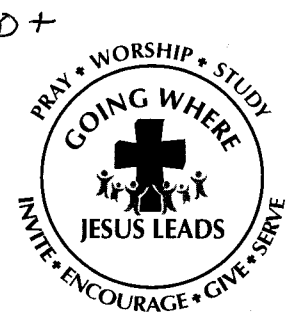


Faithful Givers - \$500+

Zion Lutheran Church

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Dear Zion Members and Friends,

At worship this past Sunday, we heard Luke's account of the disciples asking Jesus to "Increase our faith!" Jesus responded to their request by instructing them about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. Jesus encouraged them by stating that if they had faith the size of a mustard seed, they could do great things in service to the kingdom of God. We would do well to apply this teaching to our stewardship. Stewardship and generosity are an act of faith. Whether our giving seems large or small, like a mustard seed, in our estimation, God can do great things with what we give.

Because of your generosity, God is doing great things right here at Zion Lutheran Church. We provide joyous, enriching, Spirit-filled worship for those who join us in person and those who join us on Facebook Live. The giving of time, talents and treasures of many make this happen. Opportunities for faith formation are offered to children, youth and adults through SPARK, confirmation classes and other educational programs. Bibles and other devotional and educational resources are given to children in our congregation and community, as well as adults. We provide and maintain a beautiful and functional church building used by our members for worship, learning, fellowship, and the like, as well as by community non-profit organizations. Youth activities are provided and more exciting youth programs will take place in the future through our Menominee Valley Conference youth ministry team, with Zion being a host site. We reach out into our community with financial and hands-on support for a variety of social needs and benefits. Members and friends who are homebound have Communion and attention brought to them by our Caring Ministry team. In partnership with other congregations in the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we support camp ministry, campus ministry, pastoral education support, support of seminaries and church colleges, new mission church development, worldwide missions that spread the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and care for those in need, and so much more. Your faithfulness and generosity are making all this happen. For this we thank you and praise God.

Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, said, "For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." He went on to say, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." Your faithful giving in the past demonstrates that you share with us the joy and "cheer" that results from and motivates generosity. We are truly appreciative of your generosity towards God's ministry through Zion. As we look forward to a new era in the life and mission of Zion with the next pastor God will send us, let us endeavor together to enter that era with financial strength.

Included in this letter you will find an Estimate of Giving card. We ask you to prayerfully fill out this card and bring it with you to worship on Sunday, October 23rd for the "Faithful Blessings Celebration." If you cannot be there on October 23rd, please mail or drop of your card to the church office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

The Stewardship & Generosity Committee

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