



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
God's Work, Our Hands
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Dear St. Peter Brothers and Sisters:

Yesterday we gave thanks for the witness of our beloved dead and we rejoiced in the addition of newly-baptized saints to our faith community. What a privilege it is to be a part of God's people at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Thank you for your past and continuing support and presence in our church.

One of the questions posed by church health gurus is this: *If your congregation closed tomorrow, would the community notice?* I strongly believe that the answer to this question for St. Peter is a resounding **YES!** Our congregation does so much for our community and for national and international organizations that our absence would certainly be noted and St. Peter would be deeply missed. Our congregation's ministries are vital not only for our own members, but for the sake of our community and in the world.

As we consider our stewardship response for 2023, we do so in a post-pandemic world that has transformed many areas of our lives, including our congregation. St. Peter's challenges remain many, but our commitment to the Gospel remains high. We trust that God is guiding our church into the future, as we seek new and innovative ways to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ. We need your support to move into that future.

As you consider how you will share your resources with St. Peter in the coming year, you are invited to consider the question that has guided this year's Faith-Filled Generosity Stewardship Campaign: *How does your faith impact and direct your generosity, both at St. Peter and in the world?* Perhaps your faith in God's generosity might lead you to commit to an additional \$1 per day. You might consider making one extra monetary gift this year in addition to your normal weekly or monthly contributions. Maybe you can increase your giving by 1% over 2022 or double your offering for one month. As we walk together in this journey of generosity, please pray about how your faith in God might direct your generosity for the coming year.

The enclosed Statement of Intent card will be received in worship on the weekend of November 19-20. If you won't be in worship with us that day, please use the enclosed envelope to mail in your intent so that we can include your generosity as we share our progress with the congregation. ***Please know that your Intent Card will only be seen by Kathy as she tabulates the results.*** No one else will see your Intent Card or be aware of your personal or family commitment.

Thank you for all you do to contribute to the life and ministry of St. Peter. Thank you for considering how your faith can help you grow in generosity in the coming year.

Pastor Ann Marshall

Vickie Hemenway, Council President

P.S. If you prefer, you can email your intent for next year to Kathy at stpeternorwalk@gmail.com and your commitment will be recorded from that email.

