



*Giving Together - Growing Together - Recommitting Together*

November 13, 2023

Dear Member of St Paul's,

As Stewardship Chair, I find myself in the awkward position of asking for your annual pledge right on the heels of a very successful capital campaign. Your response to that campaign was inspiring and will go a long way towards protecting the future of St. Paul's. But I must ask for your financial support once again. This time for the here and now.

Your annual pledge is needed to pay for salaries, utilities, insurance, grounds maintenance, supplies and the other expenses that come up in the course of a year. Between inflation and a need for a new organist and parish assistant, it will probably cost more to keep the church running next year than it did this year. We need your pledge so the vestry knows what income can be relied on in developing our budget. Please make a pledge and increase your pledge if you can. No amount is too small. What's most important is that everyone be part of the effort to keep our parish a dynamic and thriving community.

We ask for a written commitment from each pledging unit each year. So please fill out a form even if your pledge remains the same as last year. Enclosed is a simple form which you can mail back to the church or drop in the offering plate. If you prefer, you can complete the same form on the church's website. You can make your pledge on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. Many parishioners find it convenient to have their pledge automatically withdrawn from a bank account or charged to a credit card.

I am both humbled and thankful for your loyalty and devotion to our community. I look forward to a bright future for St. Paul's.

God Bless.

Art Christensen

