

YOUR GRATEFUL GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

The generous and grateful sharing that our church members and friends are doing is changing lives in our congregation and in our community!

1. Over 1,000 children are served through our children's ministries
2. Over 800 youth are served in our sixth through twelfth grade youth ministry
3. Over 450 adults are involved this month in weekly small groups, Disciple classes, and other classes
4. In our six mission trips this year, we involved 114 youth and adults
5. 10 persons helped with the construction of a recent Habitat for Humanity home in Aurora, another 10 others participated in the golf tournament to help fund the house. Three people are heavily involved in Habitat Interfaith Alliance organization meetings and duties
6. Our music ministry now includes 19 different music groups from children to youth to young adults and adults
7. 80 children between the ages of 5 and 11 participate in our children's choirs
8. Our Holy Pretzel Youth Choir with new director Elizabeth-Ann Rowilson now has 65 members in its first month of rehearsals
9. 200 of our members and friends have been involved in seven book study groups since June for Marcus Borg's new book *Speaking Christian*
10. Our Children's Learning Center currently serves 217 children each week and has earned a reputation for excellence in our community. 75% of the children are not from our congregation
11. We have five persons who are now trained and committed as mentors for persons recently released from prison
12. So far in 2011, our Rainbows Program for children who are experiencing grief from separation, divorce, remarriage or death of a parent has served 41 children and 18 adults. Most of these participants are not from our church but are from our surrounding community
13. Our well used building hosts seven twelve step recovery groups each week
14. So far this year 62 persons have joined our church

15. 34 youth are participating in the current confirmation class. They will join the church in November.
16. Since January, our members and friends have prepared 1,200 sack lunches to offer to hungry and homeless persons through our Outreach ministry
17. Our congregation serves almost 2,000 members and another 2,000 or so constituents
18. We also serve our church family and our community by hosting Alzheimer's education groups, a brain injury support group, a Divorce Recovery group with 18 participants, a Grief Support group with 10 participants, and we have begun a new class for Stephen Ministers

These exciting and transformational ministries are made possible through your generosity, and they only represent a portion of what we do together at St Andrew Church!

- The weekly cost of these supporting these programs is a little over \$60,000.
- The average pledge from our members and friends who make an annual pledge is \$3,205.

We also are being very responsible stewards and managers of the financial gifts of our congregation. Here are ways we are saving.

1. Room scheduling linked to HVAC software to keep temps at below/above occupancy temp levels until occupied
2. High efficiency boiler software saves energy
3. Motion detectors for lighting in many areas of new building
4. All grounds maintenance performed by facilities team (and one terrific volunteer)
5. Vast majority of landscaping is native grass/low water shrubs
6. All vendors routinely audited for fees/benefits/best practice
7. Majority of building maintenance performed by facilities crew
8. All snow removal of walks, steps and driveways performed by facilities team and volunteers
9. Reception and work room duties performed by volunteer team
10. Volunteers produce our church newsletter
11. Facilities Director position unfilled
12. One facilities team position unfilled
13. Annual financial audit with national firm with very positive evaluations each time

Giving Guide Gratitude Stewardship Campaign

This year we invite you to experience **Gratitude** as you offer your estimate of giving card for 2012. We encourage you to find greater gratitude and generosity as you put God first and as you experience the joy that comes from knowing our gifts honor God and change lives. As we offer our financial blessings to God through our tithes and offerings, we will grow deeper in our faith. Through these gifts, we invest in God's vision and purpose and create an opportunity for God to work through us. Our gifts to God each week are an act of worship, and our offerings are vitally necessary to change lives.

WHY IS GIVING IMPORTANT? The Bible has much to say about wisdom and giving. 2,300 verses tell us to be generous and good stewards of our resources. Jesus taught generosity. He demanded that his followers serve, not wealth, but God.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME? The Bible teaches us to give a tithe, or the first 10 percent of what we earn, to God and the church's work. For some, giving one tenth is a very difficult goal. For others, it is the starting point, and their giving far exceeds 10 percent. The important thing is that you start somewhere. If you are not yet tithing, consider taking a step toward tithing this year. If you now give 3 percent consider increasing your gift to 4 percent, and then add 1 percent each year until you reach the tithing goal. Our prayer is that everyone will grow in his or her faith through giving financially to the ministries of the church. Through giving you will experience the joy and blessings that come from financial generosity.

Everything we have belongs to God.

"A tithe [tenth] of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." —Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

WHY RETURN AN ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD? The process of prayerfully asking God to guide your decision and then making a commitment to serve God with your financial gifts is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and praise to God. And, your commitment allows our church to budget and better plan for our ministries, key objectives, and mission outreach programs.

WHAT IF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PROHIBITS ME FROM MAKING A COMMITMENT THIS YEAR? Don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from worship. God honors your faithfulness, and your acceptance at St. Andrew Church is not based upon your capacity to give. Even if your financial commitment is limited, we ask that everyone return an estimate of giving card. You can always increase or decrease your commitment when your situation changes. Our pastoral staff will pray for and support you during any difficulty and classes are available to assist members in managing all that God gives them.

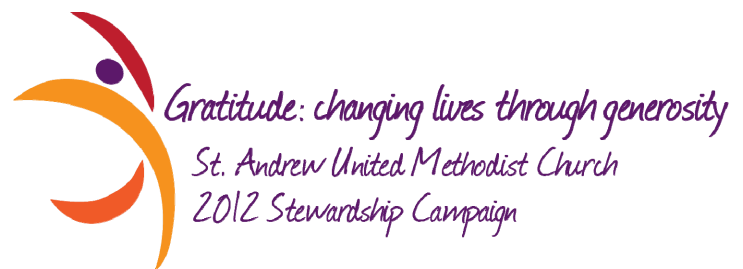
To whom much has been given...

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." —Luke 12:48 (NIV)

WHY TURN IN A NEW COMMITMENT CARD EACH YEAR? Financial situations change, and if we are growing in our faith, our annual commitment will reflect that giving growth. Our church budget is based upon the growing commitments of our congregation.

SHOULD I USE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER?

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the easiest, most cost-effective giving option for both you and the church. EFT reinforces your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God first. Your gifts will be received on a regular basis, even if you are out of town or you forget one week. It also reduces the need for additional staff to process offerings. An estimate of giving card is needed each year authorizing the electronic funds transfer. For more information contact us at 303-794-2683 and ask for the Accounting Department.



ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME	ANNUAL PLEDGE										
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	15%
\$20,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,800	\$3,200	\$3,600	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$60,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$6,000	\$9,000
\$80,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$5,600	\$6,400	\$7,200	\$8,000	\$12,000
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$120,000	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$4,800	\$6,000	\$7,200	\$8,400	\$9,600	\$10,800	\$12,000	\$18,000
\$140,000	\$1,400	\$2,800	\$4,200	\$5,600	\$7,000	\$8,400	\$9,800	\$11,200	\$12,600	\$14,000	\$21,000
\$160,000	\$1,600	\$3,200	\$4,800	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$9,600	\$11,200	\$12,800	\$14,400	\$16,000	\$24,000