



St. Matthias Episcopal Church

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December 1, 2011

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in a very exciting time for St. Matthias. Our energy level is up and throughout the congregation there have been countless hours dedicated to making our church healthier. As you will recall, last year, the Vestry developed our Strategic Initiatives. This year we have completed the 40 Days of Community program initiated by one the Strategic Initiative groups and have just completed repaving the parking lot and other capital improvements.

As part of our initiatives, we are changing our method of presenting the budget and asking you to make a financial commitment for the upcoming year. In the past we have used a line-item budget as the basis for our communication with you. A line-item budget is the most effective way of managing our financial resources from an accounting standpoint, but it does not communicate God's call, St. Matthias' vision, or how we use the money-gifts you share with St. Matthias. Enclosed you will find the draft 2012 Missional Budget, a narrative, based around the five purposes of the church.

We could not fulfill these purposes and be the church we are without the innumerable volunteer hours you give to St. Matthias. Thank you for how you give of your time, your love, your abilities, and your energy. However, in this letter we are specifically addressing the financial life at St. Matthias that cannot be completed with volunteer hours.

We ask that you prayerfully reflect on our purpose, mission, and vision, and then make a pledge of financial support for 2012 using the enclosed pledge card. If at all possible, please bring your pledge with you on Sunday December 11th to be placed it in the offering plate. We'll give some special thanks to our Lord during that time as well as spend a few minutes at the beginning of the service speaking to the vision of St. Matthias.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us or our Treasurer, Michelle Thompson.

Yours, for the Vestry of St. Matthias,

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