



October 6, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of Orchard Lake Community Church,

When Jesus walked on water, he encouraged the disciples not to be afraid. Jesus beckoned Peter to come, and Peter came. Then Peter took his eyes off the Lord. Peter began to sink when he focused instead on the wind and the waves around him. Fear took over.

Like Peter, even as we strive to live courageously for Christ, we are susceptible to fear. We allow the daily bad news on television, an unpredictable economy, or unthinkable evils in our world to rob us of our optimism, peace, and joy. When we focus solely on the circumstances in our world, we lose sight of Christ. And we can feel as though we are beginning to sink.

But there is always hope in our Lord Jesus. For this reason, the Stewardship team of the Session invites you to **Share God's gifts for God's glory.**

God's assurance to us is the same today as it was when he spoke to Joshua on the edge of Canaan:

**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord
your God will be with you wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9

Our Church Session prays for growth for our congregation, spiritually and numerically. We are grateful that you pray along with us. As Christ's community, we enjoy wonderful friendships in the church, inspiring music, compassionate support, and faithful teaching from God's word. Please share with others what you know and experience in the life of our congregation.

No matter what the circumstances in our world may be, we move forward in faith. In order to do so, we commit our resources, trusting that God is with us wherever we go. He is our hope.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is October 26, 2025, when you can place your commitment card in the offering plate. If you are not able to attend worship that day, please mail your pledge card to OLCCP via U.S. mail.

Please know this is simply an estimate of your giving, and you can revise it at any time.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Church. May the Lord continue to bless our church and our lives together as we share God's gifts for God's glory.

With gratitude on behalf of the Stewardship team,

Rev. Rich Lapehn, D.Min.