

St. Luke's Episcopal Church 2018 Pledge Campaign



*We are invited to say YES!
Yes to God.
Yes to The Other.
Yes to Open Hearts.
Yes to the Future to which God Invites Us.
Yes to the Joys of The Kingdom.*

With Christ and In Christ, We Welcome, Celebrate, Collaborate, and Grow.

November 19, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Thanksgiving approaches and I count my blessings, I am ever more grateful for our congregation. God has blessed us and brought us together with all our joys and sorrows, with all our gifts and flaws to be Christ's body in the world today. Together we have been given the sacred task to carry God's transforming love into the world. In the past year through our various ministries, God's love has made a difference in the lives of many. We have seen the power of God's transforming love in our community.

Through our Holy Conversations this fall, we listened to each other and God, shared our stories and dreams and affirmed *St. Luke's as church committed to providing a welcoming sanctuary for all people, taking faithful risks to foster community and proclaiming God's love through our words, deeds and relationships.* We identified core values to serve as guideposts to help us live into these commitments and intentions.

These values flow naturally from our mission statement: *With Christ and In Christ, We Welcome, Collaborate, Celebrate and Grow.* Over the next few months, the vestry will use these commitments and values to develop our priorities and plans for mission initiatives that will carry us forward and allow us to continue to proclaim God's love while engaging the ever changing needs and context of our community and the world around us. As we look excitedly toward our future, there is one of our core values that I would like to highlight: **Weaving our relationship with God into the fabric of our daily lives.** I believe this is the fundamental value that will allow us to truly realize the fullness of who we can be, re-vitalize our congregation and transform our community. When God resides at the center of our lives and community, all things are possible. Towards that end, I would like to commend to you the time tested spiritual practice of tithing, the practice of returning a percentage of all you receive to God first as an acknowledgement of our dependence on God, as the source of all love, life and blessings.

This spiritual practice of tithing forms us as Christ-like people by

- Aligning our actions and finances with our beliefs and values.
- Cultivating an attitude of trust and abundance.
- Reminding us that all things belong to and come from God.

As our spiritual practices deepen our individual relationships with God and foster our openness to God's will in our lives, the power of God's love will to transform our congregation and community will grow exponentially. A dollar given as a donation is worth one dollar. A dollar tithed to God is priceless because it comes with one's complete commitment to a God centered life. With God's help and your time and resources, we can continue make a difference in the lives around us. With your support, what is possible can only be limited by the dreams God gives us. Please consider taking a faithful risk as you prayerfully consider the time and financial support that you will commit to our ministries in the coming year. Thank you for prayerful attention and consideration.

Peace,
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Core Values

- *Provide a welcoming sanctuary for all*
- *Prioritize being and staying in relationship with each other*
- *Nurture the next generation*
- *Weave our relationship with God into the fabric of our daily lives*
- *Engage the world around us*
- *Speak / Be truth in love*
- *Honor our legacy and Episcopal traditions*
- *Courage to evolve*

2018 Financial Commitment Campaign

Information regarding the St. Luke's finances, priorities, pledges and needs has been distributed throughout the fall as part of the Holy Conversations. If you need additional information, please speak with the Rector, Wardens or Treasurer. Please complete the enclosed commitment form and questionnaire and place them in the offering plate or return them to the church by December 3rd. On that Sunday, we will be blessing our pledges and commitments.

Proportionate Giving Worksheet

Proportionate Giving means that shares of our personal resources of time, talent and treasure are being devoted to the mission of God on a regular schedule. It is an offering made in a response of love, an offering of "ourselves, our souls, our bodies." All that we are and all that we have has come from God and still belongs to God and is to be used for God's glory.

This worksheet offers a means of determining one's present percentage level of pledged financial support for St. Luke's and establishing a commitment for the coming year. It is NOT to be returned to the church. It is intended for personal use with prayerful consideration in the privacy of your home.

I. To find your current level of support for St Luke's, divide your annual pledge by your income for the same period.

	Example:	Your Figures:
A. Current Income	\$ 80,000	\$ _____
B. Current Pledge	\$ 1600	\$ _____
C. Current Percentage level (Divide line B by line A)	2.0 %	_____ %

II. A financial commitment for the coming year might be based on one of the following options:

Tithing

	Example:	Your Figures:
1. Expected Income	\$ 80,000	\$ _____
2. The Tithe	10%	_____ %
3. New Commitment (Multiply line 1 by line 2)	\$ 8,000	\$ _____

Increasing your present giving level by at least 1%

	Example:	Your Figures:
1. Expected Income	\$ 80,000	\$ _____
2. Current Percentage + 1%	3.0%	_____ %
3. New Commitment (Multiply line 1 by line 2)	\$ 2,400	\$ _____

How Much Will You Offer To God?

This chart may be used as you determine your financial commitment for the year. The various percentages of annual income are expressed in annual amounts that can be remitted in weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi- annual or annual offerings.

Annual Income	Percentage of Income									
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
10,000	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1,000
20,000	200	400	600	800	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,600	1,800	2,000
30,000	300	600	900	1,200	1,500	1,800	2,100	2,400	2,700	3,000
40,000	400	800	1,200	1,600	2,000	2,400	2,800	3,200	3,600	4,000
50,000	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000
60,000	600	1,200	1,800	2,400	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,800	5,400	6,000
70,000	700	1,400	2,100	2,800	3,500	4,200	4,900	5,600	6,300	7,000
80,000	800	1,600	2,400	3,200	4,000	4,800	5,600	6,400	7,200	8,000
90,000	900	1,800	2,700	3,600	4,500	5,400	6,300	7,200	8,100	9,000
100,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	9,000	10,000
120,000	1,200	2,400	3,600	4,800	6,000	7,200	8,400	9,600	10,800	12,000
130,000	1,300	2,600	3,900	5,200	6,500	7,800	9,100	10,400	11,700	13,000
140,000	1,400	2,800	4,200	5,600	7,000	8,400	9,800	11,200	12,600	14,000
150,000	1,500	3,000	4,500	6,000	7,500	9,000	10,500	12,000	13,500	15,000
175,000	1,750	3,500	5,250	7,000	8,750	10,500	12,250	14,000	15,750	17,500
200,000	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	14,000	16,000	18,000	20,000
225,000	2,250	4,500	6,750	9,000	11,250	13,500	15,750	18,000	20,250	22,500
250,000	2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000	12,500	15,000	17,500	20,000	22,500	25,000