

# Christian Stewardship at Resurrection Lutheran Church



Belonging to God means living gracefully and gratefully in response to God's love.

Grateful living involves viewing all of the life as a gift and trusting in God's grace to provide us with whatever we need to be content and well.

Grateful living means living as people whose lives have been transformed by God's grace.

Grateful living involves sharing our gifts generously in thanksgiving to God and for the benefit of others.

Sometimes we may think of such giving as what we ought to do - a responsibility or obligation. Other times we may think of such giving as what we really want to do - a joy or privilege.

Grateful living involves giving to our church in ways that can be both a duty and a delight:

- 1) Duty: we are called to respond to God's grace by supporting our church with contributions appropriate to our means. The biblical benchmark is 10% of income (tithing).
- 2) Delight: when the goodness of God takes hold of us, we become joyful, generous people who offer cheerful sacrifices to God and for the benefit of others.

Giving a regular financial offering to Resurrection is grounded in a "first fruits" biblical principle. Your generosity is not an afterthought; it's a first thought, an integral part of our day-in and day-out joyful response as a child of God.

In addition to financial offering, God calls us to be generous in all areas of our lives and invites us to explore the many opportunities we have at Resurrection to share ourselves through our time and talent. How has God blessed you, and how can you share your giftedness to bless the congregation and the wider world?