

Abundance A Way of Life

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In answer to the first point, any amount you give is gratefully accepted and how much you give is between you, your family and God *only*. Christ Lutheran Church leadership only asks that you do spend time in prayer before deciding what that figure is. Involve God up front, not as an afterthought.

If you are looking for some guidance on how many Christians decide to support their churches, you may want to consider proportional giving. This is the practice of setting aside a portion (a percentage) of your income to support the work of the church. The amount depends on your income and the percentage you choose. The chart on the back of this insert can assist you in determining where your current contribution falls in terms of proportional giving and what it would mean to increase your giving.



In answer to the second point, you are being asked to submit a Statement of Intent card, not a signed contract. Circumstances change, both in positive ways and in negative ways. Christ Lutheran leadership works to keep abreast of these changes and to respond appropriately.

While prayerfully considering your own response, please also pray for a generous churchwide response to this year's Appeal Drive. Let's all say thank you to the Lord for sustaining and nourishing our faith through the work of Christ Lutheran.

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?

Proportional Giving

The following is helpful in calculating your yearly giving to Christ Lutheran Church based on your annual income

Annual Income	10%	9%	7%	5%	3%	1%
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,050	\$750	\$450	\$150
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$1,750	\$1,250	\$750	\$250
\$35,000	\$3,500	\$3,150	\$2,450	\$1,750	\$1,050	\$350
\$45,000	\$4,500	\$4,050	\$3,150	\$2,250	\$1,350	\$450
\$55,000	\$5,500	\$4,950	\$3,850	\$2,750	\$1,650	\$550
\$65,000	\$6,500	\$5,850	\$4,550	\$3,250	\$1,950	\$650
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$6,750	\$5,250	\$3,750	\$2,250	\$750
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
\$125,000	\$12,500	\$11,250	\$8,750	\$6,250	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$10,500	\$7,500	\$4,500	\$1,500
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