

Beloved in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

*“What shall I offer unto the Lord for all He has done for me?”* (Ps. 116:12). As the Psalmist recounts the Lord’s great works for him, we are reminded of all the good God has done for us in our lives. We thank God for all of the beautiful blessings he has bestowed upon us, and not least among these are our church family and our church home, St. Andrew’s.

It is only by your sacrificial gifts of love that St. Andrew’s continues its mission of worship, education, and ministry. Regular and sacramental services, classes and retreats, outreach and ministry - none of these are possible without the financial support of generous donors who contribute the funds to help us meet our monthly operating expenses as well as those expenses which come up unexpectedly from time to time. In looking toward 2024, we must note that in 2023 our monthly income has consistently fallen short of our expenses, and we are hoping that with God’s help and your generosity we will be able to meet our monthly expenses going forward. Your pledge, communicated to us via the pledge form, helps us to plan and budget the church’s finances for the coming year.

The ultimate goal of our lives is driven by this question, “What shall I offer unto the Lord?” By God’s divine power, the Church allows for us to answer this call in many different ways, by contributing our time, talent, and treasure. As the Apostle Paul says, *“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”* (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Yours in Christ,

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