

*“Whoever drinks of the water that I give will never thirst.”
— John 4:14*

Dear Hamline Church Family,

As you read this annual report, you’ll see story after story of how God’s grace has flowed through Hamline Church this past year. These pages celebrate a community of faith that continues to dig deep, draw freely, and share generously—offering living water to a world that is thirsty for hope.

We are living in challenging times. The world around us can feel uncertain and weary, yet amid it all Hamline Church remains a steady wellspring—a source of spiritual nourishment, connection, and renewal. Here, we find strength for our spirits, purpose for our service, and companions for the journey of faith. Week after week, we come to this well to pray, to learn, to serve, to sing, and to be reminded that God’s love still flows abundantly.

In recent months, the need for our ministry has grown. We are seeing increased worship attendance, expanding participation in student ministries, vibrant spiritual formation programs, and more opportunities to serve our neighbors. The growing needs of the community are a blessing and a challenge—one we can only meet together. Our goal for 2026 is to increase pledged giving by 5% to help fund these expanding ministries and to keep pace with inflation, which has raised our basic operating costs.

The 2026 Annual Giving Campaign, A Deeper Well, invites us to continue tending this sacred source together. Every pledge—no matter its size—helps sustain worship that uplifts, programs that form faith, and ministries that pour God’s love into our neighborhood and world. Just as a well must be tended and replenished, so must the life of the church. Your financial pledge for 2026 is a vital act of faith—it is your way of saying, “I believe in this well. I want to help it run deep.”

My own family deeply values Hamline Church as a source of spiritual nourishment and sustenance in these times. We have felt renewed and supported by this community in countless ways, and in gratitude we will increase our contribution for 2026. We hope you will join us in doing the same, so that together we can meet the growing needs before us.

As you reflect on what you have drawn from this well in the past year—times of worship, community, comfort, or inspiration—I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might give back so that others, too, may drink deeply of God’s living water.

Thank you for being part of this beloved community. Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and the joy you bring to the work of God in our midst. Together, may we draw deeply, share freely, and keep this well flowing with the life-giving love of Christ.

With deep gratitude and abiding hope,

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