

Dear St. Luke's family,

As we celebrate the start of a new church year, it is natural to look in all directions: to look back, to look forward, to look around, to look above, and to look within. I hope that as we continue our Advent journey that you will take time to do each of those things.

I hope that you look back and recognize all of the challenges you have overcome, all of the reasons to be thankful, and all of the great accomplishments that have been achieved both as individuals and as a church family. As I look back, I am filled with appreciation to the St. Luke's family, for your openness to change, your generosity and kindness, and for the love you consistently show.

I hope that you look forward and discern all of the opportunities that lay ahead for us: opportunities to be a blessing and to grow and to journey with the Holy One. I hope that you look around and see all of those who journey with you, supporting and loving you into becoming. I hope also that you hold space for all of those beloved siblings who are no longer physically present with us. We have experienced loss but are thankful for their continued impact on us.

I hope that each of us also takes the time to look within, to see how God is speaking, leading, and challenging us. Perhaps now is the time to examine your giving and consider offering a pledge for 2025? I suggest this in the full knowledge that the past years have been challenging in many ways, but it may well be that the Lord is leading you to give of your finances, time, or talents. Of course, the greatest gift each of us can offer is our loving presence.

As is our custom, we will be accepting pledges. They form the foundation of our financial stability as a parish and are vital to moving forward along the path laid out for us.

Thank you for all of the hard work that each of you does to make St. Luke's a special parish. You bring tremendous gifts, and we are all better because of it. May the blessing you give be returned to you and remain with you always.



Blessings to all,

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