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Blessed! Stewardship 2018

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

Matt Redman

A few weeks ago I went to Madison to visit one of our members who was having some serious surgery. Her recovery would take a few months, and she was worried. She was in her hospital room with her husband waiting, and as I walked into the room she smiled and seemed surprised to see me. We hugged and then she started to tell me how much she loved our church. She told me it had BLESSED her through some of the toughest times in her life. And now her church was with her as she faced another crisis. As we prayed and talked, I realized once more how many blessings flow from Fox Point Lutheran Church into the hardest and most painful moments in life.

After the visit, I posted on Facebook that I would be at a coffee shop on State Street to see if any of our UW Madison kids were interested in meeting. The response was overwhelming. I saw 8 students who are members of our church. We talked about life and school and the struggles they are facing. We laughed and joked and shared memories of youth group, mission trips, and holidays they would never forget. They told stories about Christmas and Easter sermons they loved--they seemed to remember more of the sermons than I did! Each one had different memories. But they all told me how much they loved our church. They told me how Sunday School and Confirmation and all their experiences as youth had BLESSED their lives.

The blessings from our church flow not just from our programs and staff but from all of you as well. And these blessings touch so many people and in so many different ways. Your countless hours of volunteering and financial giving help us to be a place that blesses those in our church home as well as those hurting in other places both near and far away.

In 2019 we will continue to be a church that BLESSES people's lives. We will continue to grow families in faith, visit the sick, care for those who are mourning, create worship that transforms, and encourage a variety of outreach projects. It is who we are, and it is what God calls us to do!

We need your help. Enclosed is your pledge card. Please return at your earliest convenience or by Friday, November 16. We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider a 5% increase in their giving. This will help us to expand ministry staff positions and allow us to create and sustain programs, events, and opportunities to grow real faith in the real lives of our members or anyone who walks in our doors.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, love, and the hours you spend sharing God's love. Because you allow God's BLESSINGS to flow through you, our church is a place that will grow these amazing BLESSINGS near and far.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Bill Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bill Knapp