



First Christian Friend,

We are excited! Join us all through October to celebrate the future of our ministry together as we ponder “What matters most?” We’ve had to let go of so much as a church in the past few months. But we’ve also held onto what matters most. All through October we want to look forward to the new year even as we celebrate the many ways we are already following our call to share God’s love:

- Living out a truly **radical progressive Christian welcome** in St. Joseph and beyond.
- Reaching out to at-risk children through our **Royal Family Kids** mentor ministry and our support of the **YWCA** women’s shelter and Angel Tree project.
- Caring for the vulnerable through our work with **The Open Door Food Kitchen**, men’s shelters, PFLAG, and our blessing box/pantry ministry.
- Lending a hand to **low-income seniors** via our partnership with Faith in Action.
- Standing in solidarity with those working for **racial justice**.
- Offering our church building as a space for **community groups** to gather for healing & hope.
- Joining together for **life-giving worship**, faith-forming study, and community-affirming fellowship.

Will you join us in focusing on “what matters most” in our church, community, and world by providing a personal "Giving Goal" for 2021 -- an estimate of what you hope to contribute financially to our ministry in the coming year? **This estimate is *crucial* in allowing us to develop a realistic budget and to plan for exciting future ministry. And, quite simply, our ministries can only continue if a large number of us choose to commit financially to our efforts.**

Enclosed you will find a "Giving Goal" card. We invite you to return your Giving Goal by **November 1** to the church online, by mail, email, or phone. We firmly believe that if you begin today the discipline of setting a giving goal, at whatever level is right for you, God's loving spirit will help you reach that goal and continue to grow your commitment to our ministry in the years ahead. What is God's Spirit calling you to do today, in Christ's love?

With Thanks! Your Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team

Janet Pullen, Dave Edson, Sandy Rogers, Jim Jeffers, Nancy Nash

MY GIVING GOAL ESTIMATE FOR 2021

Name _____

Yes, I want to support the work and mission of First Christian in 2021!

(If it is helpful as you determine your estimate: Monthly giving in our congregation per family or individual ranges from \$4 to \$1865. Median monthly giving per household in our church is \$137.)

For our congregation's ministries: (choose one)

\$ _____ per week \$ _____ per month \$ _____ per year \$ _____ **annual total**

Towards paying off the loan for the repair of the roof, heating /ac, and other renovations: (choose one)

\$ _____ per week \$ _____ per month \$ _____ per year \$ _____ **annual total**



This giving estimate may be returned to the church by mail (927 Faraon, St. Joseph, 64501), email (fcc927stjo@yahoo.com), phone (816-209-8212), or **online at: tinyurl.com/y2fw7bmf** (If using the online option and you also want to give to the capital funds, please note that in the memo section of the online form). We invite you to return this information on or before November 1 so that we can prepare an appropriate budget for 2021. **This is not a contract but rather an estimate of what you hope to give in 2021 and can be adjusted at any time.** Thank you for your generosity!
