

Every Perfect Gift



*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift,
is from above – James 1:17*

October 18, 2021

Dear Holy Trinity,

In preparation for this year's stewardship letter, I read over last year's letter to gain perspective on where we were then versus where we are now. I found myself feeling both amazed and humbled. Last year's pledge campaign was an incredible success! It represents an amazing accomplishment when you consider the pandemic, economic hardships, and church shut-down. And then, the members of this church continued to give throughout the year. Thus far, we have surpassed our revenue calculations and estimates for 2021. Because of this, I say THANK YOU. Thank you to everyone who gave generously to make this possible; thank you to the newer members of our community, who joined us mid-way through the year and began contributing to this wonderful community; and thank you to God for blessings us in ways we never dreamed possible.

Even though the pandemic still has us in a holding-pattern, we've been planning. Juan (our music director) and I have been cooking up some ideas on how to build our music program as soon as we have the freedom (from Covid) and resources to do so. Our outreach committee is exploring new and grand ways to serve our community. I plan to continue my focus on children's programming, Sunday school, and the recruitment of younger families. And finally, the facilities team, vestry, and I have begun the monumental task of developing a site plan that will address our failing roof, thrift store location, lack of parish hall, and need for additional office and meeting space. Even though this plan is still in the developmental phase, I am very excited with its potential. Our goal is to unveil the plan at the annual meeting in January. The success of the upcoming pledge campaign is critically important in laying the foundation for our future plans.

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Just like last year, we're going to engage our pledge campaign a little differently. Over the next couple of weeks, I intend to post several videos to our website that will focus on different aspects of stewardship. I will dive into much greater detail during these videos. We received a lot of positive feedback from last year's videos, so we're going to do them again. I encourage everyone to watch these videos, listen to the content, and prayerfully discern your pledge for 2022. All of our stewardship materials and videos can be found on our website: <https://holytrinityclw.org/stewardship2022>

Included with this correspondence is our newly designed pledge letter. I invite you to receive this with grace and prayer as you consider how you will share with our church what you have received from God. It is our goal to collect everyone's signed pledge letter by **Sunday, November 14th**. On that Sunday, all pledge letters will be blessed, and our entire stewardship campaign will be prayerfully offered to God as part of our Holy Eucharist.

In the spirit of generosity and love+

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