



Greetings and the Peace of our Lord & Savior be with you,

As you have noticed in the weekly church bulletin or have heard over the last few months in our church council and conference meetings the 2022 membership gifting to our congregation has continued to fall below our anticipated levels. Although continued efforts are being made to reduce expenses, the Finance Committee expects our 2022 budget shortfall will be \$700,000.

The finance committee believes the reasons are largely due to the continued decline in the personal financial circumstances of our community. Outside sources indicated this is occurring in other churches as well. This situation is very unlikely to improve over the next several months. We have indications a further gifting reduction may occur after the end of the year but are not able to quantify this until early next year.

While the leadership of the church and our program areas have made valiant efforts to allocate funds in a very responsible manner, without additional gifting, we will not be able to operate our church as we have become accustomed.

What you can do now to help ...

Please consider this an urgent request by the Finance Committee to make an additional financial gift, as you are able, during this time of Thanksgiving and Advent, where we will give our thanks to God as well as celebrate the birth of His Son.

Please, also, continue to pray for the community and prepare yourselves for areas where you can provide your talents as well as gifts in the service of Christ Church to help offset reductions in budget.

What you can do in the coming weeks ...

Normally at this time we would make our recommendation for 2023 budget and conduct the discussions with church leadership and program areas, but this is not yet possible due to so many changes underway. During the next several weeks the committee will continue to refine its recommendations to the church. In January we will conduct a Stewardship campaign for 2023 and make final recommendations for a budget which will be presented to the church for approval at the January church conference. Please begin your period of prayer and consideration for your 2023 gifting.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

On behalf of Christ Church Sugar Land,

Finance Committee 2022