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Dear friends in Christ,

As we approach Giving Sunday (November 5), we encourage you to reflect on the stories and activities of the last few weeks:

- Becoming more aware of the blessings we have in our lives and in the life of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church, developing an “attitude of gratitude.”
- Examining what is “enough” in our lives and prayerfully considering how we can best share our “more than enough” to more fully serve Christ through our ministries and missions.

Now is the time for each of us to make our commitment to what God is calling us to do. Your pledge, and for those who are able, a generous Foundation Gift as well, is an opportunity to affirm your faith in God’s guiding hand and to invest in what truly makes us the church - not just a building, but our programs, ministries and missions. In the past, we have enthusiastically and successfully supported major building projects to invest in brick and mortar that gave us our wonderful facilities. Now it is time to put that same support into all the ways we put our faith into action in the community and beyond.

We give because God has given us everything we have. We – and all we have – belong to God. God has given abundantly to us, and we are called to give back with joy. Your giving is an expression of joy and gratitude for all God provides in this world.

For those who have already pledged for the year ahead, our heartfelt thanks. If you have not yet made your pledge, we encourage you to bring it on Giving Sunday, November 5. We invite all to join us in joyfully giving thanks for God’s abundant blessings and look forward to celebrating with you!

With joy and thanksgiving,

For the Stewardship Team

Mike Jahoda

Joanne Dempsey



*Use this QR code to make your pledge online
and access other stewardship materials*

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless God’s holy name!

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.
+ John 10:10



Your Pledge for 2024

Please consider an increase in your financial pledge and/or a Foundation Gift. Our goal for this year's Giving Campaign is to increase the total pledge amount by 10% and to also raise \$56,000 in Foundation Gifts. If we can achieve these goals, we will be able to stay fully staffed and continue to support and grow the ministries and missions of our church.

Please prayerfully consider making a commitment to our church in the form of a pledge. We invite you to return your pledge card at one of the church services between October 15th and November 5th. You may also provide your pledge information directly to Jill Riley, our Financial Administrator. All pledge materials can also be found on our website using the QR code provided on the first page of this letter.

Budget/Income Goals: 5 Year Plan

10% annual increase for all pledges, annually						
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Total Income	633,417	707,662	782,957	864,103	951,672	1,046,298
Personnel Expenses	(525,406)	(543,795)	(562,828)	(579,713)	(597,104)	(615,017)
Other Expenses	(299,872)	(314,865)	(330,609)	(347,139)	(364,496)	(382,721)
Initial Surplus/(Deficit)	(191,860)	(150,998)	(110,479)	(62,749)	(9,928)	48,560
Restricted/Endowment Funds	143,231	95,000	-	-	-	-
Foundation Gifts (Above Pledge)	-	55,998	110,479	62,749	9,928	-
Final Surplus/(Deficit)	(48,630)	0	0	0	0	48,560

A Guide for Pledge Increases for 2024

2023 Pledge	5%		10%		15%		20%		25%	
	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge
200	10	210	20	220	30	230	40	240	50	250
500	25	525	50	550	75	575	100	600	125	625
700	35	735	70	770	105	805	140	840	175	875
1,000	50	1,050	100	1,100	150	1,150	200	1,200	250	1,250
1,500	75	1,575	150	1,650	225	1,725	300	1,800	375	1,875
2,000	100	2,100	200	2,200	300	2,300	400	2,400	500	2,500
3,000	150	3,150	300	3,300	450	3,450	600	3,600	750	3,750
5,000	250	5,250	500	5,500	750	5,750	1,000	6,000	1,250	6,250
7,500	375	7,875	750	8,250	1,125	8,625	1,500	9,000	1,875	9,375
10,000	500	10,500	1,000	11,000	1,500	11,500	2,000	12,000	2,500	12,500

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