



# CELEBRATING OUR CALLING

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2026

APPEAL GOAL: Increased generosity  
of \$1300 or more per week

### *Welcoming All and Caring for One Another*

At St. John's, we are welcomed by God and we welcome one another into community. This community is strengthened when we build relationships through worshiping, serving, learning, caring for one another – whenever we are together.

When we gather around tables, meaningful connections happen. Our increased generosity will strengthen our *Welcome Table* and *Wednesday Nights Together* ministries, enhancing opportunities for the fellowship that nourishes us.

When we share experiences, we grow closer to one another and to God. Additional funds from our gifts will also provide scholarship support to send members to camp, retreats, and service learning trips that deepen faith and strengthen bonds.

*Commitment Sunday* will be October 19. We invite you to celebrate our calling as God's people at St. John's by sharing your gifts, so that together we might live into the Good News of God's love!



### MATTHEW GOLDIN *New Member of St. John's*

Matthew Goldin grew up in Georgia and began his career in Atlanta. When his parents moved to South Carolina, he decided to relocate also, and ended up at Beaufort County TV.

In Atlanta, Matt attended a progressive United Methodist Church that welcomed all people and focused on justice centered missions like serving the homeless population of the city with pantry and shower ministries. In Beaufort, he began looking for a church that did its best to love people like Jesus did.

He started with some research and decided an ELCA Lutheran church might align with his values. He immediately felt welcomed by St. John's people and the service felt familiar. He appreciated that people were friendly, but allowed him time to see what was going on at his own pace. "Sometimes churches try to sign you up to do stuff right away, but St. John's let me come as I am, giving me time to learn whether I fit in."

Now Matt has decided that St. John's focus on community involvement, the decision to become an RIC congregation, and the welcoming people have made St. John's his church home. He will be joining in the next reception of new members. Through the congregation's genuine welcome and care, Matt has experienced God's love in action. "Coming to St. John's has been one of the best experiences I've had!"

The gifts and offerings we give together accomplish the ministry we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. This chart provides a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- “How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?”
- “How adequately does my weekly giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?”

