

CREATED FOR GENEROSITY

CREATED TO GIVE, EMPOWERED TO GROW

Dear Beloved Community of St. Michael's,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our generous and life-giving God.

This fall, we enter a season of reflection and renewal together as we explore what it means for us to live a life that is "Created for Generosity." Rooted in the words of Ephesians 2:8–10, we are reminded that we are God's beloved creation—created in Christ Jesus for good works, prepared beforehand so that we might live out our call to ministry – whatever that might look like in our lives. Stewardship, then, is not simply about budgets or buildings. It is a spiritual practice, a statement of faith, and an act of worship.

We believe that everything we have—our time, our talents, our resources—is a gift from God. Stewardship is our faithful response to that gift. It's how we live out our gratitude, how we participate in God's mission, and how we grow together as a community of disciples.

This year's campaign will include temple talks, educational moments, and joyful celebrations. You'll hear stories from members of our congregation, including our children, about how generosity has shaped their lives and faith. We'll explore what ministries excite us, and how our giving empowers those ministries to flourish.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your estimated giving for the coming year. You can submit your estimated giving card digitally at smlc.churchtrac.com/stewardship, or via the physical card included in the mailing. These cards are not contracts—they are expressions of hope and commitment, helping our church plan faithfully for the year ahead.

Our campaign will culminate in a celebration and blessing on **Sunday**, **November 9**, with joy, gratitude, and maybe even cupcakes or ice cream! We hope you'll be part of this meaningful moment.

Thank you for being a part of St. Michael's—where generosity is not just a value, but a way of life. May we continue to walk together in grace, empowered to grow, and created to give.

With gratitude and hope,

The St. Michael's Stewardship Team

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10b