



St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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Dear Fellow Members of St. Luke's,

When we define Christian Stewardship, we might say it is the Christian using what God has given him/her to accomplish God's saving purpose in the world. We might also say it is a living expression of one's faith in Christ Crucified. One thing common in these definitions as well as all the others is the placing of Christ as the center of stewardship for the Christian. It is clear from any definition that stewardship encompasses our entire Christian life.

Today we are asking you to make a monetary commitment to the Lord for the year 2010. On the backside of this letter you will see our proposed 2010 budget. The only increases are a 3% increase to our called workers and a \$1,000 maintenance increase. If you look at the salaries line you will notice even with a 3% increase, we still have a \$14,000 decrease in salaries from last year due to a reduction in staff.

The Church Council carefully examined each line on the proposed budget and made cuts where possible, which results in an overall decrease of \$26,576.85 compared to 2009.

Before filling out your giving plan, we ask that you give prayerful consideration to what the Lord is asking of you; that is, the necessary funding to carry out the Lord's work and reach lost souls through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel here at St. Luke's and everywhere.

We need all of our members to make a commitment so we have an accurate figure for a 2010 balanced budget. Remember, this is our ministry together.

Your questions and concerns are very important to the Church Council. Do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Reehl, President

On behalf of St. Luke's Church Council

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