

WELCOME

Dear Friends,

As we embark on this year's pledge campaign at St. Luke's, I want to reflect on the essence of stewardship, a concept that goes beyond individual actions of prayer and commitment. It is, fundamentally, a collective practice that unites us with singleness of heart.

For me personally, pledging at St. Luke's has become about more than just my individual contribution; it's about being part of something larger. Investing in our church, to the extent I am able, has deepened my connection to St. Luke's and to God. St. Luke's isn't merely a place I visit each week; it's a home that provides continuous renewal and a profound connection to the holy.

In this collective endeavor, you play an indispensable role in sustaining and strengthening St. Luke's Church. When you join others in our parish to support our work for the days and years ahead, your pledge, regardless of the amount, becomes a vital component of our collective stewardship. Together, we make the remarkable work of our church possible.

I invite you to join me with gladness and singleness of heart in making a pledge to St. Luke's. Let us give thanks to God for St. Luke's, for each of you, and for our shared stewardship of this, our parish home.

With gratitude, Henry Austin Senior Warden





ST. LUKE'S BY THE NUMBERS

44 CHILDREN

162

ADULTS

ENGAGED IN AT LEAST ONE FORMATION OR EDUCATION PROGRAM

253

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ACROSS ALL WEEKLY SERVICES 420

BEDS PROVIDED TO UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WHEN ST. LUKE'S SERVED AS THE SHELTER SITE FOR INTERFAITH ACTION LAST NOVEMBER 104

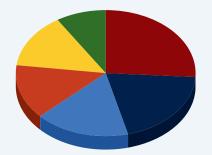
ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE ST. LUKE'S CHOIRS THIS YEAR 1144

VOTIVE CANDLES BURNED AT THE MARY ALTAR AND LOVINGLY REPLACED EACH WEEK BY OUR DEDICATED WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS.

St. Luke's joined ReVive's Christmas Basket Program to adopt 48 households, providing 137 people with 92 boxes of Christmas presents and Jewel gift cards. Over 50 parishioners and parish families contributed to the effort, including Atrium families, who adopted a family of 7.

7%

INCREASE IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OVER LAST YEAR **HOW IS YOUR PLEDGE USED?**



Worship & Music - 24%

Building & Maintenance - 23%

Office & Administration - 20%

Education & Formation - 18%

Outreach - 9%

Hospitality & Publicity - 6%

40 COMMUNITY SUPPERS AND POTLUCKS

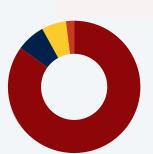
SOURCES OF INCOME

PLEDGES - 79%

INVESTMENT INCOME - 10%

SPECIAL GIFTS & TENANTS - 9%

PLATE OFFERINGS - 2%



79% OF OUR FUNDING COMES FROM PLEDGES OUR YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARED AND DELIVERED

20 CONTAINERS OF SOUP

14 PANS OF BROWNIES

9 LASAGNAS

TO FOLKS WHO NEEDED A BIT OF JOY

JOIN US IN

Making A Meaningful Pledge to Fund St. Luke's and Its Ministries

WHAT IS A PLEDGE?

A pledge is a financial commitment to St. Luke's made by people who make up the community of St. Luke's. This is the most variable part of our budget and accounts for 79% of our operating income. Every commitment at every level is deeply important to St. Luke's. We need to know that we can count on you in 2024 just as you count on St. Luke's.

I PUT MONEY IN THE OFFERING PLATE – IS THAT A PLEDGE?

While we are grateful for money in the plate, plate giving is for people who are visiting and passing through St. Luke's. If you are part of St. Luke's and count on St. Luke's as part of your spiritual life, we need to be able to count on you too through a pledge commitment. Plate giving makes up just 2% of our budget.

HOW CAN I MAKE A PLEDGE?

You can make your pledge in several ways:

- Drop the enclosed pledge card into the offering plate
- Pledge Online: www.stlukesevanston.org/pledge
- Return the enclosed pledge card by mail to St. Luke's, 939 Hinman Ave.,
 Evanston, IL 60202

IS THERE A DEADLINE FOR MAKING A PLEDGE?

We kindly request that all pledges be submitted by Ingathering Sunday, which falls on **November 19th** this year. Ingathering Sunday marks the culmination of our annual pledge campaign, and it's a time when we collectively celebrate our financial contributions to St. Luke's. However, please note that we are delighted to accept pledges at any point throughout the year.

HOW DO I PAY MY PLEDGE?

- Secure, recurring, or one-time electronic payments in Realm, our church management system
- Cash, check, or direct payments from your bank
- A stock transfer. Instructions are available on our website.
- IRA-qualified charitable distribution. St. Luke's EIN is 36-2171746. Our sales tax exemption number through the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is E99916894.

WHEN DO I PAY MY PLEDGE?

You can pay your pledge any time between now and December 31, 2024. Because our bills come in throughout the year, upfront or recurring payments are easiest from the church side of things, but we will most gratefully receive your payment whenever it happens.

DOES THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE ALSO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ST LUKE'S?

No, St. Luke's makes a significant financial contribution to the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, not the other way around.

I AM FACED WITH FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Many of us face financial insecurity and variability during the year. Just let us know! Your pledge is your best guess and intention about 2024, but we know that life happens. That's the whole point of being a church together.



SEND US NOW INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE, AND GRANT US STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO LOVE AND SERVE YOU WITH GLADNESS AND SINGLENESS OF HEART; THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

