



ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

the Rev Joel Neubauer, Pastor

October 2024

Community of St Mark: grace and peace to you from Christ our Guardian & Guide!

We are mid-way through our annual stewardship drive—the season when we start budgeting for our ministry in the coming year.

Your financial commitment to St Mark is vital and appreciated! Your contributions enable all the ministries that happen in and through St Mark, which include lifechanging outreach for the lives of others around the globe—as well as support of our staff, utilities and congregational facilities. Similar to planning your household expenses based on your expected income, we use these estimated “intentions of giving” to determine our income and therefore our budgeted expenses for next year.

Maybe you have already seen this graphic, but please consider the cruciform flowchart on the reverse of this letter, which shows how our ministry funds (budgeted and unbudgeted) have cared for God’s world this past year. From our center at St Mark, gospel ministries flow out from our congregation locally, regionally, nationally and globally. We thank those who have already provided your intention of giving for 2025. Thank you for this strong witness of love and care for the world—and thank you for committing to our ongoing service next year and beyond!

If you have not had the opportunity to respond yet, it’s not too late! Please prayerfully consider how you can share in support of St Mark. You can drop off the enclosed card in our church-shaped collection box in the Narthex; mail it to our congregational office; submit your intention of giving online through the QR code on this letter; or set up Simply Giving for convenient and safe direct deposits. Your reply by Sunday, November 3 gives us time to develop our budget plans for ministry, yet we will gratefully accept your estimates later if you need more time.



Peace and blessings!

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