

## 7 Ways Your Pledge Makes a Difference

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### Operating Expenses & Staff

With your help we can keep the church running, pay our monthly bills, purchase supplies and produce bulletins, newsletters and promotions. We can also take care of our dedicated staff.

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### Sunday Worship Services

As a liturgical church, the heart and soul of who we are is expressed in our worship services. Your pledge makes it possible for us to offer weekly worship services as we have for over 130 years.

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### Music Ministry

Our beautiful and inspiring music lifts our spirits and connects us with God. Your pledge helps us to provide wonderful music as an important part of our worship experience.

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### Youth & Children's Ministries

Our Sunday School and Youth Group Programs are provided to families for no charge. Your pledge makes it possible for us to support families as they develop their faith.

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### Prayer & Pastoral Care

Taking care of those in need is one of our most important callings. With your help, we can continue to take Holy Communion out to the sick or shut in and provide prayer and support to those who need it.

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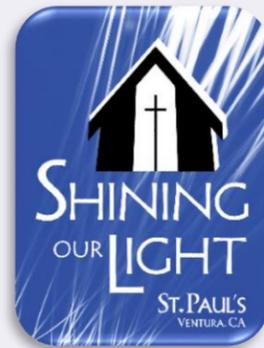
### Fellowship & Formation

All are invited to enjoy the fellowship and hospitality following Sunday services. We also offer many opportunities for life-long formation as we learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God.

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### Outreach

The people of St. Paul's have a heart for outreach. We take seriously our call to serve Christ by serving the world. Your pledge will help us continue this very important work.



Thank you  
for your generosity!



### How to Make a Pledge

Please think and pray about this important decision, and then let us know by completing a pledge card/envelope or simply let us know how much you'd like to pledge in any way that is convenient for you – mail, call, email, etc.

### Ways to Give

Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments through your bank, click the "Give" button at [www.saintpaulsventura.org](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org) or use this QR code.



### Consider a Legacy Gift

Remembering the church in your estate planning is a wonderful way to give a gift that keeps on giving long after our years. Our generosity can benefit future generations.

### Have any Questions?

Contact the church office, we'll be happy to help.



1 Honoring the PAST

2 Invigorating the PRESENT

3 Preparing for the FUTURE

ST. PAUL'S  
VENTURA, CA  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SHINING  
OUR LIGHT



## Giving

### To Secure a Bright Future

St. Paul's is a pledging community, which means that the funds we need to operate come primarily from the generosity of financial commitments from our members. Some follow the biblical principle of tithing, giving ten percent of their income to the church, while others commit a lesser amount. Some give weekly or monthly while others make a one-time annual gift. Everyone is asked to give as they are able. Each financial pledge is a blessing and whatever you pledge is much appreciated!



## You're Invited to Join With Us

We are truly blessed by those who came before us; those who had the vision, dedication and determination to establish an Episcopal Church in Ventura, California. Because of their loving, serving and giving, we have a wonderful church, an active community and a long history of serving God and welcoming all. Through the past three years, we have experienced a lot of growth in the church. This was our goal when we started the Comprehensive Growth Project, and we are very excited by the results. That project comes to an end at the conclusion of 2019. As we make our way into the year 2020, St. Paul's' 131<sup>st</sup> year, we invite you to join with us in securing a bright future for the church we love.

### Your Support is Important

Everyone is invited to play a role in this vibrant and growing community. We share our gifts through generous giving of time, talent and treasure. We hope that each member will make a pledge to support the continuing growth, mission and ministry of St. Paul's.

### Your Gifts are Appreciated

When we put them together, even our smallest gifts make a huge difference. We are a community of faith, loving, and serving the Lord together. Join us in showing our appreciation for all our blessings and help secure a bright future through 2020 and beyond.

WHAT DO MEMBERS THINK ABOUT THE RECENT GROWTH?



*"I'm excited to see all the recent growth at St. Paul's!"*

*"What a joy it is to be a part of such a loving, passionate, faith-filled community!"*

*"We have felt included from Day 1."*

*"I've never felt so much love from everyone and have been made to feel very welcome."*

*"St. Paul's is my favorite place to be on Sundays."*

*"...for me the presence of ASL in worship is awesome, something new and unexpected, a new way to learn."*

*"All of these programs make us a stronger parish and make each of us stronger in our faith."*

*"Changes to the Music Ministry have greatly enhanced our services in an awesome way!"*

*"Each component of the Growth Project has contributed to the spiritual growth of all of us."*

*"We have a great church!"*

# Spotlight

## on the Growth Project



### Three-Year Program Brings an Abundance of Growth and Vitality to St. Paul's

Three years ago, we started an exciting program developed to help us honor the past, invigorate the present and prepare for the future. After years of visioning, discussing, studying and praying, we identified and implemented the five approaches shown in the graphic above to help grow the church. Funding for the project came entirely from legacy gifts, and the results have been amazing! At a time when so many churches are struggling, St. Paul's is actually growing!

New members fill our pews. A vibrant energy is present in all our services. The choir is full of wonderfully talented people and amazing music lifts our spirits every Sunday. We are blessed with a wonderful new Associate Rector who works with our youth and children as well as our whole congregation. The Good News is being spread in new and exciting ways. REACH programs make it easy for us all to help our neighbors in need, and a new Deaf Ministry is off to a great start.

**What an amazing difference this project has made!**

## Looking into next year...

Now that the Comprehensive Growth Project is ending, what can we do to support the growth we've enjoyed and keep it going?

We need to add a few things to our regular operating budget:

**+ ADD FUNDS FOR MUSIC MINISTRY**  
From the addition of two new Music Ministers to the Music Scholarship Program, funds are needed to continue the great growth we've experienced in the Music Department.

**+ ADD FUNDS FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**  
The funds necessary to keep Rev. Liz Williams for three years have already been put aside by our Vestry. We would like to add funds for additional paid childcare providers so we can offer separate care for babies and preschoolers. We'd also like to continue funding an art teacher for our Youth Group.

**+ ADD FUNDS FOR DEAF MINISTRY**  
We've enjoyed the ASL Minute and been inspired by the beautiful interpretation of our services. We've begun a new relationship with the Early Intervention Center to provide free ASL classes for parents whose little ones are learning to sign in school. We'd like to add the funds to continue this important work.

**+ ADD FUNDS TO KEEP UP OUR EVANGELISM EFFORTS PROMOTING THE CHURCH AND SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS**  
We would like to continue our social media presence and promotions for services.

**And your pledge can help make it happen!  
Thank you so much for your support.**



### Shining Our Light REACHING Out to Neighbors in Need

Laundry Love

Feeding the Hungry

Helping Homeless Pets

Community Christmas Shoppe

Coats for Kids

Red Shirt Project

School Supplies



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