

2012 Annual Stewardship Response



STEP 1

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE

Annual Stewardship Response encourages members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church to grow in faith and generosity by expanding your financial stewardship to support the ongoing ministry of our congregation.

Annual Stewardship Response is based on the Biblical understanding of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual growth, rather than giving just for the needs of the church. It encourages proportionate (give a growing percentage of your income) and systematic (consistent) giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

Biblical stewardship teaches that all that we have and all that we are comes from God (1 Chronicles 29:14d; 1 Corinthians 11:12c). As a response to God's blessings, we return a portion of our financial blessings to God in order to support the ministries of Grace.

Your decision to give is based on your need to give back to God. Your offering is an act of worship as we thank God for all that has been given to us - no matter if the church is \$200,000 in debt or \$200,000 in the black. Why? Because your giving is an act of faith and a sign of our gratitude to God!

WHAT FACTORS CAN I CONSIDER IN THINKING ABOUT INCREASING MY CURRENT GIVING LEVEL TO GRACE?

Think about the signs of God's gracious love in your life. Pray about how you will respond as generously to God's love as God has generously blessed you in your life.

We are asking every household to consider making an annual stewardship commitment for 2012.

This commitment is a challenge for each of us to consider. We are not telling you what commitment you should make. Every individual will make their own decision. However, we all need to prayerfully consider growing in faith and generosity. Again, our goal is to *increase* our giving.

If you currently consider yourself a part of the Grace community and are not financially supporting the ministry, we ask you to consider doing so by making a commitment to support the ongoing ministry of God's church.

(Please See Reverse Side)

Commitment Sunday
All Church Breakfast
November 20
from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO RENEW MY/OUR GIVING COMMITMENT EVERY YEAR?

First, although our income may not change on an annual basis, an annual stewardship response helps each one of us to prayerfully consider the percentage of our income we choose to give back to God. If our income has increased since the previous year, we may choose to increase our gift. If our income has decreased, we have the opportunity to decrease our gift.

Second, just like in our spiritual life, we can always grow in our giving. Renewing our commitment to stewardship gives us the opportunity to take the next step to increase our giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

Third, there are those who are not currently participating in the financial stewardship of the congregation. This Annual Response Program gives everyone the opportunity to become a consistent steward of God's blessings.

Fourth, new people arriving in the church since the last stewardship response will have the chance to commit to stewardship, many for the first time.

GENEROSITY CHALLENGE

A challenge for all households of Grace Lutheran Church is to increase your giving to support the day-to-day ministries of the church by 1% of your weekly income, and to consider similar growth at least annually, moving toward and beyond a tithe (10%).

Worksheet

Individual or household weekly income:

\$ _____

Current weekly giving:

\$ _____

Use the chart below to find the percentage closest to your current giving:

_____ %

consider growing by at least 1% to new percentage of:

_____ %

My new weekly giving amount from the chart below:

\$ _____

		Weekly Giving					
Annual Income	Weekly Income	12%	10%	7%	5%	3%	1%
\$ 5,000	96.15	11.54	9.62	6.73	4.81	2.88	.96
\$ 10,000	192.31	23.08	19.23	13.46	9.62	5.77	1.92
\$ 15,000	288.46	34.62	28.85	20.19	14.42	8.65	2.88
\$ 20,000	384.62	46.15	38.46	26.92	19.23	11.54	3.85
\$ 30,000	576.92	69.23	57.69	40.38	28.85	17.31	5.77
\$ 40,000	769.23	92.31	76.92	53.85	38.46	23.08	7.69
\$ 50,000	961.54	115.38	96.15	67.31	48.08	28.85	9.62
\$ 60,000	1,153.85	138.46	115.38	80.77	57.69	34.62	11.54
\$ 70,000	1,346.15	161.54	134.62	94.23	67.31	40.38	13.46
\$ 80,000	1,538.46	184.62	153.85	107.69	76.92	46.15	15.38
\$ 90,000	1,730.77	207.69	173.08	121.15	86.54	51.92	17.31
\$100,000	1,923.08	230.77	192.31	134.62	96.15	57.69	19.23
\$125,000	2,403.85	288.46	240.38	168.27	120.19	72.12	24.04
\$150,000	2,884.62	346.15	288.46	201.92	144.23	86.54	28.85