



October 2018

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Fall is upon us and moving quickly toward winter, at least in some places in the Midwest. We just celebrated Quilt Sunday with the many festive colorful quilts sewn as a labor of love by a dedicated group of our members. Pastor Joanne spoke about how those quilts wrap around us and how many things can be done with them. They will be distributed to places of need around the world where they become a tangible symbol of God's love to many.

Enclosed is your statement of gifts as of October 1. We thank you for your gracious and thoughtful gifts of time and talent, in addition to these financial contributions. With the Capital Campaign completed in 2017 and the exciting new directions taken by ministry at Our Savior's, financially we were able to come through the summer without needing to use reserves to meet expenses. So, we also thank the congregation as a whole for the **"We Say Yes!"** already this year.

Annually in the fall we contemplate our personal plans for financial stewardship in the following year. The theme this year is from Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, "This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

One of God's mysteries is the love and salvation given to us so undeservedly by grace. We are only asked to be trustworthy of that gift. And what does God put at our disposal with that gift? The whole of creation is ours to use and enjoy. It is enough to meet our needs and more. God asks only that we honor and care for it and use it in ways that serve others. So how can we not **"say yes"** to being faithful to this trust of God's gracious gifts? So **"We Say YES!"** as we look at how we can share, time, talent and financial resources serving others through the Our Savior's ministry in the coming year.



Those quilts are now in the boxcar headed to those in need around the world, are but one way that **"We Say YES!"**. During worship on Sunday, November 11 you will have the opportunity to **"say yes"** with a commitment looking forward to 2019. The enclosed card provides the way to communicate that commitment and to designate areas for your support. Descriptions of the various funds are on the church website.¹

Your church council relies on these pledges to begin budget planning for 2019. If you are unable to join us for worship on the 11th, you may still submit your Response Card in the offering at church through December 9, or by mail using the enclosed envelope.

We thank you for your commitment to the Our Savior's ministry and look forward to joyous generosity in 2019.

In the spirit of giving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Zellmer".

Mark Zellmer,
Chair, Board of Stewardship

¹ <http://www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net/make-a-contribution/contributors-guide-to-funds/>