



When we gather in love, bless, break, and share our gifts and ourselves with the world, we bring healing and transformation to our world.

Walk in Love 2025 Pledge Campaign

Week of October 6th

Pledge Packets Mailed Home

Sunday, October 13th – Campaign Kick-Off

Our Goals and Aspirations from Beth Elwood

Sunday, October 20th

Personal Testimonial from Christina Soria

Sunday, October 27th

Personal Testimonial from Stacey Bagnasco

Sunday, November 3rd – All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 10th

Personal Testimonial from Stephanie Pilcher and Eric Goossens

Sunday, November 17th – Blessing of our Pledges

Celebration Pancake Breakfast Immediately Following Worship Service

~ Thank You for Joining Us As We Walk in Love ~

“Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.”

Our 2025 Pledge Goal - \$362,000

At St. Johns we are blessed to have an amazing staff including a full-time Rector, Office Administrator, Pianist/Organist, Choir Director, and Bookkeeper. We have a gorgeous building and grounds for worship, weddings, community events and fundraisers. We are also a church community, along with family and friends, who support the needs of our members and those of our neighbors in our communities and throughout the world. In addition, we hold a mortgage, pay diocesan dues, have day to day operating expenses, and building and grounds maintenance upkeep.

To fulfill our calling to minister both inside and outside of our walls, St. Johns must have a financial pledge goal that supports our work today and in the future. A target at which we aim our proverbial arrow.

Additionally, St. Johns has hopes and dreams for our future ... aspirations that provide us with energy to stay focused on what is important to us.

We do not walk alone ... we walk together in love and when we do so, there is clarity and purpose. We move in alignment with each other and with our values.

For 2025, your vestry is recommending a pledge goal of \$362,000. It is a goal that includes our financial reality and reflects the hopes and dreams we share for St. Johns. Where did this figure come from?

While receiving strong pledge support for 2024 = \$289,000 and receiving a \$60,000 Rector salary support grant, we have been operating with a \$40,000 deficit. We are immensely grateful for the time, talent, and treasure committed this year by our members, walking together in love in hosting several successful fundraisers including Bingo, High Tea, a Fireworks Booth, and a Mystery Dinner. However, we are still shy in closing the deficit gap.

$\$289,000$ in received 2024 pledges + a $\$40,000$ budget deficit = $\$329,000$

$\$329,000$ + 10% for our aspirations = **$\$362,000$**

St. Johns invites you to join in the timeless call to “Walk in Love.” We appreciate your prayerful consideration to pledge for the first time or to increase your pledge. With thanks and gratitude.



Your St. John's Vestry

MAKING A PLEDGE COMMITMENT

WHY PLEDGE?

Pledging is a rich and beautiful personal commitment. It is a confident, joyful, and hope-filled expression of ministry.

Made in God's image, we love. Out of our love, we care for others. As we spread the Good News in our world, we carry the love, support, and prayers of St. Johns into our communities. When you share your many gifts with your neighbors, every step is walking in love.

This is a journey we make together. Your pledge commitment funds the operating budget to ensure that St. Johns can live into its mission and ministry in the world. Won't you join us in walking in love by prayerfully considering an increased pledge amount for 2025 or pledging for the first time? In gratitude for your generosity, thank you.

HOW DO I PLEDGE? Pledging is confidential and there are two options including:

- Fill out a 2025 pledge card received by mail or pick up one up on the ministry table at church. Return your pledge card by mail or drop off in the church office.
- Fill out a pledge card on our website: www.stjohnsoflodi.org/Stewardship-Campaign

WHEN: We invite you to pledge by November 17, 2024; however, gifts at any time are gratefully appreciated.

PLEDGE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. **Direct Bank Transfer:** An automated bank transfer from your checking or savings account. You may schedule weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. 100% goes to St. Johns. For assistance in setting this up, contact the church office.
2. **Check or Cash:** Using the envelopes in our pews, place in the offering plate during Sunday services or mail to/drop off in the church office. 100% goes to St. Johns.
3. **Givelify App:** Pledge payment by credit or debit card, sent on your timeline. Scan QR code. Transaction fees apply.
4. **Other:** A donor advised fund with your financial planner. Please contact the office to discuss.



WHAT IF MY FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE AFTER PLEDGING?

Pledging is a flexible commitment. Should your financial circumstances change, schedule a confidential conversation through the church office to raise or lower your level of giving.

PROPORTIONAL GIVING

Why make a proportional gift?

Recently retired Bishop of Olympia, the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, stated that the tithe is only the beginning point. As Christians we give one hundred percent of what we have in gratitude for God who gave us everything there is. We're *all in*.



When you make a proportional gift:

- You set aside your first fruits, dedicating a portion of your wealth, works, and wisdom to God. This is a sacred act.
- Your financial gift rises and falls with your income – it is right-sized to your household.

Giving back to God is a life-time journey; setting a percentage allows you to step up your giving over time.

HOW MUCH SHOULD WE PLEDGE?

- A pledge is a commitment made in response to the love which God has shown for us in Christ, as well as in events of daily life. It is an offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies.
- We ask you to consider pledging proportionally. Proportional giving means that a share of our personal monetary resources is being devoted to the church's mission on a regular schedule.
- Tithing is a standard in the Episcopal Church, by which we measure our offerings. Within that context, the biblical tithe (10 percent) becomes a minimum goal in deciding what portion of our resources will be given.
- Recognizing that everyone's financial circumstances are different, we are simply asking you to make a commitment to proportional giving. If not currently giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a 5% pledge this year. Those currently giving, we prayerfully ask you to consider raising your pledge by 1%.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond the Tithe		Tithe	Proportional Giving								
		15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$20,000	\$385	\$58	\$46	\$38	\$35	\$31	\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$12	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$433	\$346	\$288	\$260	\$231	\$202	\$173	\$144	\$115	\$87	\$58	\$29