



September 24, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

How exciting it was to celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year! The sign that was placed above our church doors back in 1959 had long been lost. It read, "Let No One Be a Stranger." What was lost has now been found. The wonderful greeting that carries the message this congregation has always lived by once again hangs above our doors. It has been wonderfully inspiring to remember the past and offer thanks to God and to all those who came before us. What a great gift it is to be part of the ongoing mission and ministry of the church we love!

Now it's time to turn our attention to the future. I'm writing to introduce to you this year's Annual Giving Campaign and ask for your pledge to support St. Paul's through the year 2020 and beyond. This year's theme is Shining Our Light. We have all been called to shine as the Light of Christ in the world. This fall we will explore the meaning of this calling so that we may grow in faith as we work to secure the funds necessary to operate the church in the coming year.

We'll begin the campaign on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us that Sunday for a wonderfully inspiring service. We'll have your pledge packet ready for you when you arrive. If you already know what you'd like to pledge, you can write it on the pledge card and submit it right away. If you need some time to think and pray about it, that's no problem. The campaign will run through Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> when we'll bless all the pledges, enjoy All Saints Day services, and offer a Celebration Luncheon to thank everyone for their support.

Your pledge packet will include our vision for the coming year and on into the future. If you can't be with us on Sunday, we'll put it in the mail for you. During the campaign, you'll learn about our present needs, and our plans for the future. We'll talk about the outcomes of the Comprehensive Growth Project and discuss how important it is that we continue to work on growing the church.

Such a wonderful past, so much to look forward to in the future! Thank you for being a part of the St. Paul's family. I pray that you will join Jon and I in making a pledge to support St. Paul's throughout 2020. Your pledge is both needed and greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Susan Bek,  
Rector

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