like, ***"Which house, which car, or which college should I choose?"*** And some decisions focus on the future such as, ***"How much should we spend on Christmas, or which retirement funds should I choose?"*** Probably the most challenging decision we make with money is the decision to give. Giving creates tension...***"How much is enough?"... "How can I give more?"***

That's why giving is such a big deal! Giving is not just a financial decision. It is a deeply spiritual decision. Giving is a tangible way we declare our trust in and commitment to God. We have put the following together to help you consider how God has blessed you and how He might invite you to trust Him during Raise the Roof.

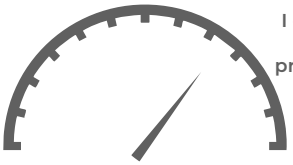
GROWING IN GENEROSITY...

Raise the Roof is an opportunity for each of us to grow spiritually in our giving and generosity. What you see on the next page is an illustration of a person's Giving Journey. Our giving journey should help us focus on our behavior and the attitude of our heart about giving rather than just the amount we give. Each step in this journey represents a lifestyle of becoming increasingly more generous as you grow in your relationship with Him. Where are you on your Giving Journey and through Raise the Roof could we challenge you to take another step in your journey?

Intentional Giver
I commit to prioritize my giving in relation to my income and other financial priorities.

Consistent Giver
I commit to give regularly.

Surrendered Giver
I commit to make my giving the top priority and make all other priorities surrender to my giving.



Initial Giver
I commit to start giving.

Lifetime Giver
I commit to strategize my giving in a way that impacts the kingdom work beyond my lifetime.

INITIAL GIVER > 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15
An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time. It is time to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

CONSISTENT GIVER > 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8
A Consistent Giver who takes the next step to exercise the discipline of giving regularly. In today's world it is often easier to do this online, but non-online givers can be consistent givers as well.

INTENTIONAL GIVER > LUKE 14:28-35
An Intentional Giver is someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to what they make and what they spend their money on. For example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to my cell phone company than I am giving to God?" or "Should I be giving to God more than I give for my car payment?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that re-directs how they prioritize and spend their money. Many times this is when someone begins to tithe by re-directing a certain percentage of their income that they want to give to God.

SURRENDERED GIVER > COLOSSIANS 1:15-18, 22-23
A Surrendered Giver is someone who, out of a deepening relationship with God says, "Instead of how I live determining how I give, how I give will now determine how I live!" A Surrendered Giver gives in a way that changes them so that they can honor God with 100% of what He has given them, whether direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.

LIFETIME GIVER > I TIMOTHY 6:6-19
A Lifetime Giver is someone who now thinks about their giving in terms impacting the Kingdom work for the long- term rather than just month-to-month or even year- to-year generosity. They make decisions in the short term which have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, in relation to their generosity capacity and their Raise the Roof commitment. A Lifetime Giver might be someone who has a lifetime giving goal which governs their larger-ticket decisions. Many times they even look at their estate planning in terms of what they can leave to help the Kingdom work beyond their lifetime.

2-YEAR RAISE THE ROOF GIFT CHART

As you pray and seek God's direction for how you should give, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool. Allow it to inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity as we embark on this *Raise the Roof* initiative together.

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Gift Level	This Gift Level corresponds to a		
	Weekly Gift of:	Monthly Gift of:	Annual Gift of:
$1,000,000	$9,615	$41,667	$500,000
$500,000	$4,808	$20,833	$250,000
$250,000	$2,404	$10,417	$125,000
$100,000	$962	$4,167	$50,000
$75,000	$721	$3,125	$37,500
$50,000	$481	$2,083	$25,000
$25,000	$240	$1,042	$12,500
$10,000	$96	$417	$5,000
$5,000	$48	$208	$2,500

MY RAISE THE ROOF COMMITMENT

☐ I understand that my commitment to **Raise the Roof** is above and beyond my regular giving to Messiah's general fund. I fully intend to maintain or increase my giving to the general fund in addition to the two-year commitment I make to **Raise the Roof.**

Total 2-Year Raise the Roof Commitment $ _____

I/We plan to complete this commitment: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually ☐ One Time

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ *I am interested in learning how I can create a long-range plan that can help Messiah, other causes dear to me, and my beneficiaries (such as children and grandchildren) for generations to come*

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Final project is dependent on campaign results and congregational approval.