

Coming Together as the Body of Christ

Last year's stewardship theme was "We are the Body of Christ." This year, we are building on that foundation by focusing on coming together as the Body of Christ.

The past few years have been turbulent for our society and lives, and also the Church. Patterns have been disrupted and "normal" has been radically redefined. No longer can we assume that the Church will continue to thrive in the ways it has in previous generations. Across the board, Church affiliation and attendance are at all time lows, and it is only a matter of time until financial giving will follow these trends and congregations will have to make difficult decisions about how to operate in this new reality.

A parish such as St. Luke's is well situated to meet the challenges ahead of us. We have a dedicated and talented staff, a beautiful campus and worship space, a clear sense of identity, and faithful and generous members.

What we need to meet this moment is an investment from all those who support our mission. The Vestry and Stewardship Committee have an ambitious, but necessary, goal for this Stewardship campaign: 100% participation by all those who consider St. Luke's their church and who want to see this parish thrive for years and decades to come.

Currently, about two-thirds (65%) of those who are members or regulars at St. Luke's support the church

financially. Simply put, we need to that number to be 100% in order to continue to compensate our staff fairly given the rise in inflation, to maintain our historic buildings and grounds, and to continue to offer ministries for our members and community.

We can meet the budgetary and spiritual needs of our parish, but only with the wider support of everyone. We need to come together as the Body of Christ to support St. Luke's.

This is not simply about money - we also need all those who are committed to St. Luke's to invest in this community's vitality with their presence in worship. We are stronger and more Christ-like when the whole community comes together in beloved community.

This year's stewardship materials include a Narrative Budget which is intended to address many questions about giving. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee:

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