

# LET THERE BE LIGHT CAMPAIGN

The Let There Be Light Campaign had two purposes: 1) to raise funds to support an eco-friendlier way of meeting the electrical needs of the church and 2) to illuminate the economic and social impact of reducing energy costs. The campaign theme, "Let There Be Light", was suggested by Claire and Gwen Hofmeister.

The monetary goal of the Let There Be Light Campaign was \$16,435 by 11/15/21. This goal included two projects:

- Installation of 40 solar panels on the church roof.
  - Total cost for the solar project - \$34,875.
  - Two grants were available for the solar project: Focus on Energy and Solar for Good.
  - Midwest Solar successfully submitted our application for the Focus on Energy grant. We were notified 9/14/21 that we will receive a \$10,000 credit that will be applied after solar panel installation.
  - Geoff Brink and Judy Taber will be submitting our application for a Solar for Good grant in April 2022; the maximum we could receive from this grant would be \$10,000.
  - The maximum amount we anticipate from grants is \$20,000 resulting in a minimum balance of \$14,875 to Midwest Solar for the solar project.
- Conversion of church parking lot lights to energy-saving LED lights and fixtures.
  - Work for this project was started in September; final work was completed in November.
  - Cost of the parking lot light project - \$1,560.
- The \$16,435 campaign total included \$14,875 for solar panels and \$1,560 for parking lot lights.

Church youth organized a **"Buy a Watt" fundraiser** as part of this campaign. To support the purchase of solar panels, youth members conducted "noisy offerings" during worship service for three Sundays in October (10/3, 10/17, and 10/24). **A total of \$511.55 was collected.**

In addition to the "Buy a Watt" campaign, other options for contributions included contributions mailed to the church or left in the Offering Basket during worship, or online contributions via the church website. **33 individuals/families contributed a total of \$17,007.00 to the campaign.**

**As of 10/31/21, total monies received for the Let There Be Light Campaign was \$17,518.55.**

**The Let There Be Light Campaign met and exceeded the \$16,435 campaign goal by \$1083.55!**

Any excess amount received will be maintained in the campaign fund until all expenses are paid and all grants have been received. If the total grant amount is less than \$20,000, excess campaign contributions can be used along with unrestricted Outreach Funds to pay any remaining balance.

In recognition of individuals and communities globally who are impacted physically or ecologically by the production of alternative energy sources (e.g., solar panels and batteries), the Outreach Funds Team authorized a \$3,500 contribution from the unrestricted Outreach Funds to Amnesty International. Amnesty International works to make sure climate action is done in a way that does not violate anyone's human rights, and reduces rather than increases inequality.

**Outreach Funds Team**

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