

## *We are the Body of Christ*

Last year's stewardship letter began with "This year has been the most trying and unprecedented that we have experienced in generations." That remains our reality. And yet our identity in Christ and our mission to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ remains the same as ever.

St. Paul writes, "For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." Each of you reading this letter is a cherished part of the beloved community at St. Luke's, and we thank God for you. It is our hope and prayer that as we continue to emerge from this pandemic, that the body of Christ will regather even more strongly than we were at the start of 2020.

Faith is always in the plural. As the Anglican Archbishop from South Africa, Desmond Tutu has said, "We cannot exist as human beings in isolation... we are interconnected." God has called us together to be a people who are transformed in the difference that Christ makes. This is what it means to be the Church.

As we are coming out of this pandemic and regathering as the Body of Christ, it is our goal to have every single member of this parish present in worship, participating in prayer, formation, and service, and contributing to the vitality of St. Luke's.

On October 10, 17, 24, and 31, the sermons will all be focusing on the important questions of stewardship: Why do we give to the church? How do

we give to the Church? What does stewardship mean?  
As disciples of Jesus, how do we use money?

This is a time when the entire body is needed, and the body at St. Luke's needs your presence and your support. We truly believe that the grace, mercy, and peace of God in Christ makes all the difference in our lives and community. This difference is manifest in our commitment to beloved community, abundant grace, and intentional worship.

We need your prayerful support, your consistent presence, and your generous and committed investment in the ministries of this Parish so that we can continue to do the good work that we have been given to do in the name of Christ. Indeed, we are the Body of Christ and in all of us together, God will accomplish more than we can ask or imagine.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee:

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Come and See  
the difference Christ makes

