

Complex world. Thoughtful church.

October 2023

Dear Members and Friends of University Lutheran Church of Hope

"From Jesus' fullness we have all received grace upon grace." -John 1:16

Overflowing Grace. We are grateful to our faith community here at University Lutheran Church of Hope for the sharing of time, talents, and money. Together we demonstrate God's love in the world and the shared values of our congregation. Hope remains a faithful place for inspiring worship, a nurturing community in which to form and build relationships that support us as we grow in faith, and a thoughtful congregation dedicated to understanding our faith and God's work in a complex world, and in changing times.

With our congregation's generosity, we are blessed to:

- Sustain and grow our ministries.
- Support our inspiring ministerial staff and steadfast congregational leadership.
- Nurture in Hope's children and youth the faith and understanding of God's grace and love.
- Strengthen our communities' connections through times of fellowship, celebration, and sorrow.
- Broaden our ways of being together through enhanced technical capacities and talented tech leaders.
- Engage with our neighbors, greater community, and the world around us, promoting justice and racial equity, and reimagining a new way to live with God's creation through more sustainable practices.

At this time, we invite you to pledge to our annual ministry campaign to support our ministries and service in 2024.

- Enclosed is a pledge card. We invite you to consider making a commitment to support Hope's ministry. Filling
  out this card or completing it on the website, <u>www.ulch.org</u> enables our leaders' planning for Hope's 2024
  ministries. Bring your pledge card or mail it to the church to be included with the blessing of pledges on
  Sunday, November 12th.
- The card identifies different ways of giving regularly in the offering plate, using electronic giving, or through our E-Trade account. Contact the church office if you would like more information about these options.

Overflowing grace. We invite you to respond to God's overflowing grace by prayerfully considering your financial contribution for the coming year.

Yours in Christ,

The Gratitude and Generosity Team: Deb Strand, Don Hauge, Benjamin Hartmann, and Pastor Jen Nagel