



2023 *Encourage One Another* Annual Stewardship Appeal

Dear family of God at Our Savior's,

The apostle Paul writes, "Encourage one another and build up each other." While we have been learning a lot of new ways to do that work, it's the work that our churches have been doing all along: encouraging one another within our congregation, building up the neighbors in our communities, and strengthening our relationships with one another.

Our congregation has continued in ministry through these times, staying connected, holding safe, sacred space through a time with a lot of unknowns and uncertainty. Our Savior's exists, and functions based on the generosity and hard work of its members:

- Thanks to a grant which we received and the hard work of our congregation, we were able to host a very well attended interfaith worship service and breakfast for our local veterans and friends of veterans.
- Our members have stepped up to support our local food pantry with donations of much needed food and household items. In the summer we made sure kids were fed through the Got lunch program.
- Several returning and new organizations are using our facilities for their community activities and worship. We've even had several successful birthday party rentals.

This is just a sample of the impact of our ministry in this challenging year. You can find more on our Facebook page, the weekly bulletin and in The Tidings.

Our supply pastors have been impressed with our energy, warmth and dedication. We need to make a strong financial commitment to bring a new pastor onboard. You are an important part of this work in all the ways you share your gifts, time and talents. Consider serving Our Savior's during or after worship. Today we are inviting you to invest in this ministry with your financial pledge so that we can continue to encourage one another and build up our community. Please prayerfully consider making a personally meaningful pledge:

Please return your pledge cards by **November 21st** in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. To better plan our budget, if we haven't received your pledge card, we will be reaching out to you.

Whatever your gift, together we are the body of Christ in this place, encouraging one another, reminding one another that God continues to be at work among us in this shared ministry!

If you have any questions, or concerns about Our Savior's Lutheran Church, call the church office at 860-667-2291 and someone will contact you.

Sincerely,

Stewardship Committee: Jim Briganti and Tim Manke