



# Christ & St. Luke's

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### **Stewardship testimony by Michael Belka, Oct 26, 2025.**

I am Michael Belka. Judie and I have been here at Christ and St. Lukes for almost 10 years.

I am grateful to be part of this vibrant faith community, actively living out our faith every day through Liturgical Worship, Inspired Teaching, Sacred Music, and dozens of Ministries and opportunities to Serve. We make a difference for people and in the community. I am led to support Christ and St. Lukes so that vibrant community continues to live and grow.

I am motivated to give by my **Head, Heart and Soul**

My Head – I am described (sometimes accused) of being too logical. And that's probably true. Through both my personality and in my choice of a real estate career, I tend to see and evaluate things logically. If this, then that. For this situation, we need to do X... What is the right course of action given these circumstances?

So... when I look around our Church, I see:

- the lights on, And the air conditioning working (whether you are always hot, or wear a sweater to the service – it is working);
- And I see the Sanctuary and facilities are clean, the Lychgate Garden and Grounds are tended;
- That we have supplies for bulletins and Children's packs and the restrooms; And we are connected, by phone, internet, and website;
- That we sponsor music and community events;
- And we support many ministries, and the Diocese...

I think, all these things cost money. Someone needs to pay for them. I am Someone. My Head says this needs to be done, I can help do it. I am part of the Finance and Endowment Committees. I know first-hand the love, dedication, care and commitment that the Clergy, Staff and Committee use to wisely steward the monies entrusted to Christ and St. Lukes. My Head says Give.

My Heart – I am truly loved and valued here. I want to share that love, and know that others have the opportunity to be loved and supported, to participate, to build relationships, to grow in faith. I give out of love and the desire to share that love with others. My Hearts says Give.

My Soul – Scripture contains many instructions for us to give and to care for others, for example:

- In Malachi - Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.
- In Mark – a story celebrating the widow’s offering of two very small copper coins.
- In John – Jesus tells Simon “if you love me... take care of my sheep”,

Moreover, I am keenly aware that I am blessed. I am given gifts: Time, Talents, and Treasures. And that these gifts are not selfishly only for me, but for me to use wisely. So, I am gratefully compelled to share these gifts with others. One of the most powerful ways I can share is by committing my Time, Talents and my Treasure to and through Christ and St. Lukes. My Soul says Give.

Head, Heart, Soul – I am fully committed to participating in and supporting Life at Christ and St. Lukes.