

MY 2017 COMMITMENT

Name (s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

_____ I/We commit to **PRAY** for the amazing work that God is doing through St. Luke's.



_____ I/We commit to **WORSHIP** 3 to 4 times a month and/or view services online.



_____ I/We commit to **CONNECT** through a social Cluster Group, supportive Care Ministry, or get more information on other opportunities.



_____ I/We commit to **GROW** by participating in a Bible study/Grow Group for spiritual formation.



_____ I/We commit to **SERVE** on campus or off campus.



_____ I/We **COMMIT** to the operating budget of St. Luke's \$ _____ per (Circle one) Year/Quarter/Month/Week.

There are numerous ways to fulfill your pledge:



- Enclose a check with this form.
- Utilize st.lukes.org/give for one-time or automatic online giving via credit card or electronic funds transfer.
- Utilize weekly offering time during worship.
- Use this QR code to give from your mobile device.

- I/We would like information regarding special giving arrangements. (i.e. last will and testament, charitable gift annuity, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, life insurance, etc.)
- I/We have remembered St. Luke's in our will or planned gift.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD IN WORSHIP,
VIA MAIL, OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20.**

**Thank you for your generous gift toward building
disciples to help build the Kingdom of God!**

WHY PLEDGE?

- A pledge is a sign of faithfulness and a promise to join God's work.
- A pledge is a way of holding yourself accountable to God and the church.
- Churches need pledges to approve ministry budgets.

PRAYER WEEK

Join your St. Luke's family, **Sunday, November 13 at 12:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19**, in a 'round-the-clock prayer vigil to seek God's vision. Visit st.lukes.org/prayerweek to sign up for a 30-minute personal prayer time and for a calendar of prayer week events. The St. Luke's campus will be open for prayer from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily with prayer stations across campus.

Each day, please consider praying for...

Sunday: **Worship**

Those in our community who are searching for an accepting place to experience God's love

Monday: **Connect**

Those in our church/community searching for friendships

Tuesday: **Care**

Those in our church/community in need of hope, help, healing, and wholeness

Wednesday: **Grow**

Children, youth, and adults in our church/community as they seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ

Thursday: **Serve Within the Church**

Servant leaders who share their gifts, talents, time, and energy

Friday: **Serve Within the Community/World**

Servant leaders who demonstrate God's mercy, grace, justice, and love

Saturday: **Commit**

St. Luke's clergy and staff as they seek to challenge, uplift, and inspire our congregation through the Word of God

*Saying Grace
Generously*



*2017 Stewardship and
Commitment Card*

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Dear St. Luke's Stewards,

Thanks to your consistent giving, we have a lot to be thankful for this November. The panel to the right includes photos and highlights made possible by your generosity in 2016. It is an exciting time to be a part of this dynamic church family and there is even more God is calling us to do. This calling requires that each of us increase giving of our time, talents, and resources to build the Kingdom. Stewardship is a discipline of spiritual formation that focuses on our responsibility to strengthen our current ministries to meet increased needs for our congregation and our community.

Through your generosity, in 2017 we will:

- Fill gaps in our ministries to further connect and care for one another and our community
- Equip and empower St. Lukers to share their faith stories
- Reach new populations with God's love
- Plan and implement St. Luke's strategic vision for the next five years

These endeavors will require all St. Lukers making a financial commitment to ensure God's vision becomes a reality. If you made a pledge for the 2016 budget, please consider increasing your pledge for 2017. If you were unable to pledge for 2016, we ask that you prayerfully discern how God is calling you to make a financial pledge to the 2017 operating budget.

This brochure includes a commitment card to indicate how you will give of your time, talents, and financial resources in 2017. You can also make your pledge online and view financial reports at st.lukes.org/stewardship. Each one of us has the capacity for extravagant generosity! Together, increasing our commitments, we can "Say Grace Generously" in a very big way.

With A Generous Spirit and A Grateful Heart,
 St. Luke's Executive Leadership Team
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THROUGH YOUR GIFTS IN 2016...

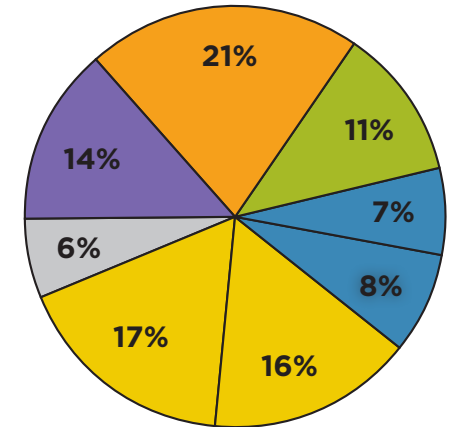


- 31 people were baptized through immersion.
- Over 1,200 adults were involved in weekly Grow Groups for spiritual formation and monthly Cluster Groups for connection and care.
- Over 4,000 adults connected to St. Luke's ministries through stories shared in St. Luke's new magazine "Celebrate".
- 958 children attended VBS and camps this summer.
- St. Luke's partnered with three Title 1 schools that serve a total of 1,700 students.
- St. Luke's invested approximately \$65 per week per person to offer transformative ministry experiences. (Based on an average of 1,300 people in worship)



2017 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

The chart below represents the proposed operating budget for 2017 and is divided by ministry area. (Numbers have been rounded.)



- 14% Worship: \$613,184**
(Includes worship, music, and theater ministries)
- 21% Connect & Care: \$938,475**
(Includes Counseling Center, Child Development Center, Cluster Groups, and Care Ministries)
- 11% Grow: \$511,217**
(Includes children, youth, young adult, adult, and family ministries)
- 7% Serve: \$296,741**
(Includes serving within the community and within the church)
- 8% Apportionments: \$353,000**
(Includes supporting The United Methodist Church's international, national, and regional ministries)
- 16% Support: \$694,821**
(Includes technology, marketing, operations, and finance)
- 17% Trustees (Facilities): \$765,245**
- 6% Pastoral Staff: \$266,761**
(Includes compensation and benefits packages for appointed pastors)

View detailed budget at st.lukes.org/stewardship.