



Gathering together in growth and grace is such an important part of who we are as a faith community. Jesus promises in Matthew's Gospel, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." When we gather together, we connect with each other not only for our own good, but for the good of our community and the world. We give thanks to you for providing your time, talent and treasure in so many of the ministries at Midvale Lutheran. Your financial commitment allows us to make an impact on the lives of so many people.

Pastor Blake and Pastor Katie and the Stewardship Committee

Please return your commitment by November 5, 2023.

You can do so by:

- Mailing the enclosed paper form to church or placing it in the offering plate
- Filling out the online form at [midvaleluthern.org/serve-share/financial-giving-and-stewardship](https://midvaleluthern.org/serve-share/financial-giving-and-stewardship)
- Using the QR code

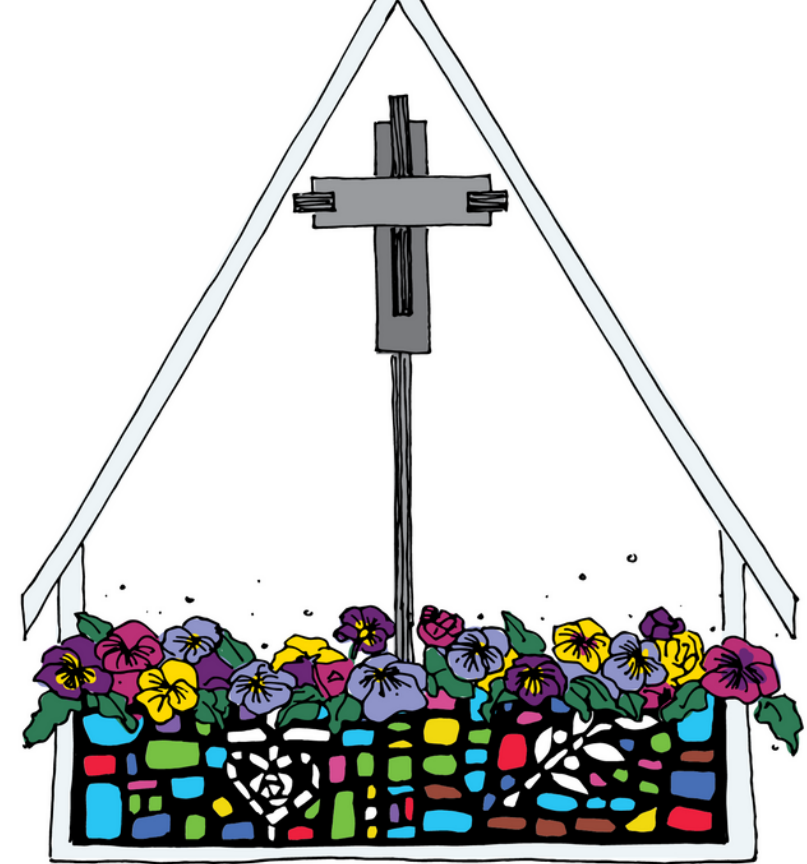


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**We hope that you will strongly consider giving electronically through automatic withdrawal using the enclosed worksheet or recurring online giving (which can be set up using the "Give Now" button on our website). Not only does it give the church needed consistency, but there are so many advantages to you:**

- It is convenient and easy
- You never have to worry about sending in a check again. You can even earn miles or points if you use your credit card!
- You can help save the environment and save Midvale Community Lutheran money by using less paper and postage

# GATHERING IN GROWTH AND GRACE



**How you can help support our mission and daily ministry**

MIDVALE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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[midvaleluthern.org](https://midvaleluthern.org)

## GOD IS CONNECTING US TO EACH OTHER

- Sunday School (104 children enrolled in 2023) and Vacation Bible School (58 children enrolled in 2023 and 22 crew leaders)
- Worship offered in person and online and special music shared by our choir, worship band and other musicians
- Weekly Adult Forum connecting our faith to current events
- Women's Circles and Men's Group
- Bible Studies throughout the year
- Summer Adult Bible School on creativity



## GOD IS CONNECTING US TO OUR COMMUNITY

- St. Mark's Food Pantry (24 deliveries of up to 8 bags of groceries each time)
- Second Harvest Food Bank (28 youth volunteered over the summer of 2023)
- Participated in national Guns to Garden Tools Day (receiving 18 firearms to turn to garden tools)
- Provided shelter this summer for those without air conditioning and for those affected by poor air quality because of the Canadian wildfires
- Allied Drive eviction prevention program
- Dane County Jail Ministries
- National Alliance on Mental Illness- Dane County chapter
- U.W. Lutheran Campus Ministries

## GOD IS CONNECTING US TO OUR WORLD

- Refugee ministry – Supporting the Bykov family who fled the war in Ukraine (just over \$45,000 donated by parishioners)
- Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilters and LWR school, baby and personal care kits
- Lutheran Social Services addiction recovery, mental health and housing
- ELCA World Hunger
- Bright Stars of Bethlehem educating youth in the Holy Land

We are making an impact! An increase in your giving for 2024 is vital to our daily ministries. One option to determine your giving is the Biblical tithe, a percentage of your income as an expression of thanks to God. Begin with 1, 2 or 3%. One day you may reach a full tithe of 10%. All commitments are appreciated!

A note about the Building Fund: We are not asking for pledges for the Building Fund for 2024. Our goal is to pay off our current mortgage by the end of 2023 - we are in need of an extra \$30,000 to do so. Any gifts above our expenses in 2023 or gifts designated for the Building Fund will help! Any gifts exceeding our mortgage balance will be a down payment on the Ministry Wing project.