



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WOODLAND, CA

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN
WOODLAND SINCE 1877

KEEPING THE LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING!

2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

"ABUNDANCE IS NOT MEASURED BY WHAT FLOWS IN, BUT BY WHAT FLOWS OVER."

~BROTHER DAVID STEINDL-RAST

VISION STATEMENT

St. Luke's provides a welcoming sanctuary for all people, takes faithful risks to foster community and proclaims God's love through our words, deeds and relationships.

CORE VALUES

- Provide a welcoming sanctuary for all
- Prioritize being and staying in relationship with each other
- Nurture the next generation
- Weave our relationship with God into the fabric of our daily lives
- Engage the world around us
- Speak truth in love
- Honor our legacy and traditions
- Take faithful risks (courage to evolve)

Stewardship season is a season of gratitude. As I count my blessings, I am a grateful for the opportunity to serve and minister with this congregation over the last three years. It has been a great privilege to witness the breath of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We have welcomed new members, confronted the realities of systemic racism, opened our doors to refugees, initiated new ministries to address the needs of the homeless and the elderly, re-envisioned and re-vitalized our youth and family ministry, renovated our spaces, and participated in transformation studies and congregational meetings. We are building bridges to the community and our preschool is thriving. I am amazed at how, as our journey has unfolded with all its unexpected twists and turns, God has given us the energy and resources to meet the opportunities to serve the world and strengthen our community. As we look toward the next three years, our visions and horizons continue to expand. I trust that God will continue to walk with us and provide what we need for the journey.

Our dream is to be a welcoming sanctuary for all people. In our troubled and polarized world, a place like St. Luke's is needed as much as it ever was. We strive to provide healing balm and be a beacon of light in the midst of darkness. The plans that we have for our facilities will create new ways for us to serve the community as a hub of activities for people of all ages and circumstances. However, for our light to shine as brightly as we desire, we have to keep our lamps trimmed and burning.

Your generous pledges provide the resources that St. Luke's needs to continue our ministries and keep our lights shining brightly. For that, we are grateful. However, that is not the only reason, or the most important reason, that we ask you to prayerfully consider giving. Many people, including myself, have found that giving, as a spiritual practice, is transformative. Generosity is a spiritual practice that reflects an attitude of heart and mind. It allows us to share our blessings with others, cultivates a sense of abundance and reminds us to be grateful for what we have received. Giving to another is a powerful thing. Generous giving acknowledges that everything we have and everything we accomplish comes from God's grace and love for us. It rejects our culture's individualistic, materialistic norms and affirm our interdependence drawing us deeper into life-giving relationships, I invite you to join me in supporting St. Luke's mission in 2019 and to discover for your selves the joy and transformation that comes with the spiritual practices of giving. Peace and blessings! Terri+

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

At St Luke's Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background or social or economic circumstance or political affiliations, you are welcome here.



WITH CHRIST AND IN CHRIST,
WE WELCOME, CELEBRATE, COLLABORATE AND GROW

How ST. LUKE'S INVESTS ITS RESOURCES

WORSHIP, PASTORAL CARE,
FORMATION ~ 24%



OPERATIONS ~ 13%



MARDI GRAS

Family Carnival and Fundraiser



SACRED SPACE ~ 17%



MISSION & APPORTIONMENT ~ 26%



CONGREGATION VITALITY, CHILDREN
& FAMILY MINISTRIES ~ 21%



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A PLEDGE, AND WHY SHOULD I MAKE ONE?

A pledge is an estimate of financial giving for the coming year. The pledging process encourages us to make intentional decisions about giving. Receiving pledges allows the Vestry to wisely budget our resources to support of the ministry to which God has called us. Our budget is based on your pledges. While spontaneous offerings received on Sunday mornings and special gifts also make many things possible, pledges allow the Vestry to plan ahead.

IS MY PLEDGE DIFFERENT FROM MY GIFT TO A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Yes. Your pledge supports the church's annual operating budget and allows the church to participate in God's mission. Capital Campaigns allow the church to fund capital projects and visions that fall outside the operating budget. It is essential to give to the Annual campaign first, before considering contributions to a capital campaign. Common wisdom is that we give to a church's operating budget from our income, to capital campaigns from our assets and to endowment funds from our estates. Several parishioners have already found creative ways to participate in this campaign.

HOW DO I MAKE A PLEDGE?

You may complete and return the form on the next page. Forms will also be available online and at church. If you are away, one will be mailed to you. Please mail your form to the Church office or placed it

in the offering plate before October 21st.

HOW DO I PAY MY PLEDGE?

You may give weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly. You may place your offerings in the plate or mail, pay online through our website or set up automatic payments through your banking institution. You may prepay for next year's pledge within this year, if you see fit.

WHAT IF I MAKE A PLEDGE, BUT LATER FIND THAT I CANNOT PAY IT IN FULL?

A pledge is an estimate to help in the process of church budgeting; it is not a legal obligation. When financial circumstances change, pledges may be raised or lowered at any time by contacting our treasurer, Karen Poquette. Please don't let uncertainty prevent you from making a pledge.

HOW SHOULD I GET STARTED?

The Spiritual Practice of Giving is something you can work into:

- 1) If you currently do not give, consider giving.
- 2) If you do give, consider pledging.
- 3) If you do pledge, consider give a proportional percentage, and know the percentage.
- 4) If you give a proportional percentage, increase it. gradually to a tithe (10%).

GIVING GUIDELINES

MONTHLY INCOME	TITHE(10%)PER MONTH/YEAR	5% PLEDGE PER MONTH/YEAR	2.5% PLEDGE PER MONTH/YEAR
\$900	\$90/\$1,080	\$45/\$540	\$22.50/\$270
\$2,000	\$200/\$2,000	\$100/\$1,200	\$50/\$600
\$5,000	\$500/\$6,000	\$250/\$3,000	\$125/\$1,500
\$10,000	\$1,000/\$12,000	\$500/\$6,000	\$250/\$3,000
\$14,000	\$1,400/\$16,800	\$700/\$8,400	\$350/\$4,200

YOUR 2019 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

For the year of 2019 I (we) pledge a total of \$_____ to support the mission and ministries of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. To be paid: ____ In one payment ____ Monthly Payments ____ Weekly Payments

METHOD OF PAYMENT

____ I will set up an automatic payment from my checking account. (*Preferred payment method*)

____ I will pay by cash or check.

____ Please send me giving envelopes.

____ I would like to leave a legacy. Please contact me about planned giving.

I (we) understand that this pledge is a commitment, but if my (our) financial situation changes substantially, I (we) may reduce or increase the pledge accordingly by notifying the church treasurer.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

MAKING CHURCH TOGETHER!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Please check the areas in which you would like to participate in the life of St. Luke's in the coming year and we will contact you with details.

Worship

- ☐ Donate or Provide Altar Flowers
- ☐ Eucharistic Minister
- ☐ Altar Guild

- ☐ Acolyte (Open to children and adults!)
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Usher

- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Bake Communion bread
- ☐ Serve as Godly Play Door Person

Hospitality

- ☐ Host Coffee Hour
- ☐ Support Welcome Table

Community Life

- ☐ Organize Community Events and Meals

Pastoral Care

- ☐ Eucharistic Visitor
- ☐ Resource Navigator
- ☐ Provide rides

Admin, Buildings and Grounds

- ☐ Care for a flower bed
- ☐ Help with maintenance and repairs
- ☐ Provide office support
- ☐ Donate Firewood
- ☐ Participate in workdays

Mission

- ☐ Cook Breakfast at Fourth and Hope
- ☐ Mardi Gra Planning Committee
- ☐ Support water distribution ministry
- ☐ Volunteer in Winter Shelter

Please return this pledge form to the office or drop in the offering plate by October 21st.