

SHEPHERD *of the* HILLS

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Dear Friends in Christ at Shepherd of the Hills:

Stewardship is defined as “the careful management of something entrusted to one's care.” In the church, stewardship is often linked with money. But when we consider that the church is called to be stewards of the good news of Jesus Christ as, we recognize this involves so much more than money.



For the month of October we will be paying attention to the following themes of stewardship in our Sunday lectionary readings: stewarding **Relationships, Wealth, Power, and Courage**. At the same time, we are asking the members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills to prayerfully consider how you might financially support the work and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills in the coming year, 2022.

We have worked through many challenges in this past year and are so grateful that we are now back to worshipping in-person. We are also glad to be able to continue to livestream our worship service for those who are still not comfortable worshipping in person or who have not yet been vaccinated.

Many of you have stepped up in this past year to help get the building “up and running” again after the pandemic restrictions. We have volunteers who are tending to the landscaping, who are monitoring the Little Free Pantries, and who are learning the ins and outs of livestreaming worship. And soon we will be installing new carpeting which has been completely funded through an anonymous donation and the support of the Men’s Group!

We have a lot to look forward to in 2022, and we hope that you will be able to support that ministry in some way. Please complete this Estimate of Giving card and return it through the mail or at sothstl.org/pledge as soon as you are able (preferably by October 17) so that we can make preparations to faithfully steward the finances of the congregation for the coming year.

On behalf of the SOTH Church Council, (Sam Johnson, President, Jim Sanderson, VP, Margaret Keyes, Secretary, Daryl Hogbin, Treasurer, Candy Travis, and Joshua Koch-Holdsworth)

Pastor Kristen E. Koch