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Dear Friends,

Every year, as Christmas approaches, it seems to come even faster, and if we aren't being mindful, it is here and gone before we know it! And every year we receive many appeals for funding.

As this Christmas season approaches, I have a challenge to propose for all of us. Let's slow down a little more than previous years and take some time to pause and reflect on all the good and gracious gifts God has given us. For, *"Every good and gracious gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..."* (James 1:17)

I believe that no matter how difficult our year may have been, or how seemingly impossible our circumstances may currently seem to us, God is still in control, and taking good care of us. *"In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind."* (Job 12:10)

As servants of Christ, giving and service is what all of the people who work at Lutheran Counseling and Family Services are about. Our mission is helping others work through their issues. Whether it's helping a family work through the adoptions process, or helping children, individuals, couples, or families work through mental health or substances abuse issues, our main priority is contributing to others through the unique gifts that all of our Christian staff possess.



This has been the mission of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services for the last 120 years. But, in order to keep these services available we need your help, now more than ever. Can you help us by standing with us in this Christian spirit of giving by making a generous one time or regular contribution to our work here? You also have the option of having your organization donate, match, or sponsor us.



To learn more about our specific services at Lutheran Counseling and Family Services, you are invited to contact our CEO, Deb Rayburn, MS, LPC, CSAC, C-SIT at 414-536-8333.

In closing let us remember that as Christians we have already received the greatest gift of all, God sending His Son into the world on Christmas, giving us the ultimate gift, forgiveness of sins, hope, light, love and peace. When we pause to think on this gift, it is my hope that you can open your heart to the work that God has set before us. *"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands; yes, establish the work of our hands."* (Psalm 90:17)

Have a blessed Christmas and may God look upon you with favor in the New Year and give you the peace that only He can give.

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