

Grateful & Growing:



Being a Good Neighbor

Stewardship & Capital Campaign • St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

October 5, 2021

My Dear Friends in Christ:

This fall season of Pentecost is inviting us to examine our participation in Christ's mission on earth and ensure that we, as church, are engaging that mission in our unique time and place. We will be living into that tradition during our **Grateful and Growing: Being a Good Neighbor** comprehensive stewardship campaign this fall. Our parishioners will be reflecting on scripture, praying, and discussing how we will address short and longer-term parish needs. Working together, we will accomplish the bold objective of fully paying for the property we acquired at 7745 2nd Ave NE and increasing our capacity for ministry now and into the future. We will build upon the sacrifices of generations past and set a firm foundation for the continued growth of the Reign of God in the Green Lake neighborhood.

You will soon be invited to consider deeply some of the spiritual underpinnings of your beliefs through scripture reflections and special, focused times of prayer. This will begin with a special sermon from our consultant, Marc Rieke, on October 24th, and continue with opportunities for "spiritual reflection" in small groups for three weeks into November.

We will invite our already-existing house church groups to engage in scripture reflections that we provide for you during the weeks of Oct 31, Nov 7, and Nov 14. For those who do not have a house church group, or whose house church might only meet once during that time, we will be offering two additional opportunities to participate in the Bible reflections:

- Liz Santiago will lead an in-person group Sundays, Oct 31, Nov 7 and 14 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in McLachlan Hall.
- Theresa Newell will lead a Zoom group on Thursdays, Nov 4, 11 and 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

These scripture reflections and prayer times are designed to deepen our faith, form us as Christian stewards, and open us to receive and share God's love more fully.

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I also invite you to attend one of several small group *Grateful and Growing* gatherings which will be held during the month of October into early November. These meetings are an important part of our stewardship campaign. The small group gatherings are informational sessions with time for dialogue and questions. *You will not be asked for a financial commitment at these meetings!* Some gatherings will be in-person, and others offered virtually, allowing you to connect in the way most comfortable for you. We hope you will take advantage of these meetings with others in our church family and to learn more about our campaign.

Your attendance at one of these gatherings is important. There will be many ways to sign up and find a gathering. You will hear more about this in coming weeks. Please plan to attend one of these gatherings as an expression of your support and as an encouragement to others. For more information, or to sign up for a date to attend, please contact our *Grateful and Growing* Gatherings Co-Chairs, Gretchen Hayslip (ghayslip@msn.com) or Allen Wycoff (allen.wycoff@gmail.com).

Thank you for joining together in committing to prayer, reflection, and attending one of the *Grateful and Growing* gatherings. Thank you also for your continued faithful dedication to the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. God is guiding us in new, exciting, and unexpected ways. I hope you can join with me as we catch the Spirit! I am ---

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich+" in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. Richard C. Weyls+

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