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Dear Partner in Ministry,

Sustaining Ministry Excellence is the theme of this year's fall stewardship appeal. It is a theme that points to what happens when we work together to follow the call of our Lord. When we are generous together, ministry excellence is both sustained and expanded.

Our grateful response to the love of God is at the heart of this appeal. God's love is shown to us through Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us. Jesus displayed selfless generosity so that we might have new and abundant life. Now, the Holy Spirit empowers us to be generous so that we might extend this life to the world through the ministries of St. Luke's Lutheran.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about exciting ministry plans for 2021. Newsletter articles, mailers, temple talks, letters and an appeal brochure will inform you of our congregation's mission plan for the coming year.

Together, we are on a mission we can fulfill. It's God's mission that is given us. We can do all God calls us to do as we pull together and give generously in support of this work.

As part of this year's stewardship program, you will be invited by letter to consider increasing your offering for the coming year. Please pray about this request and do your best to respond generously as the Lord leads you. I know you love St. Luke's and want to see God's work done through it.

On *Sustaining Ministry Excellence* Sunday, November 8, we will observe Stewardship Sunday by presenting our pledges and commitments. We call these commitments "Statements of Intent." We ask you to mail your statement of intent to the church office prior to November 8 so that they may be presented as part of the offering. You will also be able to make these commitments online, through our website: www.stlukeslutheran.org.

People from whom a response has not been received by November 8 will be telephoned to assure everyone has the opportunity to present their offering plan for the coming year.

Thank you for being part of this exciting and faithful/faith-filled congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsay Paul Jordan".

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Paul Jordan
Senior Pastor

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Dr. Eli Larson
Congregation President