

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

October 25, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

The Good Shepherd faith community serves as an important support for us on our journeys of life. We participate in Eucharist on Sunday mornings to nourish our minds, bodies, and spirits. We participate in group activities and missions such as the Good Shepherd Guild, Shepherd's Table and other outreach activities, adult and children's education, and church social events.... All our church activities help to keep us focused on the love of God and our commitment to follow The Way of Jesus. At Good Shepherd we learn of God's love, in order to share God's love with others. All that we are about as a faith community equips us to continue Jesus' mission to bring the transforming love and acceptance of God to others.

Today marks the beginning of our 2027 Pledge Appeal. Let us prayerfully consider how we will financially support our church community in the coming year. Our annual budget is formed based on our anticipated income, and most of our anticipated income is based on our pledges. Please consider the value of the dollar from year to year, and consider increasing your pledge by 2% or 3% this year in order for the church to keep pace with our rising expenses. We realize that none of us has unlimited resources to draw from, and that a financial pledge to the church means some sacrifice in our lives, and for this sacrifice, we thank you! If your financial situation is such that you are unable to make a pledge for 2027, please indicate this on your pledge card and return it to the church so we do not send you a follow-up letter.

Thank you for your support of Good Shepherd this past year. May God bless each one of us as we strive to live the gospel message of love, and may God bless the ministries of our Good Shepherd faith community for years to come.

Your Good Shepherd Vestry,

***Joella Cruz, Karen Clark, Becky Hansen, Rich Ellis, Ginny Eldridge,
Scooter Holcombe, Rosanne Leverone, Mike Alfonso, Kerri
Gallagher-Thibedeau, Vivi Marty-Paquin, Elaine Graybill, Ally
Preston, Chuck Tolley***

On Sunday, November 1 (or on November 8 if you cannot be present on November 1) you are invited return your 2027 pledge cards and place them in the pledge basket during the offertory. We will make our pledges together, as a faith community. If you are unable to be present on either Sunday, you may mail your pledge card to the church, and it will be placed in the pledge basket for you.

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2027 Pledge

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

I/We pledge to support the Church of the Good Shepherd and its mission and ministries in 2027.

My/Our Total Financial Pledge for 2027 \$_____

I/We will pay \$_____ **per:** (week) (month) (quarter) or (year)

Or Due to present financial difficulties. I/We are unable to make a financial pledge for 2027 at this time. I/We will continue to support the church financially as I/we are able. _____
(initial here)

Signed _____ Signed _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

**Thank you for your commitment to our
Good Shepherd faith community and Jesus' mission of Love!**

Financial Pledge Weekly/Monthly Guide – by Percentage of Income

Annual Income	3% weekly	3% monthly	5% weekly	5% monthly	10% weekly	10% monthly
\$10,000	\$6	\$25	\$10	\$42	\$20	\$83
\$20,000	\$12	\$50	\$20	\$83	\$40	\$167
\$30,000	\$18	\$75	\$29	\$125	\$58	\$250
\$40,000	\$24	\$100	\$39	\$167	\$78	\$333
\$50,000	\$29	\$125	\$49	\$208	\$98	\$417
\$60,000	\$35	\$150	\$58	\$250	\$116	\$500
\$70,000	\$41	\$175	\$68	\$292	\$136	\$583
\$80,000	\$47	\$200	\$77	\$333	\$154	\$667
\$90,000	\$52	\$225	\$87	\$375	\$174	\$750
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$97	\$417	\$194	\$833