



September 20, 2022

Dear Reformation,

Generosity is all around us, but sometimes we have to 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.

*Living Generosity* is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church over the last year, but also points us to know that we can grow into this 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 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. Newsletter articles, 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. Our goal is to increase our congregational giving by \$1000 each week. We invite you to prayerfully consider what part of that weekly increase you will be able to help us achieve. This increased giving - in our Annual Fund and Faith Engagement - will enable us to grow back to full staffing and continue to build on the faithfulness of our ministry.

In the coming weeks, please engage the materials. Look for weekly bulletin inserts and emails. Pray about how you can grow in your own generosity. Then, on Commitment Sunday, October 23, please bring your pledge card with you to worship to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation. (You can also complete it online at [relcmedia.org/stewardship](http://relcmedia.org/stewardship) or mail it back to the church.)

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and the way you live out our mission every day!

In living hope,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Alina Gayeuski in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Vicar Eileen Ruppel-Doan in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of President John Grantland in black ink.

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P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home on October 14 for you to return on Commitment Sunday, October 23.