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"We walk by faith, not by sight," 2 Corinthians 5:7

Alistair's phone tells him the weather by the minute: "Snow in five minutes", or "Rain for the next 120 minutes". I am very attracted to whatever app tells him this because it is so exact in its predictions. Wouldn't it be great if we had those kinds of warnings in our own lives?

"Sadness for the next two weeks" or "Great joy within the next hour!"

We would be able to prepare for things that were about to happen. St. John's would really benefit from that as well: "Boiler will be breaking down over the weekend" or "Large donation coming to the church within the next year!"

But that doesn't happen. We walk forward in faith every minute of every day. That doesn't mean we are blind, but that we are to see our lives, our world, our possessions, and our families with God's eyes. That means we see our church with faith, and the ministry we take on with eyes of faith.

This year we ask those of you who join with us in worship and prayer to consider a pledge to St. John's. You are the eyes, the ears, the hands and the feet of Jesus in our world, and one of the ways that you do that is to join with us in ministry is by offering your pledge through God to St. John's. Notice how that is worded—*through* God, to St. John's.

Please know that your very presence, on line or in person, is an enormous blessing to all of us. We will submit these Pledge Cards to St. John's during our Sunday services, beginning next week, November 21st. You can also snail mail them in, if you choose, or even scan and email the Pledge Form if that works best for you.

We also have a great resource about why we have a Stewardship Drive every year, and what it means. I'll post this on our website, but you can ask for a hard copy as well.

With thanks for the ways you bless St. John's and our community by your faith—*Mother Laurie* ❤️