



'And now, Lord...grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' When the congregation had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4: 29-31



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**boldly**  
LOVE

Look for ways to boldly love in your everyday life. How can you commit yourself and your family to selfless love this year? Some ideas: develop a new friendship, listen to opposing views without judgment, reach out to an estranged friend or family member, invite someone to experience the blessings you do at Saint Luke's.

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SERVE

Saint Luke's participates in countless ministries to support local, regional and international mission work. From helping our preschool children learn about Jesus, to helping relationships thrive through food and fellowship, to serving impoverished communities all around the world - opportunities abound for you to boldly serve through Saint Luke's. Challenge yourself to serve in one bold new way this year!





# boldly GIVE

Jesus commanded followers not just to give of their resources, but to give boldly - prepared to give everything. This teaching was not about institutional support, but about spiritual growth.

The Israelites, Jesus and his followers gave a "tithe," or "one-tenth," to God's work from the "first fruits" of the harvest, before taking anything for themselves. When (first) and how much (a tenth of all we have) is prescribed purposefully in the Bible, commanding a bold response to God's abundance and bold commitment to God's work from everyone.

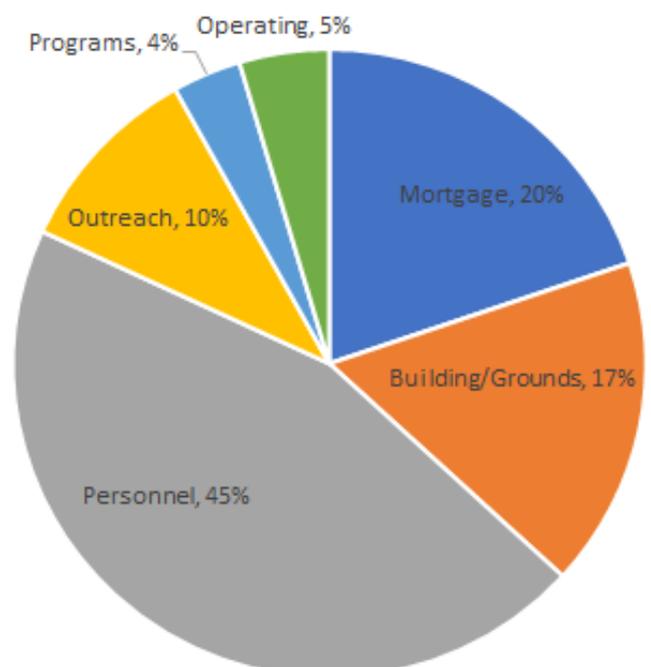
While some in our congregation do tithe their annual income, for many a tithe is an elusive challenge. But we ask that you consider a tithe, or getting on a path toward a tithe, as the kind of bold giving our shared faith asks of us. A simple path toward a tithe is to increase your giving every year by 1% of your annual income until reaching 10%. What does such giving look like for you?

## What is our financial need for 2020?

All gifts are important and always welcome, but annual pledges determine the breadth and depth of our ministries in any given year.

Simply to maintain our current staff, programs, and facility, to cover essential needs like utilities, and to return to a practice of giving 10% to our mission partners, we expect an increase in our expenses of 11% in 2020. The 2020 operating budget for our church is \$1.85 million, and member pledges represent 81% of the necessary funding to support that budget.

These are ambitious financial goals, but as our faith story reminds us, if we all respond boldly, we will have everything we need in abundance! In fact, we could achieve even stretch objectives like prominent guest speakers, additional programs for youth and families, and more community outreach.



## Prayer for Commitment

*We pray for boldness, as the disciples did. Boldly following Jesus, may 2020 be the year that Saint Luke's reaches for and grasps its vision of loving all people and working to build a compassionate, just, and peaceful world. We know, O Lord, what you know, that the faithful and generous members of Saint Luke's can make it happen! We thank you for the generosity you have shown to us, and ask that your generosity work upon us as we commit ourselves to the work you are doing to and through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*



# events

**OCTOBER 27** Kick Off of Commitment Season

**NOVEMBER 3** All Saints Sunday

**NOVEMBER 10** 8:15 & 10:30 AM  
Commitment Sunday  
Worship

11:30 AM  
Fall Festival &  
Saint Luke's BBQ Contest

## Our Mission

Responding to God's astonishing grace, we are moved to love God, love each other, and love our neighbors near and far.

## Our Vision

Boldly following Jesus, we love all people and work to build a compassionate, just, and peaceful world.