

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
"A family of Christians growing in faith, reaching out in love."



September 19, 2022

Dear Partner in Ministry:

Generosity is all around us, but sometimes we must look for it. In the feeding of the 5,000 story in the Bible, significant generosity happened once the child shared (John 6:9). That is how it is here. Once we begin to share, we will see that God has blessed us with plenty.

***Building a Culture of Generosity*** is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church. The second page of this letter shares a few of those generosity stories. As we hear about the generosity that has happened through Prince of Peace, we hope it will also grow our generosity in even more profound ways.

When the pandemic began in March of 2020, many of us worried there would not be enough. Our ministry remained strong and in fact, many of us recognized just how critically important this church community is to our faith.

***Our grateful response*** in generosity helps to demonstrate to us and to the world around us that in fact God has provided us everything and we have enough, even enough to share.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about generosity. Bulletin inserts, mission moments, letters and more will be used to share this story and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year.

So, in the coming weeks, please read and respond to the materials. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, on our intent card Sundays, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, please bring your intent card with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to grow in faith and reach out in love.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Jennifer, Pastor Roger and the Stewardship Ministry Team

***(P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home on October 14th for you to return on October 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>).***

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## **The Generosity of Prince of Peace**

### **Our generosity is felt through our ministry to shut-ins:**

“I appreciate the contact I have with the church, being able to have holy communion is very important to me. It is also very nice to have visitors. I don’t have many people that come to visit me. I also believe we need to give financially to the church. My giving has always been blessed by God.”

*~Member of Prince of Peace*

“I use the materials sent to me by the church. Every morning I read the devotional booklet I get. I read it to prepare for the Sunday sermons which I also receive in the mail. The announcements included in the materials keep me in touch with what is happening at my church and with the people there. This helps me feel like I am part of the church and not alone.”

*~Member of Prince of Peace*

### **Our generosity is felt through our ministry to members:**

We visited many churches in the area and always found ourselves coming back to Prince of Peace. Staff and members are welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved at any level. Staff even takes time to pray for members and send them postcards. I received two of these postcards – one when my best friend died of cancer and another when my mother was hospitalized after a heart attack. Staff knew nothing of these events at the time. The postcards reassured me that I was not alone and helped me through these sad and stressful times.

*~Member of Prince of Peace*

### **Our generosity is felt through our ministry to Appleton East High School:**

“Thank you so much for your continued partnership with Appleton East High School and for your generous donations of food items and gifts cards. Your kindness is truly appreciated. On a daily basis, I am working with students and families who are struggling to make ends meet, every little bit helps! Thank you so much for your generosity.”

*~Appleton East High School Social Worker*

“Dear Prince of Peace, I love and appreciate the gifts I received for Christmas. The quilt is wonderful! Recently I have been feeling down. After receiving the bag of goodies, I was very surprised! It made my whole day and put me in a great mood which I haven’t been in for a while. I am more than thankful and feel very grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*~Appleton East High School Student who received a Gifts of Hope Christmas gift bag*