



*Glory to God whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.
– Ephesians 3:20,21*

Dear Friends,

We gather today to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church! Remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are gathered to renew our commitment to be a Spirit-led people, seeking in all things to share the good news of Jesus and the love of God for all people. Today we are excited to baptize nine new Christians, welcome new members into our parish family, and spill out onto the front yard for our Pentecost Picnic. It truly is a joyful day.

In the spirit of this joy-filled weekend, we write to share exciting news: after much reflection and prayer, and aided by the feedback we have received from so many of you, **the Vestry has voted unanimously to move forward with a capital campaign** to secure the future health and vitality of our parish. Recognizing the many gifts handed to us by the generations who have come before, and our obligation to pass them on to those yet to come, we are calling this campaign **Renew & Reimagine: From Generation to Generation**.

Over the past several months, our campaign leaders have been working with our architect, our fundraising consultant, parish committees, and others to update cost estimates and align the scope of the projects considered the greatest priority to the future vitality of our parish, based on the feedback received from you in our feasibility study. This work has been completed and is consistent with the Vestry-approved **campaign goal of \$9 million**, with a **stretch goal of \$10.5 million**.

The major project areas that will be funded by the campaign include:

- Repair and reconstruction of our iconic church tower and steeple, including restoration of our historic 1875 bells, allowing them to ring again.

- Comprehensive interior renovation of the Church, including updating life safety, fire suppression, lighting and sound systems; improving accessibility, including an accessible restroom in the Narthex; updating the current Digital Organ to extend its functional lifespan; and renovating the Chancel to create a more welcoming worship experience for all.
- Exterior improvements to address critical accessibility and safety concerns, including a new ramp from the lower parking lot to the Cloister, a new accessible entrance to the Narthex, and lighting upgrades in the parking lot.
- Relocation of the Playground to a safer location near the Parish School.
- Growing the Parish Endowment, to boost income for ongoing capital repairs and improvements.
- Funding to continue planning for future campus improvements, including the Third Clergy House, Person-to-Person Food Pantry, and traffic flow improvements.
- And, when the stretch goal is reached, the installation of a new custom-built Pipe Organ by Juget-Sinclair Organbuilders in Montreal, Quebec.

With the Vestry's approval, we plan to begin the Quiet Phase of the campaign this fall, led by our wonderful campaign co-chairs, Wendy and Dan Moore and Tiffany and Brian Van Elslander.

We are grateful for the enormous dedication and commitment by so many members of Saint Luke's in enabling us to get to this point. The responsiveness of the parish in contributing to the discernment process and the feasibility study has been invaluable. Thank You!

As we celebrate Pentecost for the 170th time as a parish, we give thanks for the generations before us who have handed the faith on to us. And we recommit ourselves to handing it on to those who will come after us. The work we will do together is about just that: preparing our parish for the future God has in store for it.

Please keep Saint Luke's in your prayers as we begin this holy work together.

May God bless Saint Luke's for many generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Rector
Beverly Kelsey, Senior Warden
Bill Bowman, Junior Warden

