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### *Message from Our President...*

Dear Members and Friends,

On October 19, Pastor Murray and I were honored to speak at the Sa-Rang Church's Open House during their worship service. Their congregation expressed heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to hold worship in our beautiful church. We, in turn, are thankful to have them as part of our community.

Our Congregational Meeting is scheduled for November 9 immediately following our Service. Fellowship will follow after the meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting. We will have handouts at the meeting that fully explains each issue. The meeting will cover the following items.

- \*At this meeting, we will be presenting the Proposed 2026 Budget, which is recommended by your Church Council, for your approval.

- \*As membership in our churches has declined, most are having trouble being compliant with their By-laws. The Synod will be looking at this issue. In the meantime, in order to be compliant, we are asking for several motions which have been passed by the Council and need to have your approval.

- \*We use an insurance company which the Synod recommends. We recently had an inspection by this company, and had several issues that need to be addressed in the next month. The Council passed a motion to approve these upgrades, and we need your approval.

- \*We are so very thankful that we have not only met our BTBTB goal, but exceeded it. Since we have these required improvements, the Council voted to change the excess raised to be changed from designated to our operating budget to help defray these unexpected expenses.

Our janitorial service has been changed to every week on Saturday. The Sa-Rang Church has offered to split the cost with us. If you see anything that isn't clean, please be sure to let us know. Thank you to Sylvia Makus and Wendy Alfageme for their dedication to ensuring our Church is at its best.

Our Fall Bazaar is November 13 and 14. The committee has been working diligently to provide beautiful items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are also outside artists that will be participating. Pastor Murray will have several tables with memorabilia from his many trips around the world, which has always been very popular. Lunch, desserts and drinks will be

available to purchase. Many thanks to all of the members of this committee, and Chairman, Carmen Leslie.

Our Operation Christmas Child operated by Samaritan's Purse has been very successful with over 50 boxes passed out to be filled. Please remember to return your boxes by November 13-17, so they can be delivered to the center for shipping by Christmas to over 100 countries. Your generosity is so appreciated by all of these children. Thank you to Susan Avila, Chairman, and Wendy Alfageme who suggested the project.

As we agreed in the Blessed To Be Twice Blessed fundraiser, we would tithe 10% of the funds raised to our community, and we will be presenting a check on November 16 at our church service to Nick Maseti, who founded the non-profit Leisure World Cares Program that is helping residents who are experiencing financial hardship.

The collection of eyeglasses and eyeglass cases for the WELCA project has been very successful too. Our contributions will be picked up this month. Thank you to Karen Ford, our WELCA representative, for bringing this to our attention.

Our Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 30. We will again be offering our Advent Suppers starting Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17 at 3:00 pm. We are so fortunate to have Pastor Murray leading us in a time of study and worship each week. Following, we will share a meal and fellowship together. A signup sheet is available for those who would like to provide a dish or dessert to serve about 30 people, or to help with setup or cleanup. We look forward to sharing this meaningful season of preparation and joy with you.

Our Christmas Eve Brunch following our service last year was such a special time of fellowship that we will be offering it again this year! A signup sheet is available for those who would like to bring a dish or help with setup and cleanup. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together.

There is also a signup sheet for poinsettias, which will adorn our altar on December 14, 21 and 24. Cost will be available as we get closer to the Christmas Season. You may take your plant after the Christmas Eve Service.

Take a moment to visit our Memorial Cross Wall, which is filling up with crosses and plaques. If you would like to remember your loved one in this permanent way, there is a form available in the back of the Sanctuary.

As we enter our Thanksgiving season, I am so deeply grateful for each of you and for the many ways God's love is shared in our church family.

As always, God's blessings,

***Kay Pushman***

Council President