

the season of  
**LENT**

the spirit of  
**LAUDATO SI**



*"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation."  
Pope Francis*

## Celebrating Stewardship at St. Paul's

With your help, here's what  
we've accomplished:



### ENERGY

LED lighting was installed throughout the Center and parking lot. Compared to 2014, our electricity expenses are down by almost 40%!



### WATER

By replacing our outdated cooling system, we began to save **TENS OF THOUSANDS** of gallons of water per year!



### TREES

We received a grant that allowed us to plant 100 trees in our backyard! A specially designed "water wagon" allows each new tree to be cared for using rainwater runoff.



### WILDLIFE

Because native plants that attract pollinators are plentiful on our grounds, bees and butterflies - creatures so important to our ecosystem - are at home here.



### RAIN

Our rain garden is beautiful, functional, and money-saving! Rainwater is routed here rather than to the storm drains; we receive city subsidies for our conservation efforts.

[stpaulretreat.org/lent](http://stpaulretreat.org/lent)

In 2022, we continue our commitment to be good stewards of the gifts we have been given and to reduce our impact on the environment.

*Please join us in our mission!*

- Live more simply during the contemplative weeks of Lent and through the life-giving Easter season. Take some time to consider your “water footprint” on our environment.
- Enjoy the comfort of your own home and watch the short reflective videos from our St. Paul’s ministry team between Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Pentecost (June 5).
- In the spirit of alms giving, we ask you to take a moment to reflect and look over our giving opportunity. You will be helping us to improve the comfort of our Center while reducing costs and lessening negative impact on our world.

## WITH YOUR HELP

**We can reduce our water consumption AND increase your comfort**



- We will install chair-height toilets that increase the comfort of our guests AND reduce water consumption. Our current toilets use 3 gallons per flush. The new ones will use only 1.6 gallons!
- We will upgrade shower heads to higher pressure, lower flow models.



**PRAY • FAST • GIVE**

# OUR GOAL

**To raise \$75,000**

The cost of each installation/upgrade is \$840 (per guest room)

Funds raised will support energy and resource-saving projects, such as the ones listed above, at the retreat center.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you can donate on our website at [stpaulretreat.org](http://stpaulretreat.org).  
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