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Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Your Bishop's Committee is grateful to lead our 2025 Stewardship Campaign this year and to spend these weeks with intention as we enter a season of giving. Our theme this year is *Walk in Love*, and it calls us to remember that our greatest gift in community is how we align, come together in purpose and in mission. When we walk in the same direction, we can do so many things.

During this season we talk a lot about money, about our budget. Yes, those things are important, they are the way we fund the Church, but our real focus is on what our gifts can do for the world. Jesus calls us to heal, visit, feed, accompany, protect, advocate, love our neighbor, and sharing our time, talent, and treasure is the way that we make this happen.

Each of us hears this call differently, just as each of us has been blessed by God differently. Our talents and training have been gifts freely given to us in Creation so that we may share them with a world in need. How will you feel God's call to walk in love this year? How will you determine how you will share your gifts with God's people in the world?

With this letter you are receiving the invitation to make your promise to St. Paul's for the year to come. Before you fill it out, whether online or on paper, we ask that you pray about it, discuss it with your family, and discern how God is calling you to share your gifts. Pay special attention to both sections of the form and let us know what time and talent offerings you would like to learn more about this year.

Our campaign will end on Sunday, November 10. Please return your answer to us by then so that we may count your pledge in our potluck lunch ingathering where your gift will be added to many others to be blessed and shared with the world. If there is anything we can do to support you or questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Walking with you in Love,

Your St. Paul's Bishop's Committee



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Dear Family of God,

Generosity is a journey, it's a practice that we learn and nurture within our hearts. It just isn't in our nature to give away what we have worked hard to acquire or to donate our precious time without compensation. It takes something as radical as Love to inspire us to share our time, talent, and treasure with others. This is a journey we make together, a Walk in Love.

As we have lived this year with the Gospel according to St. Mark, we have been brought into a world turned radically upside down. The laws and customs that had been in place for centuries were challenged, power and dominion have been questioned, and a culture hemmed in from all sides by oppression and subjection desperately seeks a way forward.

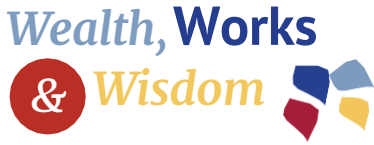
As it turns out, it is not clever politics or force that cause the change in society, but the simplest concept of Love. Jesus causes a revolution of thought and heart by daring to reach out to the outcast and teach others to do the same. Jesus walks in love with the marginalized, with the poor, with the sick, and brings us along with him on his journey.

The most miraculous gift of Love is that it was there within us all along, all we had to do was find it, tap into it, and begin growing it. And look what happened? We learned to share, to give, to volunteer, to accompany others, to feed, to pray, to visit and to strive for change.

This year as our 2025 Stewardship Campaign kicks off, we will be intentionally raising up stories of how we *Walk in Love* with each other in our congregation. I invite you to share your stories of inspiration and connection with our shared ministry in this place and with each other during fellowship. I invite you to *Walk in Love*, as Christ loved us and gave himself, for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Adrienne R. Hymes
Vicar



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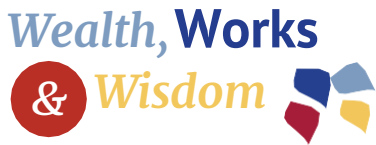
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PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.
- including the church in my estate plans.
- making my gift through stocks or securities.

My 2025 Acknowledging that we are Walking in Love, I/we promise
Promise: \$_____ for ministry in 2025.



It takes more than money to operate ministry in our church.

With gratitude we accept the many gifts of our members as volunteers, servers, ambassadors, and friends in and outside our community.
Thank you for all you do!

I/my family would like to volunteer:

I/my family would like to learn more about these ministries or opportunities:

I/my family have skills and interests we would like to share or teach to our church:

