

My Stewardship Story by Lynda Clifford

My time that I give to the church and serving God does not pay the bills, but it has given me the opportunity to understand the costs which are incurred each month. Taking care of these buildings and property is not cheap!! I have found it easier to increase my giving because I have become more aware. I have gone so far as to look and note that I don't even begin to cover the costs of hydro for a month. I need to give more, and the question is how will I manage that? - probably I will find something I can do without!! I won't need to look very far!

Just this past month, I realized how much easier it is to ask for your help with our financial needs, both right now to keep the lights on but also with the future programs that will be presented soon. So if I step up and put my contribution out there in front it allows me to feel more comfortable when I ask you to help too!

Earlier this year I decided to use the electronic collection plate, which is a deduction done electronically through the diocese, for my designated monthly offering, and it is received monthly by our bank. However, when I am especially touched by a sermon or by the prayers or scripture and music and I am nudged to give a little more, I can easily do that through our [Sunday morning](#) offertory (I have an envelope number too).

I did suggest once that our giving could and should be related to how God spoke to us!! I know that many of us leave church on Sunday feeling uplifted, or perhaps you missed a Sunday and listened to the sermon online through the Parish website, and found that it was just what you needed to hear. You can give your thanks in the form of an offering, the next Sunday.

And it will never be too late – trust me!