

2020 Annual Giving Campaign



November 3

Stewardship Sermon – The Rev. Peter Ackerman

Pledge cards distributed

November 10

TBA, Testimony

Sacred Giving Community Breakfast

Pledge Cards received

November 17

TBA, Testimony

Pledge Cards Received

November 24

TBA Testimony

Blessing of the pledges

If you cannot attend church, please mail your pledge or drop it by the church.

Please return your pledge by November 24

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SHINING OUR LIGHT

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. John the Baptist,

These words, adapted from Matthew 5:14, remind us that we are called to bring the light of Christ with us out into the world. Like candles lit from one another our light potentially can influence another to live a life of light. With our generous God anything is possible; including our participation in Kingdom building with the light of we carry.

Over our past history, including this last I imagine that you have seen that light demonstrated joyfully in our parish: in worship, learning programs care for our facilities, and in our service to the wider community through our support of ministries such as the Salvation Army and Lodi House.

When we at St. John's bring our light into the world, we express our gratitude, confidence and willingness to take risks as agents of Jesus remaking the world. In making our light visible, we keep our salt flavorful, as Jesus puts it in these words from The Message:

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill."

Reflect upon that passage for a moment. Our work, our prayers and our giving are all about making God's flavors, colors, and love visible an available to all in our lives. And they are about our willingness to accept the challenge to stretch and grow, into our individual purpose, and into the mission of our church.

I humbly ask you all to join with me and to reflect on the gifts you have received, and to consider how God is calling you to risk "flavoring" the world with your time, talents, and treasure. I pray that we will join together to give abundantly to bring light into our lives and the world around us.

Your Brother in Christ,

The Reverend Peter Ackerman

PLEDGING BASICS

WHY PLEDGE?

- You are sharing the gifts God has given to you.
- Pledging gives people a chance to assess their priorities in a planned and thoughtful way.
- Your pledge is a spiritual and financial commitment to St. John's Church.
- Your pledge pays for ongoing monthly expenses (salaries, music and worship costs, utilities, office expenses, diocesan assessments, insurance, etc.) and mortgage interest and principle payments.
- Allows St. John's Vestry to budget expenses based on the congregation's pledges.
- The 2020 budget will be based on the total pledges.

HOW DO I PLEDGE?

- A pledge form is in this mailing, in the church on the table in the south window, or in the office. Please fill it out and leave it in the basket at the pledge station, put it in the offering plate on a Sunday, give it to the office, or mail it to us. The address is on page one of this brochure.
- You may call the church office and request a call or a visitor if you would like to discuss your pledge with one of our leaders.

WHEN?

- Please return your completed pledge form to us by **Sunday, November 24.**

WHAT IF MY FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE?

- Pledging is a flexible commitment. Should your financial circumstances change, you may have a confidential conversation with our Assistant Treasurer, Chester George to raise or lower your level of giving. You may reach him through the church office.

WHAT ABOUT PLEDGE ENVELOPES?

- To use our resources wisely, envelopes are not available.

CONSIDER FLEXIBLE BILL PAY

- Electronic fund transfer is St. John's preferred way of receiving your regular pledge.
- Pledge will be scheduled, automatic, and consistent.
- A form is available at the pledging table.
- Another form of automatic payments is to use your online bill pay through your bank to have your pledge sent directly from your bank account to the church.
- Church's address is 1055 South Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi, CA 95242

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%.

Proportional Giving

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond a Tithe		Tithe					
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$139	\$121	\$104	\$87
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$317	\$254	\$212	\$190	\$169	\$148	\$127	\$106
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$404	\$323	\$269	\$242	\$215	\$188	\$162	\$135