



May 5, 2025

Dear Beloved Community,

As spring brings new life around us, so too does this season bring new growth and opportunity within our church. We write today with gratitude for all that God is doing in and through our congregation—and with an invitation to continue walking faithfully and generously into the future we are building together.

There is so much to celebrate! We recently completed a **very successful Capital Campaign**, a testimony to your generosity and God's faithfulness. We are already seeing signs of growth as we begin facility improvements and prepare to expand the welcome and hospitality of our space. Through it all, we remain focused on our shared vision: "**To Build a Beloved Community, by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.**" Please prayerfully fill out the enclosed **Beloved Community Engagement Form** for each member of your household as an expression of your stewardship of your time and talents.

This year we are moving from a **fiscal year** to a **calendar year budget**, aligning with the Wisconsin Conference's annual reporting and budgeting cycle. With this shift, we will hold our **Church Conference in the fall** to adopt our 2026 calendar year budget.

To help make this transition smooth and faithful, we are inviting all members and regular givers to make a **6-month financial commitment** for the period of **July 1 to December 31, 2025**. Your continued support during this time of change is deeply appreciated and vital to sustaining the ministry and mission of our church. If it works for you, please consider continuing your current giving rate through the end of 2025. This financial stewardship information can be indicated on the enclosed **Financial Commitment Card**.

Please complete and return the enclosed **Beloved Community Engagement Form** and **Financial Commitment Card** by **Celebration Sunday, May 18th**. The Form and Card are separate to ensure pledge information remains confidential, so please sign and return both. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

With joy and gratitude,

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