

Should I use Electronic Funds Transfer?

acceptance at FAITH is not based upon your capacity to give. We ask everyone to return an estimate of giving card even if your ability to give is limited at this time. You can always increase or decrease your commitment if your situation changes by calling the church. Also, be sure to let Pastor Peter or Pastor Jane know what is going on for you so they can pray for and support you during any difficulty.

Because we reap what we sow.

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” —2 Corinthians 9:6

Why do I need to turn in a new commitment card each year?

Financial situations change from year to year, and when we are growing in our faith, our annual commitment to giving should reflect that growth. Each year, the mission and ministry of our church is based upon the growing financial commitments of our congregation.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the easiest, most cost-effective giving option for both you and the church. With EFT, you can reinforce your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God first, before anything else. One easy step each year guarantees the church will receive your gifts on a regular basis, even if you are out of town or you forget one week. And on a practical note, EFT reduces the need for additional staff to process offerings. If you choose this option, you must return an estimate of giving card each year authorizing the electronic funds transfer. Complete the EFT information and attach a voided check for the account you will use. For more information contact Laura Groen at 303-279-5379.

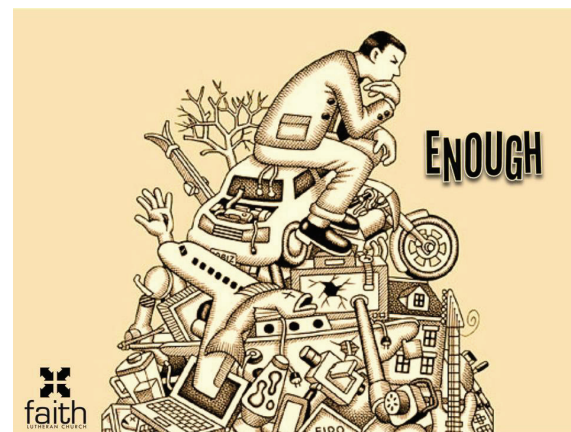
To whom much has been given . . .

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” —Luke 12:48 (NIV)



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Stewardship Giving Guide

Return enclosed commitment card to the church by November 24, 2013

Giving Guide

Enough Stewardship Emphasis

As we have been moving through this year's stewardship emphasis, our prayer is that everybody in the FAITH Lutheran community would grow in contentment, generosity and freedom! Please take some time to pray, think and reflect about all God has entrusted to you, and then make a choice to put your faith into action as you complete your estimate of giving card for 2014.

Clearly, the financial gifts you make help us fulfill our mission as a congregation. Your giving will also help you grow deeper in your relationship with Christ. Through these gifts, you invest in God's vision and purpose for the world and create an opportunity for God to work in you and through us. Your gifts to God each week are an act of worship; and your offerings are vitally necessary to change lives, transform communities, and extend God's grace to all who haven't heard of His love.

Why is giving important?

The Bible has a lot to say about our relationship with money and things with over 2,000 verses that call us to be generous and good stewards of our resources. Jesus taught generosity and sacrifice. He expected his followers would not serve wealth but God, and in the parable of the talents he taught that God will hold us each accountable for what we do with all our earthly possessions.

What is expected of me?

The Bible teaches us to give a tithe, or the first 10 percent of what we earn, to God and the church's work. For some, giving 10% is a very difficult goal. For others, it is the starting point, and their giving far exceeds 10 percent. The important thing is you start somewhere, that your giving be in proportion to your income, that your giving reflects an appropriate offering to God given your means, and your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God's work.

Begin by determining what percentage of your income you are giving to God. If you are not tithing, consider taking a step toward tithing this year. For example, if you now give 3 percent of your income, consider increasing your gift to 4 percent, and add 1 percent each year until you reach the tithing goal. We hope everyone will grow in their faith through giving financially to the mission and ministries of FAITH as well as other places and experience the joy and

blessings that come from financial generosity.

Everything we have belongs to God.

"A tithe [tenth] of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." —Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

Why do I need to return an estimate of giving card?

There are two reasons why it is important for everyone in our church family to return an estimate of giving card. First, the process of praying and asking God to guide your decision and then making a commitment to serve the Lord with your financial gifts is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and praise to God. Second, on a more practical note, your commitment allows our church to budget and better plan for our ministries, key objectives, and mission outreach programs.

What if financial hardship prohibits me from making a commitment this year?

Don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from worship. Remember God honors your faithfulness and that your



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Estimate of Giving/Commitment Card

Thank you for making a commitment to manage the resources God has entrusted to you. We are eager for you to find a level of giving that honors God and allows you to take a step forward in your journey of faith and commitment. Your commitments and contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world. Please complete this estimate of giving, and **return it in worship on Nov 24th** or to the church office. You may change your commitment at any time by notifying the church office.

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Choose One:

- \$ _____ weekly for 52 weeks
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- \$ _____ monthly for 12 months
- \$ _____ as follows _____

Signature Date

Electronic Funds Transfer

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Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization

Please indicate the frequency of the automatic draft.

- Weekly—Withdrawn on Mondays
- Semi-Monthly—Withdrawn 1st and 15th of each month
- Monthly—Withdrawn on the 1st
- Monthly—Withdrawn on the 15th

Please attach a voided check for the account from which withdrawals will be made. Withdrawals will begin January 2014 unless otherwise specified.

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