

## A Stewardship Letter from Adoration Lutheran Church for 2020 – by Barb Regent

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Dear Laborer for the Kingdom of God,

As I look out of my window and see the beautiful change in color of the leaves on the trees, I am reminded that we are in the Season of Harvest. A time of accounting of our bountiful gifts. A time of counting our blessings from God. A time of thanksgiving to God. A time of reflection on how we will share our gifts from God with the world. As the Sunday School offering song reminds us *“We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.”*

In this time of pandemic, even though our building is shut, the church is going about God’s work here on earth, through the people of Adoration. Through the gifts of talent and technology we were able to hear and see God’s word through sermons, gospel readings, prayer, Bible study, Drive-thru Holy Communion, and loving phone calls, cards, and letters. Through the gifts of time we were able to hold “Zoom” meetings of the Council, the congregation, ad hoc committees, the Call Committee, and Coffee hours, to share our thoughts, prayers, and ideas to move our mission forward. Through the gift of treasure we were able to pay salaries, maintain the building and grounds, pay our utilities, reach out to those in need through collecting books and money for our partnership with the Meru diocese and the Mulala parish in Tanzania, collecting toiletries for Hephatha for those in need, collecting tools for Habitat for Humanity to build and refurbish homes, collecting socks, gloves, and hats for Repairers of the Breach for those who are homeless, and collecting donations for Ascension Food Pantry and Divine Intervention for the hungry.

In this time of pandemic, we have seen our increasing need for God and the increasing needs of our neighbors. My hope is that you will help us continue God’s mission on earth through the people of Adoration. My hope is that we can expand this mission by stretching our hearts and minds to include sharing more of our gifts.

We ask you to please prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts in this coming year. We need each one to fill out a pledge card and return it to church. We also have available a form for our “Simply Giving” program – an automatic payment system that may help you in your busy life by taking your offering automatically from your bank and sending it to Adoration. Please request a pledge card and “Simple Giving” form by e-mail to the church office at [adorationlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:adorationlutheran@gmail.com).

For everything there is a season; please join us at this time to see the hope of the future in God’s kingdom and our part in doing His work. As the song says, *“all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.”*

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