

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 STEWARDSHIP LETTER

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" - 2 Corinthains 9:11

This year we are focusing on "Generosity". Calvary celebrates its 75th Anniversary this Fall. You have been so generous through the years. Your generosity has allowed for new buildings to go up, impacted the community of Calvary, and mentored the faith journeys of hundreds of young children and youth. Your generosity spills over into acts of volunteerism and in the praises that we offer to our generous God that we offer at worship. This anniversary year we heard stories of how Calvary's generosity has inspired sisters and brothers of the Calvary family to pursue full time ministry careers. We can all call to mind the generosity of a teacher, a confirmation guide, a mission trip, a pastor, a music team, a staff member, or a care package brought from the church. You can participate in the ministry with your weekly partner offering gifts. God has been so generous to us. We are inspired to be generous in return. We are generous with treasure, time, and talent.

Here are some learnings that we have shared recently on "Generosity". Generosity is the virtue of being liberal in giving. Generosity is the act of being kind, selfless, and giving to others. Generosity also paradoxically increases our well-being. With God's generosity flowing into our lives, generosity becomes a matter of our hearts, and we become generous to others. Generosity involves kindness, compassion, and love through acts of giving. Generosity is how we make an impact in our community.

Generosity is what we ask of all of you. Generosity for our Church as it continues to serve its mission and all of us. Generosity as we share in the gift of our community. Calvary needs your Generosity to continue to do all that we have done for the past 75 years and into our next stage of our future. Become a part of the shared successes that we will celebrate in the future years to come.

"The whole testimony of scripture is a witness to the generosity of God. God's acts in creating the world, calling forth a people, forging a covenant, sending a savior, and empowering the church are all acts of divine generosity." "(We) know the wondrous gifts of creation, of life itself, of the material bounty of the earth, and of the spiritual gifts of 605 gratitude we give back to God and others is at the core of "(who we are)."Once we understand the generous nature of God and our call to participate in God's generosity, so many other parts of our faith story come into clearer focus" "Generosity is an instrument of God's reconciliation and inclusion." "It is the means by which God brings forth the abundant life that Jesus promises." "And the most exciting thing of all is that God invites us to partner in this miracle of redemption by inviting us to be generous as God is generous."

- Ann Michel, Lewis Center for Church Leadership



We have created a simple pie chart here to chart how your faithful partnership offering dollars are spent during the year. You may find your heart moved to share more generously in one of these areas over another. We all give from that special place in our heart. Please know that each and every gift goes to the full partnership umbrella of all of Calvary's ministry and mission.

The Calvary Lutheran faith community represents 598 family units who give an average partner gift of \$1,348 a year, or \$26 a week. On the enclosed "Statement of Intent 2025" Form we encourage you to A. Figure out what your annual offering gift to Calvary represents, and B. Take up the challenge to jump to the next level of giving. Bring this to church and place it in the offering plate or simply mail it back to the church. **Our Celebration Days are Saturday November 2, Sunday November 3, and Wednesday November 6 when we share in a processional offering as part of our worship services.**

God Bless you in your "Generosity" discernment, Interim Senior Pastor Randy Fett, Calvary Generosity Team, Finance Team, and Church Council



2025 Calvary Generosity Challenge

Consider jumping to the next level in giving.

Yearly amounts given and number of giving units at each level.



<u>"Base" Platinum Level</u>, celebrating Calvary's beginnings, a gift of \$20 a week. \$1 - \$999.00 - 229 givers

<u>"Full Partner" Silver Level</u>, celebrating Calvary's first 25 years of history, a gift of \$38 a week. \$1,000 - \$1,999 - 85 givers

<u>"Builder" Gold Level</u>, celebrating Calvary's first 50 years of ministry, a gift of \$96 a week. \$2,000 - \$4,999 - 67 givers



<u>"Legacy" Diamond Level</u>, celebrating the 75 years of history, "Diamond Jubilee Anniversary" of Calvary. A gift of \$481 a week. \$5,000 - \$25,000 - 38 givers