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Dear Friends of St. Luke,

Allow me to paint a picture of St. Luke's mission and stewardship in action. Early this fall, if you lingered around after our worship service, you might have heard a group of parents laughing while catching up over an outdoor lunch. While a few held babies, most were relaxing into a gentle afternoon while their children were out and about in the garden, learning how to gather the harvest. After choosing and harvesting their vegetables, these kids – our kids – trekked inside to the new Community Kitchen, where Division of Indian Work chef Derek taught them how to prep, cut and combine the harvest into a fresh autumn salsa.









I share this story to celebrate the many creative threads of ministry that are renewing and expanding here at St. Luke. Our ecological commitments and longstanding solidarity with the Division of Indian Work led us to steward a large organic food garden on our grounds each year, which in turn provides an inspirational venue for multigenerational learning. These commitments to loving, learning, growing and serving are then brought full circle in the Community Kitchen, with one of our core community partners sharing time, love and knowledge with our youngest. This is multigenerational meaning-making at its finest!

St. Luke is renewing and restoring its mission and ministry here in a new chapter of our lives. I give thanks for the creative, faithful response we've shown through nearly three years of pandemic ministry. I now celebrate all the more the many ways in which are coming together again:

renewing our commitment to serve;

restoring relationships and cherished traditions; expanding mission and fellowship opportunities.

Our family is excited to be a part of St. Luke's unfolding story, as we join in God's work to "renew and restore." We know that great joy and purpose lie ahead of us. I hope you'll consider joining us in pledging your support for St. Luke's vital mission and ministries. Pledges and gifts may be made to the church through our website (www.stluke.mn) or by mailing/delivering the included pledge envelope to the church at any time.

Wishing you peace and perseverance,

Rev. Brennan Blue Senior Pastor **Don Davies**

Treasurer of the Session of St. Luke