

St. Mark Family and Friends,

As we head toward 2021, we remain hopeful in what the year will promise. This past year we needed to adapt and think on our feet but guess what, we made it! This pandemic was tough, but we worked together and St. Mark remained flexible, faithful, and connected. We now get to look toward what lies ahead for us as a community of faith, and who we are becoming as God's people. This look ahead invites us to look back too, at who we've been and who we've become along the way.



To create and adapt in 2021, will take commitment from everyone--our time, our energy, and our financial resources. 2020 has proved that we can be successful in our giving, so now let's plan accordingly to our 2021 budget. Even with all the unknowns, we need to set a budget. Ministries may look different as we adjust to policies and protocols, but we will continue to remain faithful in our outreach and mission.

The Kingdom of God will always remain just outside our reach, and yet, as disciples of Jesus, we will continue to pursue it here on earth for as long as we possibly can. We'll continue to ask who's missing and how we might be even more welcoming and inclusive. We'll continue to ask how we might care better for the environment as stewards entrusted by God with this work. We will continue to pursue economic justice, whether it be for our staff, or for families as they discern faith in their homes, or for people in Anoka county who do not know where they'll sleep tonight. We'll continue to pursue forms of worship that reflect who we are as a faith community, committed to sharing the light of the Gospel message with everyone

"How much should I give?" This is not an unusual question, but there's no one answer across the board. We hope you can be generous with your financial resources in a way that gives you joy in recognizing your part of bringing about the Kingdom of God. In order to be as wise and accurate as possible in forecasting our budget, our strong preference is to receive financial offerings by way of regular (weekly/bi-weekly/monthly), automated giving. We will still continue to accept cash and check through the mail or our drop box as well as online giving and text to give.

What a privilege it is to be your pastor these past two years and to walk alongside you in ministry! Join me in discerning how you and your family can make a deeper commitment toward supporting our 2021 fiscal year.

Pastor Mollie Dvorak

This year, you have the following options for submitting your pledge card: Fill out the attached form and mail it in or drop it in our dropbox by our front door or fill out and submit it electronically (this will be sent out via constant contact or on our website).



Name (individual/couple/family): _____

I/We commit to the following as a deeper commitment to the current and future life and ministry of St. Mark Lutheran Church:

- I/We will set up regular, automated giving for the first time.** I'd like help setting up this automated gift
 - I/We would like to continue giving as is.**
 - I/We will increase the amount of our current regular, automated giving.**
 - I/We prefer to give through check, cash envelope, or directly through my/our financial institution.**
- Please send me envelopes for 2021 Current Envelope Number (if known): _____

In the year of 2021, I/we promise/pledge: \$_____ per week/month/year (please circle one)

Please fill out, tear this slip off, and mail in, drop off, or send in electronically by Sunday December 20th, 2020