



Singing NEW SONGS

STEWARDSHIP 2024

*"Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things."*

Psalm 98:1

THE BASICS

Q. What is Stewardship?

A. Stewardship means wisely caring for something that belongs to someone else. The Bible calls us stewards of God's creation. Everything belongs to God, not us.

Q. What is Annual Stewardship?

A. Each fall, we have a four-week stewardship campaign to invite members to make a financial pledge for the next year's annual operating budget.

Q. When do I start giving?

A. The church is asking you to make a pledge or commitment for 2024. In other words, let the church know what you plan to give during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024.

Q. What is a pledge?

A. An annual pledge is a commitment made in faith on what you will give to the church's annual operating budget in the coming year.

Q. What are the Church's Financial Goals for the year?

A. Our budget is designed to fund our ongoing ministries while allowing us to keep up with the rapid growth we are experiencing. This growth is primarily in ministry to children and youth, pastoral care for those in challenging times, and making sure our campus and staff can serve the growing congregation, expanded worship opportunities, and the wider needs of they community.

UNDERSTANDING GIVING

Q. Why is the church leadership asking members to increase their pledge?

A. We estimate that our 2024 ministry budget will increase by approximately 20%. It is amazing to see God doing great things in our church, but it also means we need to act in faith with our finances.

Q. When I make a pledge, what will the money be used for?

A. These gifts go towards the church's operating budget. This includes all the expenses of day-to-day ministry at St. Alban's including worship expenses, livestreaming costs, local outreach, utilities, maintenance of our four-acre campus, and staff salaries.

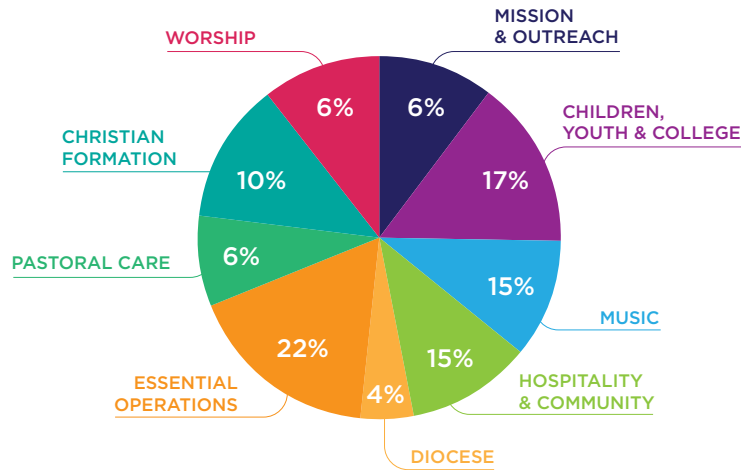
Q. How much should I give?

A. St. Alban's encourages our members to use the biblical standard of the tithe (10% of annual income) which is found in Numbers 18:21. Of course, this is a decision for each household to reach prayerfully. Our goal is to see each member giving in faith and in love.

Q. Why is St. Alban's talking about money? Isn't that personal?

A. We address Stewardship annually for four weeks a year. Money belongs to God, so for Christians, money is not secret or "off limits." Jesus talked about it a lot. We don't do high-pressure talks but we always want to be transparent and open about how our members' giving supports the ministry of our church.

2023 Budget: \$1.4M
2024 Budget Goal: \$1.8M



THE DETAILS OF GIVING

Q. How can I submit my pledge?

A. Online at stalbanswaco.org/stewardship or via a physical pledge card available from the church. Pledge cards may be returned in the offering plate, via mail, or at the church office.

Q. How do I make my gifts?

A. There are several ways:

- (1) Give securely online. Go to www.stalbanswaco.org and click the blue "Give" circle. You can make one-time gifts or set up recurring giving using RebelGive, our online giving platform.
- (2) Set up a recurring gift using your bank's online bill pay service.
- (3) Mail or drop off a check to the church office with "Annual Stewardship" on the memo line. (Please do not combine capital campaign giving with annual giving in the same check. If also giving towards a capital campaign pledge, please use two checks and mark one "Annual Stewardship" and the other "Capital Campaign.")
- (4) In church on Sunday, place a check or cash in the offering plate at any of our services. If giving cash, use a GIVING envelope from the pew rack, and be sure to write your name on the envelope.
- (5) Give using Venmo (@stalbanswaco). Note that Venmo will deduct a 1.9% transaction fee from all gift amounts. For every \$100 gift via Venmo, the church will receive \$98.
- (6) Prepay for the entire year by contacting Jesse Lee in the church office.

Q. Can I give by transferring stock or other securities?

A. Yes. Contact our Director of Finance and Operations, Jesse Lee, at jesse@stalbanswaco.org.

CONTACT US

Q. I've got other questions. Whom can I contact?

A. You can reach out to your Stewardship Committee members; the vestry; our Director of Finance and Operations, Jesse Lee; or the clergy. You should always feel free to call the church or send us an email. We're glad to talk stewardship!

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