



October 10, 2016

Dear Partner in Ministry:

In a few weeks, our fall stewardship appeal will begin. *Refocus, Renew and Revitalize* is the theme of this appeal. This theme points to what happens as we gather as God's people and seek to follow the calling the Lord extends to each of us. Our grateful response to this gift of life in Jesus Christ is to give our best to extend God's Kingdom here in Winona, and around the world.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about the exciting ministry plans for 2017. Newsletter articles, bulletin inserts, temple talks, letters and a brochure will inform you of our congregation's mission plans for the coming year. During this interim period, we want to keep our ministries strong and growing to present a positive profile to pastors who may consider interviewing to serve here.

As part of this stewardship appeal, in early November you will be invited by letter to consider increasing your giving for the coming year to help us achieve our plans for ministry. In this letter will be a card for you to indicate your financial commitment. Please pray about this request, and respond generously as the Spirit leads you.

Then you will be invited to return turn in your card on or before Sunday morning, Nov. 13, or to the church office if you are not able to be there on Sunday. People from whom a response has not been received will be contacted to assure everyone has the opportunity to present their offering plan for the coming year. And on Sunday, November 20, we will celebrate the results at a brunch in Grace Hall in between worship services.

Together we are on a mission we can fulfill, as we pull together and give generously in support of God's mission for the world.

Thank you for being a disciple at Central Lutheran. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Pastor Lanny Westphal*

*Ed Berkley, Congregational President*