



**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**243 Benedict Avenue, Norwalk, OH**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**God's Work. Our Hands.**



October 14, 2021

Dear Partner in Ministry:

Generosity is all around us, but sometimes we must 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.

*Growing in Generosity* is the theme of St. Peter's 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 church 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. Bulletin inserts, testimonies, letters and more will be used to share this story and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year. You can also visit our *Growing in Generosity* webpage at: <https://www.stpeter-elca.org/growing-in-generosity.html>.

So, in the coming weeks, we invite you to look at the materials and listen to the testimonies, many of which can be found on the St. Peter webpage. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, on intent weekend, November 13-14, please bring your intent card with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Nick Wenzel, Council President

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P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home the week of November 7 for you to return on November 13-14.