

# Lutheran Church of the Nativity



October 14, 2017

Greetings in Christ! “Freed for the Future: Our Selves, Our Time, and Our Possessions” is the theme of our 2018 Stewardship for All Seasons drive. Having paid off our mortgage, we are freed from debt and freed to grow and expand our ability to *Make Christ Known*! In the coming weeks we will join together in this freedom as we look to Nativity’s future.

As God’s people of faith, we respond joyfully to God as we are able, using the gifts we’ve been given – our selves, our time, and our possessions – by giving back to God’s church and mission, seeking to *Make Christ Known* in all things.

In the coming weeks, you’ll be learning more about Nativity’s exciting ministry plans for 2018. Bulletin inserts, temple talks, an invitation letter, and a brochure will tell you more about the specifics of Nativity’s goals for the coming year and how you can support and be a part of them. Through prayer, discernment, and conversation, Nativity’s leadership has set four goals for 2018. Our four goals are:

- ❖ Hire and Fully Fund a full-time Music Director, who will lead us in glorifying God in song
- ❖ Fully Fund Nativity’s Ministries, so that our impact can grow
- ❖ Improve Nativity’s Technology and Web Presence, so that more members can connect with us
- ❖ Replenish Nativity’s Capital Improvement Fund, so that we are ready to meet the needs of the future

Giving generously together, we will be able to *Make Christ Known* in exciting ways! As part of this fall’s Stewardship drive, you’ll be invited by letter to consider your offering for the coming year. Please pray about this request and consider how God is leading you to respond.

On November 12, we will participate in Commitment Sunday by presenting our Commitment Cards during the worship service. You are also welcome to mail your Commitment Card to the church office if you’re not present on Commitment Sunday. Please know that every commitment, no matter the size, makes an impact in our ability to *Make Christ Known* at Nativity.

Thank you for being part of Nativity! Thank you for giving of your self, your time, and your possessions. Please pray for our continuing work together as we are Freed for the Future to *Make Christ Known*!

Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Rachel & the 2018 Stewardship Team*

Pr. Rachel Hoffman and Nativity’s 2018 Stewardship Team

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