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**September 27, 2022**

TO: City of St Paul STAR Board

SUBJECT: Support for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church's application for Year-Round STAR funding

I am writing to share my support for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1390 Larpenteur Ave E) in their application for \$9,000 in Year-Round Ward 6 STAR funding. This funding will be used for accessibility improvements, including new front doors with push-button access and a concrete sidewalk leading from the kitchen to outdoor waste receptacles.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church serves people in need in the East Side community. They provide ongoing free meal services through their "Community Sharing" events, using their kitchens to prepare and serve more than 200 meals (over 3,000 pounds of food) each week. The building also serves as a voting site, so the improvements will help with the heavy flow of traffic on voting days and enable easier access for handicapped or elderly voters. Many of the people Our Redeemer serves have limited mobility, using wheelchairs, walker, or canes. Having an easy and accessible entry from vehicles to walkways to enter and utilize the building is critical.

Our Redeemer has supported the St Paul community for 60 years, focusing on serving some of our community's most vulnerable residents. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for Year-Round Ward 6 STAR funding. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Nelsie Yang (she/her)  
St. Paul Councilmember Ward 6