



*“All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.”*

*It has been said that generous people are the happiest on earth. As awareness dawns that God gives us everything we have and everything we are, how could we not be moved to return those gifts to God for the sake of the church, the world, and all people in need?*

*Here at Grace, we thank and praise God for you and for all the ways you have enriched our ministries with gifts of time, talents, and financial resources.*

*If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please see any member of the Giving to God team:*

*Ken Seiler, Chair*

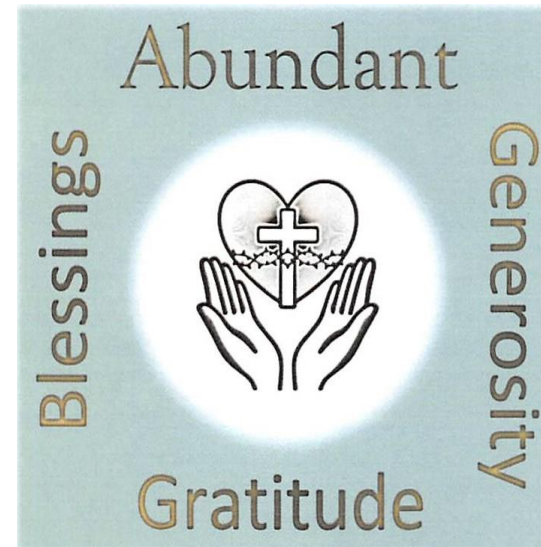
*Jaime Snyder, Wendy Walter, Pastor Raabe*

**Giving to God** is truly about our relationship with God. We express our love in our giving – both financially and serving – as a reflection of our *Gratitude* of the abundant gifts that we have been given.

As our awareness of God’s goodness deepens, a spirit of gratitude grows within us. When we approach ‘Giving to God’ in a spirit of *Gratitude*, we do so knowing that God has already given us what we most need for a life of abundance.

During the month of October, the Giving to God team asks that you reflect on your commitment to Grace Lutheran Church. As you know, we rely on your gifts and talents to sustain all our ministries of love and service in the Hatfield community and beyond. Without you, we simply could not respond to the call to discipleship using the best of the abilities and resources God has given us.

# GIVING TO GOD



It is the Mission of  
Grace Evangelical Church

To Glorify God  
To Grow In Faith  
To Give In Service  
Together In Christ

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## • Pledge Cards

Pledge cards will be mailed to each home and will also be available in church each Sunday. We ask that you prayerfully consider completing a pledge card and return it by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Place your pledge card in the provided envelope and either mail it to the church or place it in the offering basket.

## FAQ's regarding Pledge Cards/Financially Giving:

• **What is a Pledge?** When a church asks its members to “pledge”, it is seeking a statement of estimated giving intent for the year to come. For each giver, this sets a giving goal for the coming year and assists church leaders in making financial plans for the church and its many ministries.

• **How Much is Enough?** While the biblical standard of giving is a tithe, it is recognized that it is not possible for everyone. The church encourages you to try ‘growth giving’ – and increase your giving each year as you are able. We ask that you seek God’s guidance and consider the ways we can Glorify God .

• **What if I cannot meet my Pledge?** – It is understood that circumstances can change throughout the course of the year. You will **never** be contacted about the status of your giving. Giving reports/statements are provided for your information only.

**How is My Privacy Assured?** Use and seal the provided response envelope. Only the Council-appointed Financial Secretary sees submitted pledges and manages a separate system for recording pledges, tracking giving and producing giving reports.

• **What if I am not in a Position to make a Financial Pledge?** The pledge card offers you the option of committing to supporting Grace Lutheran Church without making a specific dollar amount. This is a personal commitment and states that while there may be uncertainty in your current circumstances, it is your intent to support the church as you can.

• **Why does my pledge matter?** Our pledge card, regardless of amount, says that “I am a part of a community of Christ, a Child of God”. It helps us to put our money where our mission statement is ... *To Glorify God, Grow in Faith, Give in Service, Together in Christ.*

## • What Ways Can I Give?

• Offering envelopes can be placed in the offering basket on Sunday, mailed, or placed in the mailbox outside the entrance doors

• Simply Giving – Electronically have your offering taken out of your account – you can determine how often and the amounts.

• By Credit Card/Website

• Via Text

*Please see any member of the Giving to God team for more information*



## Time & Talent

***God calls us to use our gifts of time and talent to serve others in our church, the community and the world. Please consider joining a team that can utilize your gifts in ministry and service:***

- *Worship and Music*
  - *Communion Assistant*
  - *Acolyte*
  - *Usher*
  - *Lector*
  - *Choir*
- *Property Team*
- *Church Council*
- *Communication Team*
- *Outreach*
- *INreach*
- *Giving to God*
- *Giving in Service*
- *WELCA*
- *Sunday School*
- *Confirmation and Youth*
- *Stitchers of Grace*
- *Stepping Stones*
- *H3C*
- *Laymen Playmen*
- *Bread Drop*
- *HEART*



ALWAYS THANKFUL  
**FOREVER  
GRATEFUL**  
ABUNDANTLY BLESSED

