



GOOD NEWS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. – Isaiah 52:7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our mission at Good News is to help people find **relief** from life's distressing **noise** by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's **good news**. In every worship service, Bible study, and Sunday School lesson, we want people to hear the good news of what Jesus has done for them and experience the peace, joy, and hope that come with it. We also want to help others find the same thing—both in our local community and throughout the world.

As we carry out this mission together each year, our annual “Commitment Drive” helps us make our ministry plans with confidence.

Each year we ask each family to 1) spend some time reflecting on the financial blessings God has given them and how they can use those blessings to help spread the gospel, and 2) **anonymously** share with our congregation's leaders what they plan to contribute financially to our ministry in the coming year (July '26-June '27).

We do this hoping that it will first of all benefit our families. Being able to use our material resources to participate in Jesus' saving mission is a tremendous blessing. God invites us to do that intentionally, generously, and cheerfully. Hopefully this exercise facilitates that. Second, we want to model wise management of all that God blesses us with as a congregation. Rather than setting a budget and then crossing our fingers that we get enough offerings, we want to base our budget on what the families of Good News tell us they plan to give.

So thank you in advance for your participation! It's immensely valuable as we continue to carry out our important mission together.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out both sections of the enclosed form (Parts 1 and 2).
2. Place Part 1 (“Personal Commitment”) in the addressed envelope. Seal the envelope to ensure confidentiality.
3. Place Part 2 (“Offering Estimate”) in the anonymous estimate envelope. Seal the envelope.
4. Place both envelopes in the offering basket on **May 10, 17, 24, 31, or June 7**, or fill out the online form.

ONLINE FORM



The “Personal Commitment” envelope will remain sealed and will be mailed to you in January as a reminder of your commitment. The anonymous “Offering Estimate” form will be used to assist our congregation's leaders as they make ministry plans for the coming year.

1. PERSONAL COMMITMENT

With God's blessing, I/we plan to dedicate the following percentage of my/our income for the spread of the gospel at Good News:

____% 4% 5% 6% 7% 8% 9% 10% 11% 12% 13% 14% 15% ____%

Therefore, I/we plan to contribute a total of \$_____ to the church each **week/month/quarter/year** (circle one) for the spread of the gospel at Good News, including the work we do throughout our nation and around the world as part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Place in the addressed envelope marked "Personal Commitment." This envelope will remain sealed and will be mailed to you in the middle of the budget year.

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2. OFFERING ESTIMATE

Estimate of my/our offerings for the spread of the gospel at Good News, including the work we do throughout our nation and around the world as part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

\$_____ per...

- week
- month
- quarter
- year

Place in the envelope marked "Offering Estimate." This anonymous estimate will assist us as we make our ministry plans and accompanying budget for the coming year.

Once you have this form filled out, you may use the online form (available at www.goodnewslc.org/ministry-plan) to enter your information. You will only be asked to enter the information from Part 2 of the form and will be able to do so anonymously.