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Dear Friends,



**Saint Paul's**

An Episcopal Church For  
The City of Milwaukee

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C. S. Lewis wrote, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." That's why I believe in St. Paul's. I'm new to Wisconsin, and my entire experience of Milwaukee is shaped by how I see you. This city and this parish have seen weal and woe, joy and sorrow, confidence and fear. I believe in the future of St. Paul's and of Milwaukee because I see your extraordinary history, your resilience, your willingness to stand confidently in the face of uncertainty, and your leading by example. That's why I support St. Paul's with my work, with my time, and with my wallet.

By the grace of God and the skill of our search committee, the call of a new clergy leader is a near-term reality. You've endured a pandemic with thoughtful precautions and flexibility. You've injected a renewed sense of joy and wonder in your worship and your life together. You've seen the best and worst of nostalgia, retained what's good about your past, and adapted for a future that is yet to be revealed. The successful ministry of your next Rector requires a hopeful and capable congregation, and I'm proud to be with you through this transition.

I think it's more important than ever that we support St. Paul's with our time, talent, and treasure. Your generous commitment of support for St. Paul's in 2023 signals to your new Rector that you know that your best days are before you. It equips your next leader with the resources needed to pursue opportunities God gives us instead of reacting to unmet needs. Milwaukee needs a strong Episcopal parish in its heart. Your financial support means that the parish is set free to dream and discern the will of God to do the work that will inspire future Milwaukee Christians as we have been inspired by bold and generous members before us.

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Please return the enclosed pledge card on or before Christ the King Sunday, November 20, when we'll offer a celebratory ingathering of pledges. To hold our own against inflation, we need 5-6 percent more income in 2023, and that's without any salary increases or new initiatives. I know that not everyone is able to do that. And I know that some can do more. Please give your 2023 pledge prayer, and do what you can. I believe in Milwaukee because I believe in you, and by your faithfulness, I see everything else. Let's equip the saints of today and tomorrow for ministry at St. Paul's, and signal the next Rector that we are people of hope and action.

Much love,



The Rev. Lane G. Hensley  
Interim Rector



Lee Coppennoll  
Senior Warden



Kurt Bushman  
Junior Warden

**Did You Know?**

If you are age 70½ or older and required to take **Required Minimum Distributions** (RMD) from a traditional IRA, a smart way to give is through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). With a traditional IRA (QCD's don't apply to other types), you can make a direct gift to Saint Paul's, up to \$100,000. Your gift counts towards your RMD and reduces your taxable income. Contact your IRA Administrator for the information they require to make the direct distribution payment to the church. St. Paul's Taxpayer ID is 39-0807049.