

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Dear Lakeside Member,

As we begin to pray and plan for 2022, we acknowledge the challenges before us, both in the world and here at Lakeside. Nancy's approaching retirement and the questions about future leadership are in our thoughts, conversations, and in our prayers. Yet, despite the unknowns, as Christians, we believe that God holds our future. We believe God is calling us to walk courageously into that future. While it may be tempting, this is not the time to diminish our presence in God's world. Rather, this is the moment when we must remain faithful and committed -- staying **Inwardly Strong and Outwardly Focused**.

Our elected church leaders and staff are purposefully focused on the strengths at Lakeside's core -- Congregational Care, Discipleship, Worship, Fellowship and Finances. At the same time, we are committed to seeing and responding to the growing needs beyond our membership and outside our building. Our hearts and hands have been open to the community for decades and we pray that our outreach will only grow deeper and wider in 2022.

Here is what some of your Session members shared about being **Inwardly Strong - Outwardly Focused**:

"Pledging is important to our faith...we hope to support the continued success of the church through the current transition, as well as some expanded initiatives of community outreach in the future..." - Clay & Lora

"We want our children to know that giving back to others is an important part of being a Christian. We give to Lakeside to support our church and to help fund the many mission projects that Lakeside is involved in."

- Jim & Jentry

"...We support the cold shelter, Matthew 25...and always participate in the giving barrels and Christmas projects."

- Linda

There are even those who are not officially members, but who feel connected to Lakeside through our online worship service who tell us they appreciate that we are **Outwardly Focused**:

"We have been truly encouraged by the Lakeside online worship. The message shared each week by Nancy or Louisa has led us to continue our efforts to share Jesus' story and to love our neighbors. Guessing there are many hands that make the streaming experience such a worthy worship...Blessings to you all!" – Online worshipper

"I was especially blessed to be able (via my cell phone while in Michigan) to continue my worship with you all at Lakeside..." - Online worshipper

We appreciate your faithful commitment to this congregation. As we begin to plan for 2022 – another year of much uncertainty -- the ministries of our church continue to need your support. Thank you to all who honored your 2021 pledges and to you who did not pledge but have continued to send your contributions to the church. We pray we will all move into 2022 **Inwardly Strong and Outwardly Focused**, honoring God by blessing both Lakeside members and all God's children in the world.

Your Stewardship Committee – Jim Eck (Elder/Chair), Tom Feronti, Jonathan Hart, Harue Marquardt