



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At this time of year it is our joy to give attention to our financial stewardship at Zion. In our baptism, we are assured that we have been given the riches of God's grace. Because God has given us so much, we respond with joy and thanksgiving to God's goodness with all we have.

This year's stewardship theme is ***Celebrate Generosity***. It is rooted in God's generosity towards us and our call as disciples of Jesus to be generous in all we do. It is a sign of the Holy Spirit moving among us (Galatians 5:22-23). Even though this congregation has been through challenges over its 112 years of existence, God's people at Zion have been so generous with all they have. We have certainly seen that on display in 2016 and give God thanks!

The most important thing about our life together isn't buildings, but God's call to serve. We give God thanks for the ongoing ministries that continue to happen at and through Zion. On the reverse you will find a story of generosity about one of the ministries we partner with – Taking it to the Streets. Your financial offerings help to support ministries like Taking it to the Streets.

During October, we invite you to prayerfully consider your giving to the General Fund at Zion Lutheran Church. Some people follow the Old Testament pattern of giving a tithe (one-tenth) of their possessions as a starting point for stewardship. Some are able to give beyond a tithe while a tithe may not be possible for others. Whatever we are giving, we can always seek to grow in our response, understanding that it is always a return of the generosity God first gives to us.

On October 30, Reformation Sunday, we will offer our collective response to God's generosity. Every household will be asked to fill out a commitment card for financial stewardship for 2017. It will be a wonderful worship service.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing some important information to our congregation. Please take time to look through them carefully and prayerfully.

Living in the Generosity of God,

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