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TANQUE VERDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Be Renewed Toolbox

Practical Ideas for Living & Giving Generously

Nearly every day, we make financial decisions. Some are small – should you make a cup of coffee at home or splurge for the Pumpkin Spice Latte at Starbucks? Some are big – which house, which car, which college? Some concern the future – how much should you spend on Christmas, which retirement funds should you choose?

Probably the most challenging decision we make with money is the decision to give. Giving creates tension. We wonder, “If I give this away, how will the gap be filled?”

That’s why giving is such a big deal. Nothing invites God into our lives like giving. Giving is a tangible way we declare our trust in and commitment to God. Giving often paves the way for God to show up in our lives in a powerful way.

Giving is not just a financial decision - it’s a deeply spiritual decision.

We’ve put this generosity toolbox together to help you consider how God has blessed you and is inviting you to a place of greater trust during the Be Renewed campaign. You’ll find ideas that will help you pray and consider how God will have you participate. Our prayer is that you would experience the power of God in your life as you seek to follow Jesus and share his love through generous giving and living.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Josh



The most effective path to generosity is a spiritual path where you set your heart on things above. Then, your financial priorities will naturally flow out of your spiritual priorities.

People often describe this as “living a generous lifestyle.” It is always a temptation to give to God in such a way that it makes little impact on how you live. The challenge of living a generous lifestyle is to intentionally and prayerfully find ways to do just that – to let your giving touch your living!

King David declared,
“I will not give to God that which costs me nothing.”
(2 Samuel 24:24)

He understood that the value of the gift presented to God is determined by its value to the giver.

A gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the life of the giver! This is the spirit of lifestyle generosity — “If it is for my God, my gift must have meaning and value to me.”

Lifestyle generosity is a level of giving that affects you – your plans, your activities, your attitude and your approach to life. It means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another.

During weekend services on November 13 and 14, our TVLC family will have the opportunity to celebrate God's grace and generosity as we complete our Estimate of Giving cards for the Be Renewed campaign.

Your commitment card is enclosed. Please complete and return it on November 13 or 14. Below is an example of the Estimate of Giving card.



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2022 Estimate of Giving

Please contact me/us with information about:

- Help with setting up online recurring gifts
- Making a gift of appreciated assets or from an IRA
- Giving through my/our Estate Planning (*will, insurance beneficiary, etc.*)

MY / OUR COMMITMENT

I/We will trust in the Lord with all our heart. I/We will honor the Lord with my first fruits. I/We estimate giving to the Lord's work/ministry through our church next year as follows:

Annual Estimate of Giving \$ _____

I/We plan to fulfill this commitment:

Weekly Quarterly

Monthly Annually

Your information. Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

I understand this estimate of giving may be revised or canceled at any time at my request.



Following are creative ways to give that perhaps you haven't thought of before or may not be aware of.

1. PRIORITY BUDGETING

You may choose to rearrange your priorities and give up something in your current budget in order to grow in your giving. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, remodeling, or other major purchase.

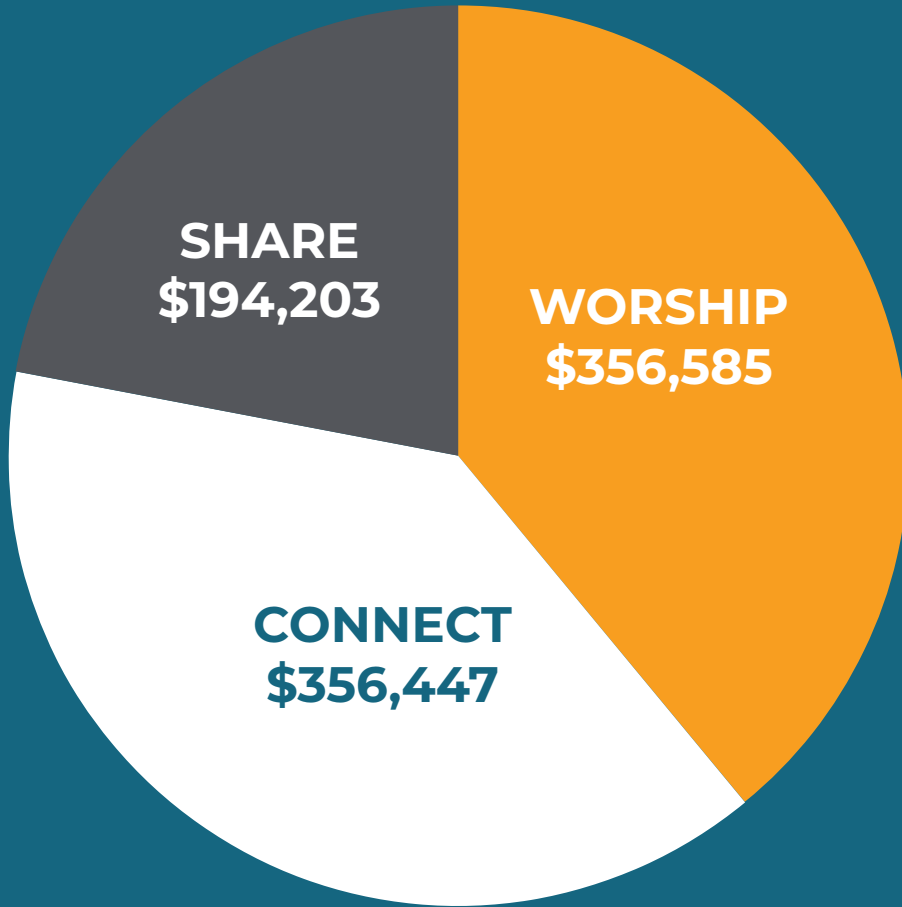
2. APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own assets that have achieved tremendous unrealized gains in value over the years. That is good news. The bad news is that if these assets were sold, a significant portion of the gain could be lost to taxation. Gifts of appreciated assets – typically investment securities or real estate – can be advantageous to both the giver and the church.

3. IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70.5 in age or older and have an IRA there are certain advantageous rules for you. Please contact your financial planner or accountant to learn more about how to give in this manner.

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BUDGET



WORSHIP

We come together each week to experience and celebrate God's grace, revealed to us through the word and sacraments. We are uplifted by the music, encouraged by the message, and strengthened by God's spirit that unites us. Pastors, musicians, support staff, resources and spaces for worship make this possible.

CONNECT

We come together to build authentic relationships where we grow in our faith, share God's joy, and support and care for each other. This is realized through the work of our pastors, children and student ministry leaders, support staff, communications, supplies, and spaces and resources.

SHARE

We come together offering our gifts and resources to serve our community and world, making a far greater impact together than we could on our own. We support the greater church, global, regional and local ministry partners including ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, Interfaith Community Services, our TVLC Preschool and Kindergarten, and the facilities and staff to support all that we share.

PERSONAL PLAN FOR GENEROSITY MONTHLY GIVING

ANNUAL INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	TITHE 10%	12%	15%
\$20,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$250
\$30,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$375
\$40,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$500
\$50,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$625
\$60,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$650
\$70,000	\$117	\$233	\$350	\$467	\$583	\$700	\$875
\$80,000	\$133	\$267	\$400	\$583	\$667	\$800	\$1,000
\$90,000	\$150	\$300	\$450	\$600	\$750	\$900	\$1,125
\$100,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$125,000	\$208	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,563
\$150,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,875
\$175,000	\$292	\$583	\$875	\$1,167	\$1,458	\$1,750	\$2,288
\$200,000	\$333	\$667	\$1,000	\$1,333	\$1,667	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$250,000	\$417	\$833	\$1,250	\$1,667	\$2,083	\$2,500	\$3,125
\$300,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,750