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Dear supporters and members of Our Saviors,

One of my seminary professors once wrote on a paper I wrote for him that it was "vacuous dribble." Yikes. That hurt. Obviously! I still remember the comment 40 years later!

I can't help but thinking anything I write in a stewardship letter would receive the same treatment. Vacuous dribble. Mindless. Showing a lack of thought. Or better put in this instance, thoughtless.

How does one ask people to give when things are tight? For everyone. Including the church.

The answer is anything but thoughtless. The answer is: because I believe that following Jesus is the most important thing I can do with my life. And, because I believe that we, as a community gathered in Jesus' name, do the most important work on earth. We love one another. We love each other. We love others.

This costs us more than just money. This costs us time. And talent. And energy. And spirit. And emotion. Loving others and living in Christian community is not easy. But, there are needs to be met and we are here because Jesus has asked us to meet some of those needs.

I'm asking you to consider what your gift to Our Savior's will be in 2026. If you are able, I'm asking you to increase your giving. Because our costs have increased. And, at this point in 2025, giving hasn't kept up with our costs.

When council plans our budget for 2026 we will need to re-evaluate every expense, hoping to find places to cut costs. That won't be enough. Please give yet this year, to help us meet our 2025 goals. And please, give generously in 2026. There are many needs needing to be met. Our neighbors' needs. Our community's needs. And the costs of living in discipleship together.

Gratefully for all you do, all you give, and all you hope for in Jesus' name,

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2026 RESPONSE CARD

As a faith response to God's generosity in our lives, I/We generously respond with our own personal commitment to:

General Fund \$ _____ Mission Support \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Name (s) _____ Env. No. (if known) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

(This commitment may be revised at any time at my/our request.)

Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to all as we worship, serve, and grow together.