



CELEBRATING OUR CALLING

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2026

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

Generously Sharing

At St. John's, we respond to God's abundant grace with generosity, boldly sharing our time and resources. When we see a need, we respond in faith.

Your increased gifts support the faithful leaders who make our ministries possible - pastor, deacon, administrative and program assistants, bookkeeper, director of music, and organists. These dedicated staff members guide and nurture our shared mission, and appropriate compensation supports them in our work together as a community of faith.

Being generous with our facilities means our building is constantly in use. Beyond our own ministries, we welcome multiple 12-step groups, several musical ensembles, CAPA training sessions, the Beaufort Lions Club, groups that make quilts for veterans, a month of summer school classes for children of farm workers, and more. Your additional gifts ensure our facilities remain welcoming and warm spaces as a sign of God's grace and love.

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!



SUSAN HEIM St. John's Member

Susan and her husband Philip found their way to Beaufort through his Marine Corps service. After experiencing the beauty of this small coastal community, they made Beaufort their permanent home.

Though raised Lutheran, Susan joined the Roman Catholic church with her husband and raised her children in that tradition. After her children left home, she began thinking about her upbringing and wondering if it was time to return to her roots. She had learned about St. John's through friends and volunteer work with Family Promise, in which St. Peter's partnered with St. John's, so she decided to visit.

Susan found that St. John's invitation to all to come to Christ's communion table resonated with her desire to gather in worship where everyone felt genuinely welcome. She experienced the congregation's emphasis on using resources to serve God by loving others as a joyful gift. "I appreciated that St. John's used its resources for things that matter to me, like caring for one another, helping others, and providing space for community groups."

Through her own experience with Al-Anon, Susan values St. John's work to provide safe space for people to gather for support and encouragement. "Whether people are church members coming together to share Christ's presence in worship or community members coming for 12-step meetings, civic organizations, or music rehearsals, I'm glad that St. John's always says, 'We're glad you are here.'"

This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal. As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- “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?”
- “Where would I be if I doubled my weekly offerings? And can I consider doing that?”
- “How much more could I give if I really wanted to?”

