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Dear St. Lawrence Family,

Here's a question for you: *What's the most valuable thing in your life?*

You might say "family" or "friends." You might say "faith" or "love," "justice" or "joy" - and you'd be right, of course. Each of these is a priceless gift from God.

But there's something else, too, shining in the faces of family and friends, glowing in acts of love and justice, generosity and celebration. When we see it, we smile and say, "Wow! How wonderful! How beautiful!"

And there it is: one of the most valuable things in our lives is *beauty*. *The beauty of God. Of creation. Of relationships. The lovely, radiant, beautiful goodness of the world around us.*

Here at St. Lawrence, our invitation is to give thanks for this beauty - and to make something beautiful together. As Christians, we believe that God created the world - and then called humanity to collaborate in the ongoing work of Creation. Sometimes this looks like the messy, glittery creations produced by our Sunday School kids. Other times it looks like the anthem lovingly prepared by the choir, the new friendships formed at coffee hour, or the ever evolving ways that we support our outreach ministry at Hope Food Pantry. We are constantly creating and re-creating together as a church community. What we don't always do is remember to pause, step back and marvel at how *beautiful it is*.

Over the next six weeks, starting on October 11th, we'll be having a church-wide conversation about investing in this beautiful community, financially, and otherwise, with boldness and imagination. And on November 22nd, we'll celebrate the campaign with an ingathering celebration during the service and at coffee hour. Please mark your calendars - and start thinking about what's most beautiful to you about St. Lawrence and how you might support us so that we can keep that beauty alive.

This year, in order to keep up with the effects of inflation, **we are asking you to prayerfully consider making a ten percent increase to your pledge.**

We appreciate that this will not be possible for everyone and, as always, we are grateful for every single pledge, regardless of its size.

Thank you for the radiance that you already bring to our shared table. St. Lawrence is such an extraordinary community and it is an honor and a joy to be in ministry with you. Let's make something beautiful together!

Grace and peace,



The Rev. Kristin L. Saylor, Rector

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