

# our redeemer's



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living  
generously



Freely you have received, freely give.

—Matthew 10:8



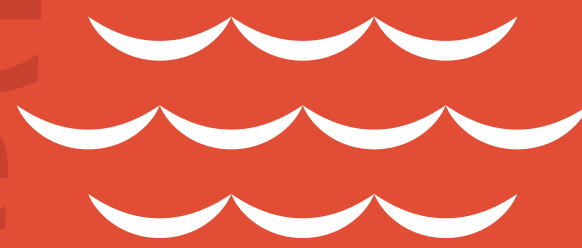
*We see that love and giving always come together.  
Is the giving a consequence of the love, or is perhaps  
the reverse true: is the love a result of the giving?*  
—Rav Eliyahu Dessler

As Christians and Lutherans, we are called to be generous with the gifts God has given us. In giving we take part in the flow of God's love.

This year, we are beginning a focus on **living generously** to understand how we can be more fearless, courageous, and loving as we discover what giving means to us individually and as a congregation.

What would it take  
for you to live  
more generously?

partner  
forgive  
calm thought  
attention  
certainty  
hobby expertise  
retirement confidence  
job congregation  
grace focus  
courage  
ability plan  
income  
fearlessness  
time  
give  
God  
acceptance  
freedom  
justice  
understand peace  
means talents hour  
trust  
musical  
sleep  
calls  
extra



*The Sea of Galilee receives  
But does not keep the Jordan.  
For every drop that flows into it,  
Another drop flows out.  
The giving and receiving  
Go on in equal measure.*

—Midrash Rabbah

We pledge because God wants us to commit ourselves in trust to give the first fruits of all we have received & harvested.

How can you joyfully support the church and its ministries in the coming year? Can you move toward the Bible's recommendation for financial generosity of 10% (a tithe)?

◆ Please pray, considering an increase in your giving of **one half to one percent** of your income.

What shall I offer to the LORD for all God's benefits to me? —Psalm 116



*Money flows through our life and touches every aspect of it. Although we have only so much control of how it flows into our life, how money flows out from our life, just like how we spend our time, reflects our values and what we hold precious.*

*We shouldn't be embarrassed that it takes money to [make a church community thrive]—we should be happy to see that our financial support has created an extraordinary community that we value dearly.*

—Jeff Deitch

ANNUAL INCOME	1% pledge		3% pledge		5% pledge		7% pledge		8% pledge		9% pledge		10% pledge	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
\$10,000	\$1.92	\$8.33	\$5.77	\$25.00	\$9.62	\$41.67	\$13.46	\$58.33	\$15.38	\$66.67	\$17.31	\$75.00	\$19.23	\$83.33
\$20,000	\$3.85	\$16.67	\$11.54	\$50.00	\$19.23	\$83.33	\$26.92	\$116.67	\$30.77	\$133.33	\$34.62	\$150.00	\$38.46	\$166.67
\$30,000	\$5.77	\$25.00	\$17.31	\$75.00	\$28.85	\$125.00	\$40.38	\$175.00	\$46.15	\$200.00	\$51.92	\$225.00	\$57.69	\$250.00
\$40,000	\$7.69	\$33.33	\$23.08	\$100.00	\$38.46	\$166.67	\$53.85	\$233.33	\$61.54	\$266.67	\$69.23	\$300.00	\$76.92	\$333.33
\$50,000	\$9.62	\$41.67	\$28.85	\$125.00	\$48.08	\$208.33	\$67.31	\$291.67	\$76.92	\$333.33	\$86.54	\$375.00	\$96.15	\$416.67
\$60,000	\$11.54	\$50.00	\$34.62	\$150.00	\$57.69	\$250.00	\$80.77	\$350.00	\$92.31	\$400.00	\$103.85	\$450.00	\$115.38	\$500.00
\$70,000	\$13.46	\$58.33	\$40.38	\$175.00	\$67.31	\$291.67	\$94.23	\$408.33	\$107.69	\$466.67	\$121.15	\$525.00	\$134.62	\$583.33
\$80,000	\$15.38	\$66.67	\$46.15	\$200.00	\$76.92	\$333.33	\$107.69	\$466.67	\$123.08	\$533.33	\$138.46	\$600.00	\$153.85	\$666.67
\$90,000	\$17.31	\$75.00	\$51.92	\$225.00	\$86.54	\$375.00	\$121.15	\$525.00	\$138.46	\$600.00	\$155.77	\$675.00	\$173.08	\$750.00
\$100,000	\$19.23	\$83.33	\$57.69	\$250.00	\$96.15	\$416.67	\$134.62	\$583.33	\$153.85	\$666.67	\$173.08	\$750.00	\$192.31	\$833.33
\$125,000	\$24.04	\$104.17	\$72.12	\$312.50	\$120.19	\$520.83	\$168.27	\$729.17	\$192.31	\$833.33	\$216.35	\$937.50	\$240.38	\$1,041.67
\$150,000	\$28.85	\$125.00	\$86.54	\$375.00	\$144.23	\$625.00	\$201.92	\$875.00	\$230.77	\$1,000.00	\$259.62	\$1,125.00	\$288.46	\$1,250.00
\$175,000	\$33.65	\$145.83	\$100.96	\$437.50	\$168.27	\$729.17	\$235.58	\$1,020.83	\$269.23	\$1,166.67	\$302.88	\$1,312.50	\$336.54	\$1,458.33
\$200,000	\$38.46	\$166.67	\$115.38	\$500.00	\$192.31	\$833.33	\$269.23	\$1,166.67	\$307.69	\$1,333.33	\$346.15	\$1,500.00	\$384.62	\$1,666.67

MISSION — To be a community...in the model of Christ...for the life of the world...that accepts challenges...takes risks & grows.

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O God  
who gives and gives  
and never **counts the cost**  
sweep away our webs of calculation  
and give us that abandon  
which our **Lord Jesus Christ**  
has disclosed to us. AMEN.

—Douglas Steere

## Local Partners

- Ballard Ecumenical Homeless Ministry
- Ballard Food Bank
- Ballard Sunday Dinner Program
- The Bridge Care Center, Job Training Fund
- Church Council of Greater Seattle
- Compass Housing Alliance
- Earth Ministry
- Faith Action Network

- Green Lantern Lunch Program
- Lutheran Community Services, Refugee & Immigrant Services
- Lutheran World Relief, Disaster Relief
- Neighbors in Faith
- St. Luke's Edible Hope Ministry
- Our Redeemer's Thanksgiving Community Meal + Sleeping Bags

*we are*

**Caring, devoted, inclusive...**

**spiritual in life-changing ways...**

**partnering for justice-focused outreach...**

**inviting people in...**

**with a building that radiates our vision to the community.**

*we offer*

Welcome, inclusivity and safety. Connections with all generations. Nurturing for each one's faith, gifts and experience. Care for one another in life & faith. Financial gifts to sustain our mission. Strong lay & staff leadership & governance.

Experiences of God's unconditional love that heal and give hope. Inspiration to live more compassionately, spiritually and justly. Connections to God's purpose beyond our daily lives and individual limitations.

Concrete opportunities for all ages to make a difference in the world. Partnerships with and on behalf of vulnerable people in our community and world. Deepening understanding and dialogue about ethical and justice matters.

To share this community we love with those we know. To reach out beyond ourselves, especially to those isolated or excluded due to life circumstances.

Building, parking lot & grounds that serve the community. To sustainably maintain our infrastructure through regular cleaning, utility updates, upkeep and repairs.

*plans*

INTEGRATE RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING INTO ALL GROUPS & ACTIVITIES  
• Develop new small groups  
• Welcome Minister to encourage active involvement, belonging, and use of gifts  
• Generosity Team to grow our faith through giving

MORE PROGRAMS THAT INSPIRE LIVING OUR FAITH AT WORK, HOME & PLAY  
• Grace-filled informal and traditional worship  
• Faith formation opportunities for all ages  
• Integrate reflection & dialogue on spiritual experiences & questions into all learning

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR POSITION  
• Research neighborhood social justice programs  
• Partner with neighbors  
• Coordinate all our current social ministries

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION  
• Comprehensive public relations/marketing  
• Improved and changing outdoor signs  
• Active social media presence  
• Inviting Team to help reach out to friends & neighbors

REMODEL OF OUR FACILITY  
Increase accessibility & ability to serve our larger community:  
• Meeting spaces of various sizes  
• Excellent lighting and acoustics  
• Up-to-date technology

*current ministries*

Groups • Retreats • Nursery • Care: hospital, bereavement, and homebound • Hospitality: Coffee Hour, receptions • Fun: Swedish pancakes, family movie nights, auction

Worship: Sundays, Holidays, Weddings & Funerals • Music: Choirs, orchestra, informal ensemble • Faith Formation: Children: Sprouts (Pre-School) & Sunday School, Teens: Confirmation, Youth Ministry, Adults: Forums, Studies, The Journey, Theology on Tap • Spiritual LifeHack, Centering Prayer, Holy Listening

- Hunger
- Multifaith
- Earthcare
- LGBTQ Advocacy
- Homelessness
- Lutheran World Relief

7% of all giving tithed to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
3% of all giving tithed to support local partners



- Blue Christmas
- Lucia Fest
- Ashes to Go
- Pet, Backpack, Bike Blessings

- Pre-School Co-op
- P-Patch community garden
- AA groups
- Recycling stations for clothing, electronics, furniture, batteries

*costs*

\$201,548

\$179,110

\$78,260

\$38,533

\$117,347

# PLEDGING...



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...helps us *grow in faith and be part of something bigger than ourselves*. When we pledge, we make an intentional decision about our faith and service. Making a pledge says, "I want to have (be) a church."

...assists in *establishing values and priorities*. When we give each month we demonstrate our priorities and establish habits that honor what is most important to us.

...creates *stability and predictability* for our congregation and alleviates the anxiety of needing to repeatedly ask for contributions to keep expenses under control.

## How much should I pledge?

The Bible gives us the tithe (10% of our income) as a starting place. God is our loving Creator, who invites us into the adventure of giving because giving makes us more whole and makes the world more whole. Some people work toward tithing by adding one half to one percent every year.

## What happens if I can't make my pledge?

Your pledge is a gift, not an obligation. You can change it at any time.

## What is the new pledge period?

January 1 through December 31.

## What giving methods are available?

You can give in whatever way is best for you: cash, check, Paypal, automatic withdrawals, text, giving app or credit card.

## If I am not giving electronically, how do I make my gift?

Offering envelopes will be mailed to you once a month. You can place your gift in the offering plate as part of worship, or you can send your gift by mail in the enclosed return envelope.

## How do I make my gifts by cash or check?

Place your gift in the offering plate, or mail it in the enclosed return envelope.

## How can I be part of the offering during worship if I give electronically?

You can find a giving card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

## Why are there special envelopes just for my offering?

For privacy. Your gift is confidential because the envelope identifies you by number, not name. Your name and gift are seen only by the Financial Secretary and the Parish Administrator who record your giving for tax purposes, and by a volunteer who compiles aggregate information for the Church Council, Finance Team and Stewardship Team.

## How can I stay consistent in my giving when I'm away from worship?

Automatic withdrawals, recurring gifts through the Giving App and using your offering envelopes through the mail help with that.

## How often will I receive a statement of my giving?

Quarterly statements of cumulative giving are issued in April, July, October, and January.

## Who can answer my questions about these methods, and help me establish or make changes to my electronic giving?

Contact Don Boelter, our Parish Administrator, by phone at (206) 783-7900 or email [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net). We will work with you to make whatever method you choose easy and stress-free.

## NEW! Giving App

Available via the App Store or Google Play. Search for "GivePlus Church" to download or text **(206) 717-8465**