



You Have Heard It Said

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Dear members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

You've heard it said—over the tenure of your church membership, you've probably heard many appeals for funding the ministry of the church. The purpose of this letter is to, first and foremost, thank you for your continued support of the mission of Good Shepherd, whether that be financial gifts, contributions of your time, and/or sharing your talent. This October, you will hear stories about busting stewardship myths you may have heard over the years. We will reexamine a few Bible texts in a new light and provide opportunities to reflect on who we are as a congregation.

Our congregation's vision statement, available at eflock.org/about, has three basic tenets. God is calling us to 1) go out beyond the walls of the church, 2) radically welcome all people, and 3) build relationships for all in the church. Now is time to consider how to intentionally live into that vision.

You might be asking, what is the mission that we will accomplish in 2024? What will it take financially to get there? Your church council has helped to outline that as the following:

- Increase our footprint that goes beyond the walls of the church, such as working on advocacy and allyship through Church in Society, growing our relationships and resources with One Big Tent, and reaching out through digital evangelism.
- Continue to strengthen the established root system within our church, such as expanding faith formation and growing youth ministry.
- Steward our property, building, technology and personnel resources.

To kick off this exciting new series, you're invited to a Gratitude Gathering after the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, October 8. We are so thankful for the ways you support the mission of Good Shepherd, and our goal is to grow that mission according to our vision statement.

Look forward to the fellowship on October 8 and diving into the meaningful stories about how Good Shepherd is making a difference in the weeks to come.

You've heard it said—**but wait until you hear it anew!**

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On behalf of the Mission Support Team