



Moving From Intention to *Action*

Dear GT Family,

We have so much under our belt as a community in the last 6 months; we've navigated some very painful events in a city that we love, and we've shared some very tangible moments showing up for each other and for the communities that we care about.

However you found your center, I want you to hear loud and clear:

Good job. I'm proud of you.

I have some encouragements and updates! We have been converting intention into action from our Gathering and Growing capital campaign; we have some great stuff in the works, all thanks to your dedication to Grace-Trinity.

What We Can Be *Proud* Of



We packed menstrual products, emergency food bags, delivered groceries, and provided rides to work for neighbors who needed extra support for Joyce Food Shelf.



We volunteered with Cristo Rey on Lake Street to give their campus a "hug" by providing a welcoming presence for students so they could feel safe coming to school this winter.



We let the residents at PERIS Hill know they are loved by providing New Year gifts this January for the third year in a row.



Through a growing relationship with Youthlink at their Nicollet location, we assisted in starting up their community vegetable garden for the second year in a row.



Hosted a party for Lionsfire Pizza graduates and welcomed 100+ people for Foster Advocates, an organization that partners with the PERIS Foundation, all in our Commons space!



Thank You's From Our Partners



Dear patrol duty volunteers, thank you so much for taking your time to ensure we are safe and for being present. Because of you we were able to go to school a little less worried. Thank you for your service!

Cristo Rey Student



Thank you so much for your incredible dedication and service to Joyce over the past several months. Your commitment, adaptability, and energy allowed us to serve our community and distribute resources with compassion, dignity and efficiency. We are beyond grateful for your time, energy and partnership. Thank you all for answering the call when we needed you!

Maya and Matthew from Joyce Food Shelf

Wanted to share a heartfelt thank you for all the work your volunteer group got done. It was a pretty big project, and one we've been trying to accomplish for a few years. We truly appreciate the support of Grace-Trinity parishioners!

Mark from YouthLink



95% Pledge Conversion

We have a highly engaged congregation, and we have converted 95% of pledges into gifts through quarter two. Thank you for your consistency!

Increased Hospitality

You have likely looked around during worship on Sundays and seen that our attendance is growing, to the extent that we can no longer fit in our air-conditioned Commons on Sundays when it is too hot to gather in the sanctuary.

Because of your generosity and with the incredible support of another designated gift, ***we were able to install air conditioning in our sanctuary!*** We are growing, and we have the privilege of being able to provide an even more hospitable space!

Gathering and Growing

Thanks to the incredible generosity of all those who pledged to our capital campaign last fall, we were able to move forward on some important initiatives and have several others in motion!



Long-Term Sustainability

We also received a generous designated gift to purchase shares in a solar garden through Minneapolis Climate Action. A solar garden is a shared solar array, and our share earns credits on our energy bill to offset energy costs by a third! It's a long-term investment in creation care that pays for itself, and it comes online this summer.

What We Are Looking Forward To



We are still making great strides on Gathering and Growing goals, and we have some amazing things in progress. *In addition to making financial gifts to our community partners and retiring the PILP loan in the first half of 2027*, here are some things to look forward to:

Community Engagement

The hiring team has been hard at work interviewing candidates for the community engagement position. This role will help us expand our commitment to the neighborhood by investing in relationships with nonprofits in Uptown, and weaving those stories into our worship. We have screened six applicants, interviewed two, and are looking forward to sharing more updates soon!

Diversifying Income Streams

We have been hard at work prepping our second floor for a new season! Thanks to a donation of office furniture, we are turning the Borton Room into rentable office space. We've painted, redone the electric, and added air conditioning so that we can offer it to values-aligned organizations looking for office space. We are planning for this space to be usable by the fall of 2026, and would love your help getting the word out if you know of any nonprofits looking for space.

Inviting Outdoor Spaces

It's such a privilege to be able to give some attention to our outdoor spaces! The front yard and the fenced yard on Humboldt are needing some love, and we are working with TangleTown Gardens to design and landscape both. This will include irrigation, native plant gardens, walking paths, and other needed aesthetic updates. We want our neighborhood to know that we care enough to contribute to its beauty!