



# MONTANA SYNOD

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Dear Friends at Atonement Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the whole church, I want to thank you for your generosity. As one of the ten top-giving congregations in the whole Synod, you join 15 other congregations in providing over half of our Synod's income. You have been blessed with many gifts, and you have shared graciously with others. It speaks well of your vision of a wider church that goes beyond your congregation, beyond your community, into the wider world. Your gifts to the Montana Synod and to the wider ELCA enable ministry to happen in places you will never see, in ways you will never imagine. You help make it happen, and through your gifts, you are there.

You are in the midst of great transition, especially as you prepare for a building campaign and share space with another congregation. And through it you have continued ministries with youth, with education, with music, and in the wider community. You have been very busy. And you could easily claim to have been so preoccupied with your own ministry that you didn't really have much left to share.

But you didn't take that route. Instead, in spite of everything else that was going on, you faithfully shared your gifts with the Montana Synod and the wider church. You provided leadership, and you sent your mission support.

On behalf of the Montana Synod I thank you. On behalf of the wider church I thank you. On behalf of all those who receive hope from the gifts multiplied, I thank you. God has blessed you richly. And you have blessed us, the church.

In Gratitude,

Jessica Crist, Bishop

*"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."*

2 Corinthians 9

#### Our Mission:

*"Marked by the cross of Christ forever, abundantly blessed, we faithfully serve God and neighbor."*