



Stewardship Message: Preparing for Commitment Sunday

This week we offer information as we prepare for
Commitment Sunday, November 14th.

The past year and a half have been difficult for all of us. This was manifest also here at Church of the Good Shepherd as the number of pledges received this year declined substantially from 2020. According to stewardship statistician Frank Fee, we dropped from 187 households pledging for 2020 to 158 for 2021. To help us return to previous levels, and to remind us of our legacy of generosity, the Stewardship Committee is offering a challenge grant.

As you are aware, a challenge grant is the offer from someone to make a donation if certain conditions are fulfilled. The challenge this year at Good Shepherd is to exceed the number of pledges received for the year 2020.

An anonymous member of the congregation has offered to donate \$5,000 if we receive at least 188 pledges for 2022! We can easily meet this challenge if each of us does our part by making a pledge.

As we move toward Commitment Sunday on November 14, we ask each of you to:

- ❖ **Prayerfully consider how God has blessed you**
- ❖ **Think of what Church of the Good Shepherd means to you and your family**
- ❖ **Contemplate how you can help ensure that our vital ministries thrive.**

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.