

Abundance A Way of Life

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Another part of our ministry excellence is to care for those who are homebound or experiencing trials of any kind. We also provide for our children, young adults, adults and older adults through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth programs, the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and Bible Studies.

Everything we do here, we do with



excellence. We honor God by keeping our ministry excellent. But sustaining our ministry excellence requires that we replace donations from members whose circumstances have changed or who have joined the church triumphant. It requires that we plan for increases necessitated by inflation or insurance adjustments.

Please pray for a generous response to this year's Appeal Drive and please prayerfully consider your own response. In our giving, we say thank you to the Lord for sustaining and nourishing our faith through the work of Christ Lutheran. The chart on the back of this insert may help you calculate your gift in response to God's gifts to you.

Your joyful and generous participation will help us sustain our ministry excellence. This chart can offer guidance as you prayerfully consider your intention for 2023.

Study the chart. See where you are now on the current giving chart. Ask yourself these questions:

- How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- Am I called to increase my personal giving in 2023?

Calculating your Gift

The following is helpful in calculating weekly or monthly giving to Christ Lutheran Church for a 12-month commitment.

Per Week	Per Month	Per Year
\$2	\$9	\$104
\$5	\$22	\$260
\$10	\$44	\$520
\$15	\$65	\$780
\$20	\$87	\$1,040
\$30	\$130	\$1,560
\$40	\$174	\$2,080
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