



A PEOPLE ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD - SERVING IN GOD'S WORLD

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Dear St. Luke Members and Friends,

As we embark on our 2008 Stewardship Appeal, we turn to a recent post-Communion prayer for inspiration:

"O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord."


In this prayer we are reminded that we are richly blessed. We have received God's grace through the sacrifice of his Son, we possess considerably more financial resources than most in the world, and the Lord has blessed us with gifts that allow us to give something of ourselves in service to the Body of Christ. Borrowing a line from this prayer, our theme for the 2008 Appeal will be, **"By your Spirit strengthen us to serve and give."**


St. Luke continues to be a vibrant Lutheran Christian community that has built a reputation for worship and service over the past 50+ years. To ensure we have the staff, infrastructure and programs necessary for our ministry, your continued generous giving of time, talent and financial resources is still very much needed. Specifically, we are asking that all members prayerfully consider an increase in their giving by 5-10% this year as you are able. This will enable us to fund higher operating costs, a potential new staff person, infrastructure needs, growth and enhancement of our programs and our traditional benevolence.


Enclosed with this letter you will find: 1) A 2008 Stewardship Appeal brochure and pledge form, 2) A *Simply Giving* member authorization form (for those who use this method of giving), 3) A 2008 Time and Talent Pledge Sheet, and 4) A return envelope. We are asking that you complete the applicable forms, place them in the envelope, and bring them to worship on Saturday, November 10th or 17th or Sunday, November 11th or 18th. If this is not possible, you may bring or mail them to the Church Office or bring them to a worship service as soon as possible thereafter.

Thank you in advance for your generous giving of yourselves.

Christ's peace be with you,


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