

The Need for Everyone's Annual Pledge

Each time we worship together, enter our beautiful facility for a meeting, receive a pastoral visit or work with other parishioners to make a difference in the world, we benefit from our affiliation with St. Paul's. We share a common Kinship in times of joy and sorrow. We serve the needs of others as we volunteer in support of our Apostleship programs, and our giving provides resources in our community and around the globe to help others in need.

In this time of economic uncertainty, more than ever we must evaluate our priorities and rededicate ourselves to our core values.

St. Paul's depends on each and every member's faithful giving. Making an annual stewardship pledge benefits your heart, your mind and your soul.

Every pledge matters!

How to Pledge

The 2009-2010 pledge year runs for 12 months beginning July 1, 2009.

This year we are making personal visits to all parishioners for the combined annual stewardship and capital campaign. You will receive a pledge card during your visit and be asked to return it to the church within 10 days (a return envelope will be provided).

"As a current Vestry member, a participant in the long range planning work, and a member of the Stewardship Committee, I am excited and energized by what is going on at St. Paul's today and the vision we hold for our future. The challenge we currently face is how to protect those things we cherish so dearly today - the outstanding staff, our beautiful facility, and our first rate programs and capabilities - and also dedicate ourselves to deliver on the important longer term goals of the parish."

— David A. Robertson

An Invitation from the Rector

"I want to re-dedicate myself to the Christian principles of compassion and the sharing of first fruits. I want to be sure that a pervasive climate of need does not cause me to be less generous instead of more. I want to pledge that, where sacrifices must be made, I will weigh honestly and responsibly the priorities which reflect my deepest values. I want to attend to the truth of that echo from three quarters-of-a-century ago - that the thing we have most to fear is fear itself. I hope you will join me."

— The Rev. Alan Gates

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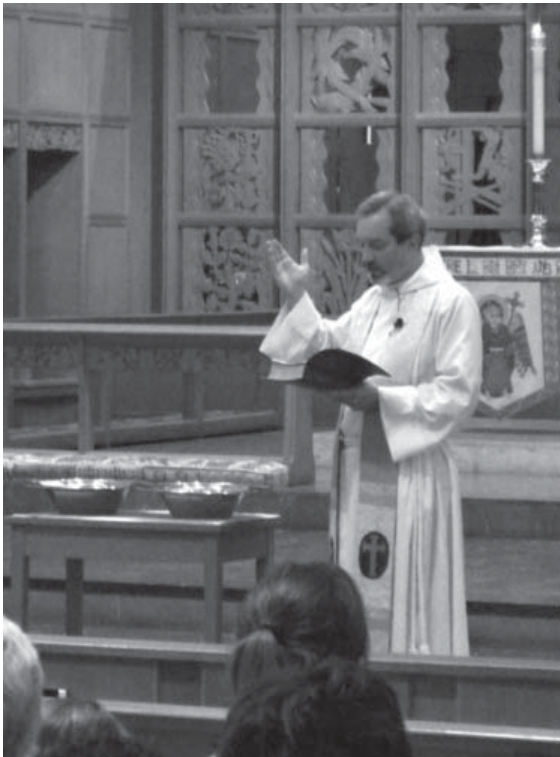


Institutional (Heart)

As members of St. Paul's we all share the privilege and responsibility to support our church, which includes the facilities, our staff, and programs. The gratitude we feel in declaring St. Paul's "our church" can only continue as long as the ministries continue. This is the place where our children are educated and grow up surrounded by the spirit of Christ.

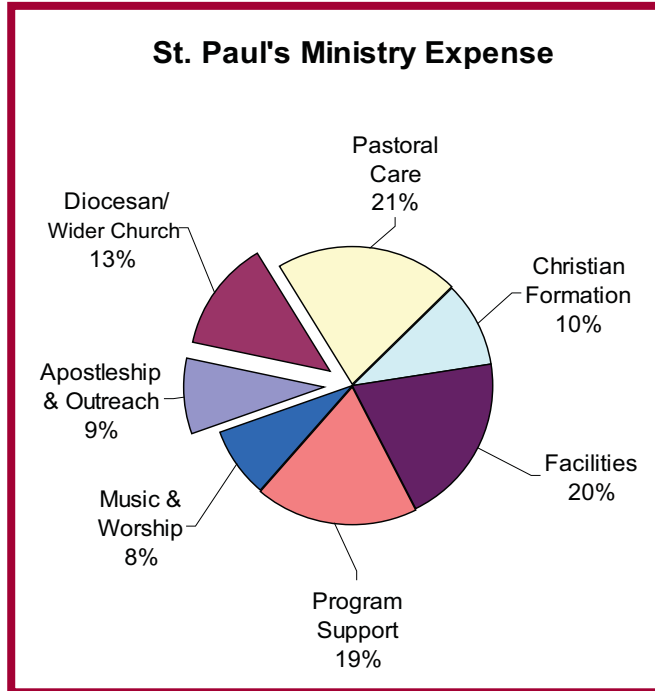
St. Paul's is where we are united in marriage, confirmed in our faith, and comforted in distress or grief.

St. Paul's provides us an opportunity to provide for others. It is more than just a cause, it is our spiritual home.



Budget (Mind)

Last year's shortfall resulted from an unexpected decrease in giving at year's end while expenses were within budget. The leadership has trimmed the budget for 2009 while still trying to maintain our current ministries. We still forecast a shortfall, which will require a 10% increase in our annual pledged income to balance the budget. We know not everyone is able to increase their pledge, and we know some may do more. Will you prayerfully consider a generous increase this year?



Spiritual (Soul)

Stewardship gives back to God a portion of the bounty God has given us, in thanksgiving for all we have and trust that God will provide for all our needs. Giving strengthens our relationship with God as we experience the deeper joy of growing into the full stature of Christ.



"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Cor. 9:6-8