

Dear friends and families of Saint Matthew's,

We are entering the time of year when all of our friends and families will be asked to make a pledge to our church. This pledging process allows us to budget and sustain the many vital programs that Saint Matthew's provides to our greater community in the course of a year.

This year the theme for our campaign is simple and direct - "FORWARD TOGETHER!" It reflects our one hundred year plus commitment to our Lord, our families, our friends and neighbors. As we have always made that special commitment, it is important to recognize the need is present, now as much as ever.

Saint Matthew's has during the past year

- provided care and prayers for the sick and infirm
- held special events during the holiday season
- supported young families with child care availability
- supported the food community initiative
- developed and sustained an on line presence for outreach to those away or challenged to attend in person

With your help, our committee believes that we are positioned perfectly to continue our established record of a dynamic vibrant church that will serve people. The first step however is your assistance with a financial pledge.

This year, we are asking for a direct increase to cover our cost of five percent to assist us in covering our goals for the coming year. The support for this request will be documented in the coming weeks with testimony from established representatives of our church to the wonders of this commitment.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We would suggest that you may drop off a pledge card in the plate offering on any Sunday; or in a lock box in the church hallway; or simply email the amount you would like to pledge to Amy Eckel at amywighteckel@gmail.com

Yours for Saint Matthew's,

THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

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