

August 14, 2023

Dear Saint Thomas Family,

Autumn is upon us! Typically, it's the time of year for rejoicing and bringing in the sheaves. It is also time to take stock of the current year, and more importantly, to make plans for next year.

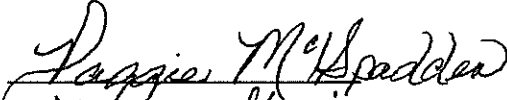



Based heavily on returned 2023 pledges, the 2023 budget forecasted a deficit of about \$60 per day, which was vexing for the Vestry. Barring any unforeseen calamities, at this point it looks like we will not have a deficit at year's end, thanks to God's Grace, the generous giving spirit of our Saint Thomas Family and Rev. Linda Suzanne's penny pinching.

The Budget Committee members will again be basing next year's budget on returned pledges (that will be available to pick up October 8th at our Parish Lunch). So please prayerfully consider your pledges and return them in time for the "In Gathering" on October 22, 2023, where we will raise our offerings to Him in thanksgiving for our uncountable blessings.

This year's watchwords are "Love, Give, Serve." Starting September 17th, for three consecutive weeks, we will receive a short message from some of our church family members on how each of the watchwords describes their experience at Saint Thomas.

Yours in Christ,

Your Stewardship Committee Members

Paggie McSpadden	
Vivian McGowin	
Dr. Bill Hamilton	
Don Jones	

*It is good
to give thanks to the LORD.
Psalm 92:1a*