



## Preparing the Soil

“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

Mark 4:8



Dear Members and Friends of Mount Cross,

You represent what is best about Mount Cross Lutheran Church. Our joyful relationships with God and one another, make up the structure which supports our church. Mount Cross is now in a time of preparation; we are beginning the call process for a new pastor but need to get our house ready for who will be called. Now is the time to do the work preparing the soil so that our future harvests can be bountiful.

In Colossians 1:16 we are reminded that everything first belongs to God as “all things have been created through him and for him.” Our goal is to encourage everyone to commit to tithing (ten percent) of God’s blessings entrusted to us. We know that there are those unable to commit to tithing for a variety of reasons, and for them we encourage proportionate giving which grows over time to tithing.

Supporting our church financially is only one part of stewardship, we also need servants to be the willing hands and feet of God in this world. We have included an updated time & talent interest survey in this stewardship packet, and our goal is that everyone finds some way to participate in the life of the church. Please thoughtfully consider where you might have time and interest to serve in and/or outside of traditional worship.

Enclosed you will find several items:

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Stewardship
- Time & Talent Interests Survey
  - Please complete one form per person
  - Please return by November 18<sup>th</sup> if possible
  - The form can also be found online on the church website
- Your Pledge Card – Due by Sunday, November 18
  - After consideration and prayer, fill in your pledge card and place it in the enclosed small envelope
  - Place the envelope in the offering plate during Sunday worship, or return it to the church office by mail, or place it in the basket on Commitment Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Pledges can also be completed online on the Mount Cross Website:  
<http://www.mountcross.com/stewardship--pledge-form.html>

Envelopes for Giving in 2019

- Starting November 4<sup>th</sup> your numbered envelopes may be retrieved any Sunday morning or Wednesday evening at church until November 18<sup>th</sup>
- If you are unable to come to the church to pick up your envelopes, please contact the church office.
- After November 18<sup>th</sup>, your 2019 envelopes can be picked up from the church office

We thank you in advance for your time reading this letter and reviewing the enclosed materials in your stewardship packet. A successful stewardship campaign is not measure in dollars pledged, but in responses received. Please return your pledge card by November 18<sup>th</sup> (Commitment Sunday). God has blessed us all, and our annual stewardship campaign is an important and vital way to use our monetary resources to give back to God in obedience.

Thank you.

Your Mount Cross Stewardship Team