

November 4, 2021

Dear Friend of Resurrection,

This fall we have been seeking out what it means to have Vibrant Life through the lens of Galatians 5:22-25 *"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit."*

Each year Resurrection joins thousands and thousands of churches in a spiritual journey of stewardship. We are guided by the spirit as we enter the season of planning for ministry for the upcoming year. Each year we reach out to one another with an intentional invitation, an invitation for us all to discern our financial commitment to the mission that is Resurrection Lutheran Church. Yes, even though many of us hesitate or don't like it, we do talk about money at church... meeting budgets and Resurrection's own benevolence and support for other organizations. We talk about meeting our goals and living out our mission which takes financial support. But we also talk about our hearts. We talk about our commitment and our response to God's love in our lives.

Over the next several weeks we will explore how God is calling each of us into Vibrant Generosity, the kind of generosity that makes a difference, the kind of generosity that responds to the seed that God has planted in each of our spirits to contribute beyond ourselves. Enclosed is your financial commitment card for 2022. Please take time to pray, be in conversation with God, as you discern your commitment. Commitment Sunday will be November 21<sup>st</sup> where we can place our financial commitment in the offering during worship, but you are welcome to mail in your commitment at any time or drop it off at the church office. For planning purposes we'd like to have your commitment on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We've been through a lot as individuals, as families and as communities over the past almost 2 years now and as we look ahead the future is still murky. However together, living into our call, seeking Vibrant Life through generosity we find that God is and continues to be faithful.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul