

**Growing as  
Disciples and Stewards**  
*Living In and Living Out God's Grace*



**Celebration and Faith Promise Weekend,  
October 20 & 21, 2018**

Dear Disciples and Stewards,

Over these past weeks, our congregation has been in a conversation about the meaning of growing as disciples and stewards. We have explored the faith/discipleship practices of pray, study, worship, invite, serve, and give. Hopefully, our conversation has enabled you to consider more and connect the dots of faith and life.

The last two faith/discipleship practices that we have considered is “serve” and “give.” On Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21, 2018 we will gather for our Faith Promise Weekend indicating how we can serve and give, sharing what God has first given us. There are two foundational reasons why we serve and give. The first is that our serving and giving is a heart filled with joy and delight for God’s gift of grace in Jesus Christ. The second reason for our serving and giving is from a sense of duty, again in response to God’s grace, to support the ministries of congregation in boldly proclaiming God’s grace in Jesus Christ.

This fall, each disciple at Grace Lutheran Church is being invited to prayerfully consider how you might grow as a disciple and steward. To help you in this prayerful consideration is a **“Discipleship Practice Form”** and **“Growth in Giving Chart”**. Please use the “Discipleship Practice Form” to prayerfully consider how you can grow as a disciple. The “Growth in Giving Chart” can help you prayerfully consider how to grow as a steward. As a guide to financial giving, please prayerfully consider a tithe or 10% of your income as a gift of joy and gratitude in response to God’s generous gift of grace. If you need time to grow into the tithe, you are invited to prayerfully consider growing your present giving by 10%. In other words, if you are presently giving \$50 per week, an increase of 10% would be \$55 per week.

**If you currently give electronically, use the enclosed form to increase your giving.**

**If you don’t currently give electronically,**

1. Fill out the enclosed Faith Card and mail it in the enclosed envelope or return it in worship on October 20 & 21 to register your increase, or
2. Complete the enclosed electronic giving form and mail it in the enclosed envelope or return it in worship this coming week to sign up for electronic giving, or
3. Simply begin giving at your new level.

Please put our Faith Promise Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21, 2018 on your calendar. In the meantime, please be praying about how you might grow as a disciple and steward.

Together, growing as disciples and stewards,

*Pastor Ken & Pastor Amanda and your  
Stewardship Committee—Cathy Buhrow, Alan Wilson and Denise Klabunde*