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47 Statements of Intent were received

25 of these Intents indicated an increase in generosity

18 of you indicated you would begin this new level of giving immediately

If you were unable to return your intent card last week, you can still send it in this week, or you can simply email stpeternorwalk@gmail.com and your intent will be recorded from the email.

Please remember that intents are not binding, but are used for us to proclaim our faith, and to help the congregational leadership in making plans for the coming year.

A note of thanks:

Thank you. Sometimes this phrase is said but really goes unnoticed or lacks any backing. We are taught growing up to say thank you for all sorts of things, even when we don't always mean it. The phrase thank you isn't about the words, it is about the actions behind the words. We continue to say thank you for all everyone has done over these past 18, 19, 20 months of this pandemic. The support you have given to the church in your giving, the missions we support, the Blessing Box, the Little Free Library, the Noisy Bucket, and more. You have continued to astound us in your support.

Please notice that your Council is continually trying to find new ways to make sure all of these ministries we have and the missions we support receive everything they can. We continue to look for new ways for everyone to grow in their faith and share that faith with others. We are here to make disciples of Christ.

So as we continue our efforts, we thank you for continuing your efforts and support of your church...both in this building and throughout the community and world.

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