

# NOW IT'S *OUR TURN!*

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

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025**



## MINISTRY INITIATIVE #1:

### Deepening Ministry in the Congregation (\$200/week)

St. John's members respond to God's grace by loving, caring for, nourishing, and supporting one another. In worship we gather to be nourished by God's Good News and respond by carrying God's Love with us into our daily lives. In fellowship groups, we share life's joys and support one another in struggles. Through casseroles, cards, calls and so many other ways we prove that we are there for one another. In Sunday School, youth group, reading groups, Wednesday Nights Together and more we learn and nourish our faith.

Your increased generosity will sustain and enhance these vital ministries which make a difference in our lives. Programs will receive needed resources to expand upon the work already being done and new ministry will be made possible. For example, Deacon Katie will add educational toys to teach Bible stories in Children's Church and Pastor Shannon will offer faith formation with a new video series. Additional funds will be available for fellowship, reading groups, youth, and more.

Deepening the ministry we do as we walk the journey of faith together will benefit St. John's members and friends. 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!

#### Member Sam Cowan reflects...

Sam joined St. John's with her husband Jim 15 years ago. They came to St. John's at the invitation of then members, Walter & Janet Cox.

In the five years since Jim died, Sam has continually felt support from the congregation. Having no family living in the area, she has found a church family that she can call on. "Support is always there when you need it," Sam says. "All you have to do is ask."

Sam finds purpose and joy responding to God's Love serving in the St. John's kitchen. "Feeding people makes me feel good. I like seeing people enjoying the food, knowing that they are finding love and family in the food and fellowship they share."



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

The gifts and offerings we give together accomplish the ministry we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. This chart provides a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- ➔ *“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?”*

