

April 6, 2020

Dear Members of Grace,

Thank you for your faithful generosity! The past month has been uncertain in many ways, but you did not waiver in generosity. You continued to give toward the mission we share, to *welcome, nurture, equip, and send* in the name of Jesus Christ. We received offerings of \$54,158 in March. We are incredibly grateful to each of you for supporting Grace and the work we are called to do in this community. While our ministry looks a bit different right now, ministry IS continuing, and your faithful giving allows us to keep our ongoing ministry strong.

One of our most visible ministries at this moment is our online worship services. We have been delighted to connect with each of you in this way, and we've even connected with some former members who have moved, as well as other friends and neighbors in our community. We have heard from many of you about how worshipping in your homes is going. Here are some things you have shared:

We sit together and drink coffee and have church on the porch. + Having the music printed online was a huge plus. + I needed this! + My grandson sat still through the whole service with me; he never does that in church! + [We] really enjoyed the service. Very moving. It was very well done. I loved the layout of the service. + It has been wonderful to see pictures of what others are doing while we are apart. + I've enjoyed the services so much. All of you are doing such a great job of bringing familiarity and comfort to us. Thank you!

In addition to finding new ways to worship, in this past month your offering has allowed us to:

- remain faithful to our congregational commitment by supporting the ministry of the SC Synod and ELCA
- pay our staff as they find new ways to do their work remotely
- purchase additional resources that allow us to do ministry work from home and online
- pay our mortgage
- keep our church building clean and ready for our eventual return
- purchase a Zoom subscription so our Young Youth and GYM groups could meet virtually
- adjust our Hunger Outreach program, providing meals to those in need in safe ways
- continue planning for the many projects that we'll be implementing upon our return to the building

... and this is only some of what your giving has empowered Grace to do!

We may have postponed our scheduled Ministry Celebration Event, but your generosity is a celebration of ministry in its own right. Thank you for giving. Thank you for being part of the ministry of Grace!

Peace in Christ,
Pr. Gregg and Pr. Rachel