



God Makes All Things New Through You

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Blessed and guided by the Spirit, your Church Council has selected the above theme for our journey into 2023 and for our Stewardship discussions. Amid pandemic related changes, cultural transformation, economic distress, and worldwide violence, God reminds us that **WE ARE THE CHURCH** and that He will **never** leave us. God will make all things new through you!

The New Year promises to offer us the opportunity to reach out and express the warmth and essential experience of community that is so much of what Christ the Lord Lutheran is all about. *YOU ARE A CARING PEOPLE!* You are a people that is creative and energetic. You are a people of imagination and innovation. Although we are living in a time of isolation, division, and separation, Jesus will show us how to embrace our neighbors who are yearning for the deeper connections and LOVE that we have here at CTL.

Enclosed is your Pledge Card for 2023. Your generous gifts of your time, talent, and treasure will support and enable us to march forward into "NEWNESS". We want to welcome back old friends and greet new friends into our Christ the Lord Community of hope and joy. Please remember that communicating your intended financial commitment via the return of a pledge will allow your Church Council to get a "snapshot view" of what to expect and plan for in 2023. It is most helpful. You may turn in your pledge anytime. We are targeting **November 13** as **Planning for Mission Sunday**. We will celebrate with a fellowship breakfast that morning. We give thanks for God with us from whom all blessings flow.

God's Peace be with you.

Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson, Stewardship Chairperson