

Christ and St. Luke's

Respecting the Past, Embracing the Future

How to Calculate Your Pledge:

Four different approaches for determining your pledge....

It probably doesn't surprise you that, just as there are many different reasons why we each pledge to Christ and St. Luke's, there is similarly no single method for determining the amount of your pledge. The following are common approaches that you might consider:

- ***The McCoy/Richard Challenge: Make a leadership pledge for 2012 and help Christ and St. Luke's cross the threshold into the future.***

In 2011, Mary Helen and Steve McCoy and Warren Richard provided significant leadership donations which enabled the renovation of our severely neglected children's chapel, classrooms and nursery on the second floor of the Parish House. These facilities had suffered great moisture damage, and the floors had not been refurbished in over sixty years. It is now a bright, sparkling facility for our children. The McCoy's and Warren Richard wanted their gifts to challenge and inspire others to step up with a leadership pledge or gift this coming year.

2012 is a critical threshold year for this parish. The Rector and Vestry have set aside all building plans and made the decision to maximize the existing facilities. However, about one third of the usable space is located on the lower level and floods regularly. Most of it is presently unusable, but, with your help, it can be restored and protected from further moisture incursion.

In a year in which a search for a new Organist/Choir Director is underway, our extraordinary choir must practice in a moisture and mildew-ridden space. Such conditions could leave the impression that this parish does not value the extraordinary choir and music program, which we all know is not true. Not only do we want our choir to rehearse in a healthful setting, we also want to do everything we can to attract the very best candidates for the position

In addition, eighty percent of visitors over the past year were under forty years old, and in order to grow, the parish needs an additional priest who reflects the face and perspectives of this new generation. 2012 is the "threshold" year. Won't you help this parish cross the threshold by leaving a legacy for future generations?

- **The Biblical Tithe**

Pledge 10% or more of your gross annual income. Although the tithe has its roots in Jewish tradition, it is also the historical Christian standard for giving and is the official teaching of the Episcopal Church. If that is not possible right now, strive to tithe. That is, try starting with Proportional Giving and make it a goal to increase each year.

- **Proportional Giving**

Base your gift on your annual income using the table below. Start with your expected income next year and pick a percentage that feels right. Always remember to ask yourself, is the amount you are giving proportional to your love of God, to your love of Christ and St. Luke's and reflective of your relationship? If you have used this guide before, consider increasing last year's percentage by 1% or more as you strive to tithe.

- **"Radical" Giving**

"Shock yourself with your generosity!" Consider a pledge that stretches your resources, demands sacrifices, or pushes beyond what is comfortable and into reassessment of your priorities and your commitments. You may find that as you re-order your finances around giving, that you find your life re-ordered around God.

Here's a helpful chart for calculating a weekly pledge based on either monthly or annual income. Amount of your weekly pledge at...

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	3%	5%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$833	\$6 per week	\$9 per week	\$19 per week	\$28 per week
\$15,000	\$1,250	\$8	\$15	\$29	\$44
\$20,000	\$1,667	\$12	\$19	\$39	\$58
\$25,000	\$2,083	\$14	\$24	\$48	\$72
\$30,000	\$2,500	\$17	\$29	\$58	\$87
\$40,000	\$3,333	\$23	\$38	\$77	\$115
\$50,000	\$4,167	\$29	\$48	\$96	\$144
\$60,000	\$5,000	\$35	\$58	\$115	\$173
\$75,000	\$6,250	\$43	\$72	\$144	\$216
\$100,000	\$8,333	\$58	\$96	\$192	\$288
\$150,000	\$12,500	\$87	\$120	\$240	\$433
\$200,000	\$16,667	\$115	\$192	\$385	\$577