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Sunday Worship Times = 9:15 AM and 11:15 AM (*In person + online)*

Beloved,

Thank you. As Patty Groth shared in worship on Sunday, your generosity is making a real difference.

In the past quarter, the people of Morning Star have donated candy for our haunted house, provided Thanksgiving food for families from Cesar Chavez, supported our food distributions, offered blankets and socks for neighbors without homes, purchased gift cards for unaccompanied youth and more.

These gifts build relationships, put meals on tables, offer warmth in the cold and, most importantly, remind our neighbors that they matter. Thank you.

At the same time, our general fund has begun to diminish greatly. We're okay right now because of gifts made earlier this year, but **if weekly giving continues at November's pace, we'll need to draw from our small reserve** (a basic account for unplanned expenses, not the designated building fund) to make payroll and pay bills. **It's not a crisis, but it isn't sustainable.**

I recognize that this season can stretch families. In our home, between late October and Christmas, we celebrate our wedding anniversary, several birthdays and Natalie's adoption anniversary, on top of holiday traditions. It's a joyful and full season, and I know many of you feel that, too.

Some have already given all they can this year, and such generosity is seen and deeply appreciated. If you are in a place to consider making a year-end gift to any charitable institution, would you consider making it to Morning Star?

A strong December will allow us to begin 2026 with the resources we need. Valentine's Day weddings are less than 10 weeks away, Lent begins four days later, and Easter follows soon after. Your support helps us meet these moments with hope.

It's a beautiful life we're building together. **Thank you, and have a very merry Christmas.** I hope to see you on Christmas Eve, online or in person, as we celebrate the truth that God is with us!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amy

P.S. If you'd like to talk about giving or setting up a recurring gift, contact me or Patty at amy@mstarlc.church, finance@mstarlc.church, or 575.521.3770.

The mission and vision of Morning Star is to point people to the grace of God found in Jesus through inspirational worship, radical inclusion and the alleviation of suffering.