



A LETTER FROM OUR NEW RECTOR

Faithful people of St. Mark's,

It is with such joy that I begin my ministry here at St. Mark's. In my first weeks since you've called me, I have already experienced your extraordinary hospitality and felt the energy of this faithful community. My spiritual path is one of relationships, and I am so full of hope about the future we will build together as we get to know one another.

I've heard from so many of you about what makes St. Mark's special: our commitment to beautiful worship, our passion for social justice, and our deep desire to grow spiritually. This is the work God calls us to do, together. Our theme for this year's pledge campaign, "A Future with Hope," speaks perfectly to this moment. It's a chance to ground ourselves in gratitude for God's abundance and look forward to all we can accomplish.

Your pledge is a foundational act of faith that makes all our ministries possible—from youth and children's ministries to our vital outreach. It is a tangible sign of our shared commitment to the journey ahead. I invite you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to St. Mark's for the coming year and join your Vestry and me in making a generous pledge. Let us step into this future with hope, trusting that God is guiding us as we build our church and community.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kirsten Snow Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional yet personal style.

The Rev. Kirsten Spalding
Rector



OUR MISSION & MINISTRY



St. Mark's is a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

Pledge donations allow us to live out this mission by gathering for worship, growing in our faith through small groups, youth programs, and forums, providing food and programming for key ministry events, maintaining our buildings and campus, and supporting community-oriented outreach projects.

Our Annual Budget is developed based on pledge donations received during the Annual Pledge Campaign and determines the ministry we are able to program throughout the ministry year.



JOURNEY TO FAITHFUL GIVING

Stewardship Begins with Prayer

Set aside time to pray about your pledge. Pledge season can bring up feelings from gratitude to anxiety, all of which we bring to God in a spirit of openness. How can you step into God's future with hope?

Loving God, thank you for the gift of your grace shared in community here at St. Mark's. Thank you for all those who have shared your love with me in my times of need. Thank you for letting me share your love with others in their need. As I pray in the present, give me peace that the world cannot give. As I pray for the future, help me to respond generously to your love in all of the ways you call me to serve, and, in this pledge campaign call me to give. I ask for your guiding presence as I seek to be a faithful giver. Amen.

How do I know what being a faithful giver means?

To assist you in making a faithful pledge to St. Mark's, find your income on the left and the percentage of income you feel called to give.

FAITHFUL GIVING CHART

Annual Income	15%	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%
\$30,000	--	--	\$3,000	\$2,400	\$1,800	\$1,200
\$50,000	--	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
\$75,000	\$11,250	\$9,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$3,500
\$100,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
\$200,000	\$30,000	\$24,000	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$12,000	\$8,000
\$400,000	\$60,000	\$48,000	\$40,000	\$32,000	\$24,000	--



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY
PROMISE AND BRING YOU
BACK TO THIS PLACE.
FOR SURELY I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR
YOUR WELFARE AND NOT
FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE WITH HOPE.

+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11

OUR ANNUAL BUDGET

Each year prior to the Pledge Campaign, our Treasurer, Staff, Finance Commission, and Vestry review and approve a Stewardship Budget to share transparently as we ask you to make a financial pledge. You can see our summary budget here:

Revenue	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Increase
Pledged Giving (1)	\$623,000	\$634,400	\$11,400
Non Pledge Gifts & Memorials	\$29,000	\$32,600	\$3,600
Space Use Fees (2)	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$50,000
564 Colorado (3)	\$48,000	\$48,000	--
General Endowment Draw 4%	\$6,000	\$9,300	\$3,300
Interests & Dividends (4)	\$20,000	\$26,000	\$6,000
Total Revenue (9)	\$876,000	\$950,300	\$74,300

Expense	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	Increase
Personnel (5)	\$581,790	\$641,855	\$60,065
Diocesan Assessment (6)	\$118,650	\$120,000	\$1,350
Property	\$107,260	\$112,500	\$5,240
Administration (7)	\$32,100	\$33,405	\$1,305
Christian Formation	\$6,000	\$11,000	\$5,000
Membership	\$1,800	\$1,800	--
Worship	\$20,100	\$21,100	\$1,000
Communications (8)	\$7,300	\$7,640	\$340
Stewardship	\$1,000	\$1,000	--
Total Expense (9)	\$876,000	\$950,300	\$74,300

Notes on 2026 Annual Budget:

- (1) Pledge budget increase of 1.8%
- (2) Space Use increase consistent with current year rental increases
- (3) Dividend from rental property
- (4) Interest consistent with current year
- (5) New Rector prorated COLA & Health Insurance increase
- (6) Diocesan formula calculation
- (7) Banking fees & office expenses
- (8) Software and web
- (9) Balanced Budget: Revenue = Expenses



Want more explanation of the St. Mark's budget?
Watch a video reviewing our budget at
saint-marks.com/stewardship-2026/
or scan the QR code!

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

Pledge Online

You can pledge online at
tinyurl.com/2026pledge
or scan the QR code for an
online pledge form.



Pledge Cards

You may also mail or bring the enclosed
pledge card to church before Sunday,
November 2 for Pledge Ingathering.

