

October 14, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,



As we move forward in faith, I am excited to introduce our 2024 Annual Membership Campaign: **Take the Next Step**. This drive invites each of us to prayerfully consider how we can deepen our commitment to God, to one another, and to the mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

At St. Luke's, we are a vibrant and growing community, called to be a beacon of hope, service, and love in Lebanon. We worship together, care for one another, and extend Christ's love to our neighbors through our mission, ministry, and outreach.

Take the Next Step is more than merely a campaign slogan. It is an invitation for each of us to consider how we can grow in faithful discipleship to the Lord Jesus.

What is your next step? Perhaps it includes deepening your prayer life, offering your skills to a new ministry, or increasing your financial support to ensure that our church remains a strong and vital witness to Christ in our community.

All these things, and more, are made possible by the generous support of our parishioners and friends.

For several years now, we have been building our community on four pillars:

- Worship and Music: Providing uplifting worship and music that engages people of diverse backgrounds.
- > Christian Formation: Offering opportunities for people of every generation to grow in faith.
- Mercy Works / Outreach: Serving the most vulnerable in our community through outreach programs.
- Our Common Life: Maintaining our beautiful and historic church as a space of welcome and peace.

Throughout this stewardship season, we will be sharing stories of how your generosity makes a difference in the life of our parish and beyond. Together, we answer God's call to grow in faith and service. I invite you to consider prayerfully how you can *Take the Next Step* with us in 2025.

Enclosed is a pledge card. In the week ahead, I ask you to join me in prayer and ask for guidance as to how you can best support your parish in the year ahead. Then send your completed pledge of support to the parish office, drop it in the offering plate by our In-gathering on November 3rd, or make your pledge online at

https://www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/share-stewardship.html.

On behalf of the Vestry and leadership of St. Luke's, I thank you for your ongoing generosity and faithfulness. May God bless you abundantly as we journey together into the future with hope and trust.

With you as a companion on The Way, I remain

Yours sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. David A. Zwifka *Rector*