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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, we celebrate what your generosity made possible this past year. Through God's grace and your faithful giving, our many ministries, like Kids Hope and Stephen Ministries continue to thrive and grow. We have begun to improve our technology to enhance accessibility and enrich the worship experience. Your offerings have also sustained our staff, helped maintain and upgrade our facilities, and strengthened our IT security and web presence - all despite rising costs. Thank you!

Our stewardship theme for 2027, "There Our Hearts Will Be," calls us to give with our hearts. Our primary initiatives for 2027 are:

Spreading God's Love

In continuing our efforts to achieve our mission of spreading God's love, we are planning to expand our outreach to the community in 2027. We intend to establish a Blessing Box on our property to provide for families in need. We also plan to fully implement the Homework and Hope program as another step to assist students at Whitney elementary school.

Dynamic Worship: Engaging Hearts, Strengthening Faith

We will be building on the work that has already been started to upgrade our sound, technology and acoustics, as well as accessibility for all worshipers, to improve our worship experience.

Sustaining Ministry Excellence

One of our missions is to sustain and strengthen the ministry at the heart of our shared life in Christ. We need to support our church staff, our home and our many vital ministries. Your continuing generosity helps preserve a welcoming place for worship, fellowship, Christian education, youth enrichment, and outreach, despite rising costs.

In the weeks ahead, you will hear more details in worship, by mail, and online about these goals. A personalized letter with pledge details will arrive by mail around October 12th. Then, on Sunday, October 18th, we will celebrate Appeal Sunday and invite you to bring your 2027 intent card as a joyful response to God's gifts.

We ask you to please closely read and listen to the materials presented, then prayerfully consider increasing your offering this year as we open our hearts to enable us to spread God's word to members and the community.

In Christ,

Bruce Holderead, Pastor Kathy Kluck, Stacey McNamara Mike Meyer, Wayne Mosley, Mary Whitecar, Jim Zakrasjek
First Lutheran Church Stewardship Committee

Living God's love through our devotion to service, worship, and one another.