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Dear Friends,

Generosity is contagious. It goes viral, but in a good way. The closer people get to our Mount Cross community, the more they seem to catch the generosity bug. I am proud to be the pastor of this generous church. You keep showing me what it means to live lives of joyful generosity, and I notice that I am growing into a more generous person because of your examples and inspiration.

The “Live Generously” T-shirts that we love to wear express something essential about who we are as Christians.* We are people who can live generously because we have been given all that we need and much, much more. We always have something to share, thanks be to God, and we can trust that our church community is here to help us when we are in need.

On October 17, our Generosity Campaign (also known as Stewardship Season) begins. I consider this a time to notice and celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the material and spiritual gifts we enjoy. Let me start this season by thanking you. Thank you for being models of Christ-like generosity in your families, in your work, at school, at Mount Cross, and in the community. Thank you for your generous patience and concern for others as we continue to weather the stresses of this long pandemic. Thank you for being generous with your time and financial gifts to Mount Cross so that together we can adapt to changing circumstances, meet the needs of our members, welcome visitors, serve others in Christ’s name, and contribute to the mission of the global church.

As we gather at the Lord’s Table each Sunday, we remember how generous God is with us, beginning with the gift of life on this beautiful planet, extending to God’s complete self-offering to us and for us in Jesus Christ, and culminating with the continual showering of the Holy Spirit’s gifts on us so that the work of loving and repairing the world can continue. Surrounded by such generosity, how can we be anything other than generous?

Thank you for taking the time to pray about what gifts of time, talent, and treasure you can offer to Mount Cross in 2022.

I thank God for each of you and pray that you will be blessed with health, guidance, joy, and the deep peace of Christ.

Yours in generous and joyful service,

Pastor Julie Morris

**If you don’t have a “Live Generously” shirt and would like one, please let me know and I will get one to you!*

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“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10