



Dear members and friends of Christ Ascension,

This month the church collects pledges of how much money you are planning to give as offerings in 2012. You can put your pledge in the offering plate on November 6, 13, or 20. You can also mail it or email it to the church office.

Your pledges help us set our budget for the coming year. These offerings make up about two-thirds of our annual income. This money funds the church's mission, including worship, visitations, education, and outreach. It also supports ministries around the city, state, nation and world. Your donations are put to good use and are greatly treasured by the people who benefit from them.

For 2012, please consider setting aside a percentage of your income for the congregation. The Bible offers the model of a tithe (10%). On average, Lutherans in the United States give just over 2% of their income. If we could find ways as a congregation to get closer to 5%, then our ministries will not just survive but flourish.

While giving money away can seem hard, I have learned much from the generosity of others: if the people I respect could be so giving of their time, talents and treasures, then so can I. Also, since I often forget to write a check or find an offering envelope on a Sunday morning, I now use *Simply Giving*, a program for making electronic donations. This way, my giving to the church is a regular part of my budgeted finances.

Please pray about what stewardship means for you. With your help, Christ Ascension will keep growing and our ministries will continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, here and beyond.

Many thanks for all you do and are,
Pastor Martin Lohrmann

Planning Your Pledge to Christ Ascension

Annual Income	Pledging 10%	Pledging 5%	Pledging 3%	*Weekly \$ @ 10%	*Weekly \$ @ 5%	*Weekly \$ @ 3%
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$750	\$50	\$25	\$15
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$100	\$50	\$30
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$2,250	\$150	\$75	\$45
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$200	\$100	\$60
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$4,500	\$300	\$150	\$90
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$400	\$200	\$120

* Rounded to 50 weeks

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"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of faith" (Galatians 6:10)

Name _____

My commitment for the year 2012 is \$ _____

Address _____

City _____

I would like to enroll in Simply Giving _____

State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____

I would like to talk more about stewardship _____

Email _____

Thank You!

You can give your pledge in worship with the offering, by email (office@christascension.org), or mail (8300 Germantown Ave., Phila. PA, 19118)