

NOW IT'S *OUR TURN!*

APPEAL GOAL: Increased generosity
of \$800 or more per week

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025



MINISTRY INITIATIVE #2:

Expanding Outreach in the Community (\$200/week)

In response to God's love, St. John's serves and helps neighbors in need, in our community and beyond. We support children in foster care at Lutheran Services Carolinas and people impacted by disaster through Lutheran World Relief. We support youth living at CAPA, children of farm workers who work seasonally in community fields, local food pantries, the Good Neighbor Clinic, and more.

Your new gifts will help support and expand these ministries. For example, in addition to providing bathing suits and opportunities for holiday activities, we are planning a new home cooked meal ministry for CAPA youth. We want to provide materials for sewing groups' work. We would like to offer a first mission trip opportunity for adults and families.

Our theme captures the spirit of the congregation. When needs in the community arise, we answer the call. In this appeal, we are invited to reflect on how we each as an important part of this congregation respond to God's love and faithfulness.

Members Josh & Kristen Ferguson reflect...

When Josh & Kristen Ferguson moved to Beaufort, they began looking for a church. Visiting St. John's, the generous and loving welcome they received made them feel right at home. Josh says, "I grew up in church that was often about what not to do. Being part of a church that talks about God's love for all, God's acceptance, and how God wants us to love others has had a dramatic impact on my views and life."

When the Fergusons faced health issues, members brought meals and held them in prayer. When daughters Lily Kate and Molly arrived, the congregation rejoiced. Wanting to serve others, they volunteered with Youth Group, helped form the Young Adults group, and shepherded the call process for Deacon Katie.

Josh & Kristen are excited for the future. They love what is happening with families and youth group, knowing that their children will learn to love like Jesus does. "We live for the CAPA events, where we can be Jesus' love for youth who are having a difficult time."



St. John's Lutheran Church
Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal. As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- ➔ “How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?”
- ➔ “How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?”
- ➔ “Where would I be if I doubled my offerings? And can I consider doing that?”
- ➔ “How much more could I give if I really wanted to?”

