

# Why We Give: The Place Where We Gather

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One hundred and fifty years ago, St. John's founders were so eager to move worship from their homes to a consecrated church that they built on land that hadn't yet been donated. In 2023, our spiritual home at 6701 Wisconsin Avenue is the heart of our worship and outreach in ways the founders dreamed, and yet never dreamed.

St. John's is:

- A place where we renew our commitment to Christ week after week
- A place where we celebrate the milestones of our lives—baptism, marriage, death
- A place where our children are cared for and supported through Children's Chapel, Church School, Journey to Adulthood
- A place where we encounter the Holy Spirit in planning for community outreach
- A place of invitation, welcome, comfort

Our pledge contributions help maintain our property—the 45,000 square feet of interior space for worship, fellowship, and education; the rain gutters that would extend the length of three football fields if laid end to end; the 3,529 pipes of our organ; the memorial garden with spaces for loved ones' remains.

Maintaining our buildings and grounds is a ministry that sustains all our ministries. And, in a post-pandemic world, our buildings are the hub of our digital outreach to individuals and families unable to participate in person.

St. John's counts on you. In making a pledge to support our property, we are supporting all of St. John's work.