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Dear Partner in Ministry:

Generosity is all around us, but sometimes we have to look for it. In the feeding of the 5,000 story in the Bible, significant generosity happened once the child shared (John 6:9). That is how it is here. Once we begin to share, we will see that God has blessed us with plenty.

When the pandemic began in March of 2020, many of us worried there would not be enough. Our ministry remained strong and, in fact, many of us recognized just how critically important this community is to our faith and life.

Our grateful response in generosity helps to demonstrate to us and to the world around us that in fact God has provided us everything and we have enough, even enough to share.

The theme of our fall stewardship appeal is *"...Called and sent to love and serve...with generosity."* This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church over the last year, but also encourages us to consider how we might grow in generosity in even more profound ways.

As a community of faith, we hope to grow our generosity by \$1400 a week in 2023. This response will allow us to show appreciation to our staff with a 4% salary increase in a year of high inflation. It will allow us to fund 1/3 of next summer's youth adventure trip, the first youth trip in 3 years. And, because our benevolence dollars are a percentage of weekly giving, it will increase our generosity to the work of the larger church by over \$7000.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about generosity. Newsletter articles, bulletin inserts, mission moments, letters and more will be used to share this story and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year.

So, in the coming weeks, please engage the materials. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, on Intent Sunday, December 4, please bring your Intent Card with you to worship or submit it online at www.ctluth.com/intent and declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation. **Thanks to a generous challenge gift, every card returned above last year's total of 112 will result in a \$250 donation to this year's general fund, up to \$5000!**

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee of Kevin Kohlmeier, Julie Markiewicz, Eric Schopmeyer, Pastor Steve Schwier, and Pastor Caroline Satre.

P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home or available online on November 22 for you to return on December 4.