Good & Faithful Steward Notes

We are fulfilling the mission of the Endowment Fund, and are sharing its proceeds with you, so you can prayerfully steward this gift and be a conduit for good deeds in this world.

In these challenging times, we are cultivating a culture of giving, and hope you will be a part of it!

Where did St. Luke get $50,000 to give?
The church is fortunate to have an Endowment Fund. A percentage of the Endowment fund’s earnings from the previous calendar year are allocated for St. Luke’s ministries.

Does the church anticipate a budget shortfall this year?
Yes. We anticipate a budget shortfall this year considering the church’s two biggest fundraisers – Taste of Greece and Dancing with Heart – are cancelled.

Can the church use the Endowment fund earnings to make up the shortfall in the operating budget?
No. The Endowment bylaws currently prohibit the use of earnings to support the operating budget.

Did each steward receive the same amount?
Yes. Each good and faithful steward received $300.

How many stewards received the gift?
Nearly 170 good and faithful stewards received the gift.

Did anyone not receive the gift?
Father Panteleimon, current members of the Parish Council, and members of the Endowment Fund did not receive the gift, as they were involved in the discussions and decision.

Should I give this gift back to St. Luke?
We strongly encourage you to look beyond the walls of our parish to engage in outreach and to do so with zeal!

Can I donate the gift to my favorite charity?
Yes. How about also engaging a new charity?

Can I reference St. Luke’s Good & Faithful Steward program as the source of the gift?
Yes, but it is not our intention for St. Luke to take credit for your generosity.

Do I have to complete the enclosed card?
While you do not have to complete the card, we encourage you to share your story with the parish. St. Luke will share your story anonymously.

Do I have to report the gift to the IRS?
Generally, the person who receives the gift does not have to report the gift to the IRS. Check with your accountant or attorney.