



Season of Gratitude

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Thank you for your love, care, and generosity for one another, the world, and St. Luke's. This year we want to acknowledge our blessings and our role as stewards of God's abundance with a 'Season of Gratitude' - a year for us to thank God and celebrate the blessings and grace with which we have been so richly blessed. As we begin this time of celebration and gratitude, **we want to invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts -- your time, talent, and financial resources** - to ensure that St. Luke's, our beloved church home, continues to thrive as we open ourselves to the grace, love, and peace found in relationship with God through Christ Jesus and extend an invitation to share that transforming love with one another, our community and the world.

2026 is going to be an exciting year for St. Luke's. Through our strategic planning process, we heard the big steps that you believe will enable St. Luke's to thrive. Your input is front and center in our strategic plan, *Growing Together: Our Vision for the Future of St. Luke's* (available on the website), and in our 2026 Financial Plan for Mission. To that end, with your faithful and generous support, the Vestry intends to...

- Expand our Youth Director position
- Add a contract communications/marketing position
- Add additional paid singers and establish a junior choir
- Add a full-time Sexton position
- Provide a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for our staff
- Fund Missions as a part of Operating Budget

We are very excited about these bold steps that will help grow our children and youth program, better share the good news of St. Luke's, improve the care for our buildings and property, enhance our wonderful music program, fairly compensate our amazing staff, and enhance our commitment to missions. **These actions will require us to increase our pledge revenue by 26% or \$87,325 over our 2025 pledge levels.**

With this letter, you will find a document detailing our 2026 Financial Plan for Mission (Budget) and Pledge Cards (Financial Resources & Time and Talent). We ask that you read the document carefully and prayerfully. **I hope that will join the Wardens, the members of the Vestry, our Rector, and me in making a generous commitment to joyfully and boldly share your time, talent, and financial resources to ensure that St. Luke's, our beloved church home, continues to thrive as a community that shares Christ's transforming love with one another, our community, and the world.**

Faithfully,

Greg Murray

Stewardship Chair