



Dear First Lutheran Church Family,

October 16, 2023

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we embark on a new year and a fresh chapter in our journey of faith together, it is with joy and enthusiasm that we introduce the theme for our 2024 Stewardship Campaign: "ALL IN".

Each fall, we set aside time to explore our commitment to this faith community. We reflect on the ways we've lived out our mission together and consider how we can all play a role in the upcoming year of ministry. One of the many ways to be "ALL IN" is by giving some of the financial resources that God has blessed you with. Included in this mailing is a plan for giving card. Your commitment is crucial to First Lutheran's planning for ministry in 2024. Please bring your plan for giving card with you to worship on Sunday, November 12 or Wednesday, November 15 as there will be a special offering time for your commitments.

We will explore what it means to be "ALL IN" through our sermon series beginning on October 22, 2023:

- **All Invited** - Emphasizes the welcoming nature of First Lutheran Church, where everyone is encouraged to attend and be a part of the community, regardless of their background or status.
- **All Involved** - Calls for active participation from every member, encouraging everyone to participate and contribute time, skills, and resources to various church activities and initiatives.
- **All Invested** - Refers to a desire for members to be emotionally, spiritually, and financially invested in the church's mission and goals. It includes making personal commitments to support the church financially.
- **All Influential** - A belief that every member has the potential to make a positive impact within the church and the broader community, encouraging each person to use their influence for good.

As we approach this critical time of the year, we need your help to end the year positively. At the end of the third quarter of 2023, expenses exceeded income by \$81,875. We were fortunate to start off 2023 with a positive balance of \$67,340, but we have now borrowed from our cash reserve to pay for operating expenses. Please consider making a special gift to First Lutheran to offset the deficit we are experiencing. We need our faithful members to act now to end 2023 financially positive.

Let us enter into this season of stewardship with open hearts, ready to embrace the "ALL IN" spirit, and trust in God's guidance as we work together to achieve our goals.

May God bless you abundantly for your dedication and generosity.

Yours in Christ,

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