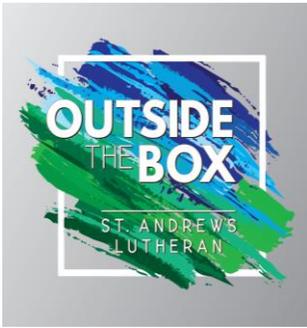


St. Andrew's Stewardship Emphasis 2021:

Giving Outside the Box- A Message from the Pastors



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

~1 Peter 4:10

Dear Members and Friends,

As we all know, this has been an unprecedented year for us at St. Andrew's. Since March, we as your pastors have had to learn an entirely new set of skills. Our schedules and routines have shifted dramatically. The way that our staff functions, communicates, and coordinates continues to change and adapt. Like all of you, we never imagined that we would be in circumstances that have caused us to completely reimagine how to be church together while we are physically apart. And yet throughout all of these months, your support, encouragement, and care and concern for one another and our communities has been a source of hope and inspiration. The Holy Spirit continues to be at work, creating community, inspiring creativity, and deepening our faith in God and God's promises.

As you are also aware, this pandemic has also had a negative financial impact on individuals, households, business and nonprofits. We are feeling this strain at St. Andrew's too. While we continue to be amazed by your generosity in the midst of these challenging times, we also feel concerned about our future financial well-being and stability. We were blessed to be recipients of the Payroll Protection Program in the spring. This forgivable loan helped us to cover a significant gap between our income and expenses, allowing us to keep all of our office and preschool staff at their full compensation levels.

Our congregational leadership is currently examining our budget for 2021. Please pray for them in their efforts. We also ask that you prayerfully consider the way you are feeling called to give to God through the ministry of St. Andrew's. Stewardship is a spiritual practice. Giving is a part of our faith. We know that all of you give generously to a lot of places and in a lot of ways. We continue to be grateful for the ways your giving to St. Andrew's deepens your commitment to the ministry that we do together. We trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in your life too, inspiring you to find ways to keep giving, outside the box.

In partnership of the gospel,
Pastor Manuel and Pastor Sarah