



Our theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Grounded in God, Growing our Family." This theme reminds me of Jesus' response to a question where He was asked what He believed to be the greatest law. Jesus replies, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself." It is no surprise then that as we think about the unique identity of St. John's, we encounter our intentional effort to live out that commandment. At St. John's one immediately encounters a community that is rooted deeply in Christ and cares for one another with His love and grace. With this in mind,

our hope over the next year is to both sustain and expand all of the amazing ways that St. John's accomplishes this mission.

Fortunately, as a church we have many resources available to us to help us live out this calling as a community. These resources include all of our many worship opportunities, programs, groups, outreach efforts, music, formation studies, fellowship events, pastoral care, and all of the physical and administrative necessities that enable those things to happen. However, none of this is possible without the financial generosity of our parishioners.

Many of you may recall from our Annual Meeting in January that St. John's is currently functioning on a deficit budget. Therefore it is vital that we grow our income so we can continue to offer our current programming and hopefully expand our offerings in a way that helps us live up to the potential God has called us to fulfil.

But of course, giving to the church is not just about meeting a financial need, it is more about participating in a spiritual practice that enables us to, as our theme suggest, root ourselves more deeply in God, and grow our parish family in faith, hope, and love for God and one another.

Our hope is that this brochure will encourage you to stretch yourselves to give more of your finances back to God. We also hope this material will answer any questions you have about pledging. However, please feel free to reach out to myself or Greg McAbee, our stewardship chairperson, if you need anything.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd
Rector



Expanding SUSTAINABLE MISSION



While there are a number of opportunities to supplement specific ministries through fund raising events such as The Pancake Supper, Fill the Bowl, Outreach Collections, Biscuits to Go, and others, the only way to insure ministries can be sustained or grow is by expanding our budget.

Expanding our budget is the only way for St. John's to live up to its full potential of being a parish that has a deep sense of community and faith.

IF OUR BUDGET INCREASES WE COULD:

- Continue our commitment to enhanced communication
- Add an assistant youth minister to sustain and enhance our youth ministry
- Fund deferred maintenance
- Offer a richer musical experience at all our services
- Create a more robust ministry to our seniors
- Increase our outreach to our community
- Add a third clergy person to increase clergy presence with:
Pastoral Care Preschool Youth Group Young Families Bible Studies

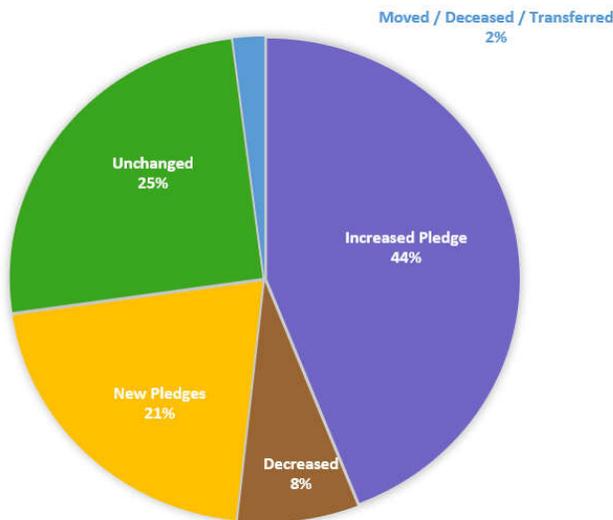
GROWING AS A FAMILY MEANS:

- Growing closer to God through worship and prayer
- Increasing our sense of family and fellowship
- Increasing our care for one another
- Loving one another more deeply
- Reaching out further to a hurting world
- Expanding our community of faith



2019 Pledge Statistics

Average Pledge: 2018=\$3,903 2019=\$3,623 -\$280



#FAMILIES	PLEDGE AMOUNT
5	\$20000 +
25	\$10,000 - \$19,999
11	\$8000 - \$9999
29	\$6000 - \$7999
42	\$4000 - \$5999
32	\$3000 - \$3999
45	\$2000 - \$2999
164	\$1-\$1999



Loving God and caring for each other is at the heart of everything St. John's does.

Steps to Giving

AS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

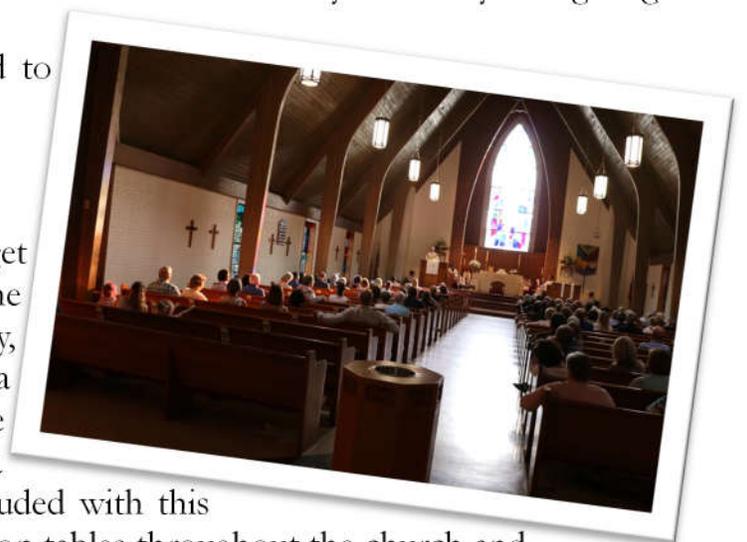


HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU GIVE

Although people give to the church for a variety of reasons--from a sense of duty or obligation, because their parents did, in thanksgiving, to ensure the continuation of a program they're committed to, or as a spiritual discipline--the very act of giving invites God to work in our lives. Loosening our grip on money, even slightly and for whatever reason, provides God room to transform us, to make us over in the image of Christ. Knowing this, scripture gives the guideline for each person to give 10% of their income. However, for some people that is a serious struggle. Therefore, each person is asked to simply pray about their pledge and work to stretch themselves so they feel they are giving sacrificially to further God's kingdom. It is in giving sacrificially that our hearts are opened and turned to God who will honor our gift.

HOW TO PLEDGE

The vast majority of funding for St. John's budget comes from parishioners giving financially to the church. In order for St. John's to budget accurately, we ask each member to make a pledge. A pledge is a projection of how much you believe you will be able to give to St. John's in a calendar year. To make a pledge you can fill out either the pledge card included with this packet or find one available at one of our information tables throughout the church and return it to the church office. Alternatively, you may fill out the electronic form found on our website, or simply call the church office and give your pledge verbally over the phone to our finance or assistant finance director.



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HOW TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE

- Set up **ELECTRONIC WITHDRAW** through "Realm" (see the instructions on our website)
- Set up **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS** through "Realm"
- Set up **ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS** through your individual bank
- Put a **CHECK** in the offering plate
- Put **CASH OR CHECK** in a preprinted offering envelope specific to you (*envelopes are available from the church office*)