

#godsgraceyourhands

Where to Give



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God has a hope to restore all of creation. We believe that God is working towards that goal through the work of God's church. God's work. Our hands.

We believe that God has given this gift to you for the purpose of blessing the world. We don't believe God's generosity is meant to be stored up in jars and vaults. It is meant to be shared.

Here is the deal..

Use this gift to bless someone, or some organization, in need within your personal network. You can give as an individual family or partner with other families to make a bigger impact. You can give it as you received it, or you can grow it by adding to it yourself or inviting others beyond our church to join this grace filled movement with their contributions. God has given this to you, unmerited and unrestricted, how are you going to help it bless someone?



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What ignites a spirit of love, joy, or kindness in your heart?

If you are stumped, here are some of our current mission partners that you might consider.

Habitat for Humanity

Help Families Find Stability & Housing In Greater Cincinnati
<https://give.habitatcincinnati.org>

Haitian Timoun Foundation

Support a bold way of tackling poverty in Haiti that's about dignity, not dependence.
www.htflive.org

Vida Eterna Iglesia Luterana (V.E.I.L)

Support the mission of a diverse, bilingual, Christian Latino community. www.lol-lutheran.com/give

ELCA World Hunger

Help in creating a world where ALL are fed.
www.elca.org/hunger

"Sharing what God so graciously gave us: Our selves, our time, and our possessions. "

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God's Work. Our Hands.

God's Grace YOUR Hands.



Instructions



We are blessed to be a blessing, so look for those around you who are in need of this kind of blessing right now. People near or far to you, strangers, organizations close to your heart, etc. Do not consider re-gifting this back to the church – it is meant for our community!



Practice some discernment. Whether it be prayer or conversations with your family and friends, ask for guidance on where God might be calling you to respond to a need. God may speak to you clearly or it may take some time. Listen!



If you have children ASK THEM where God might be calling you to respond to a need. Kids often have a very unique perspective and may be more in tune with a specific or local need that we otherwise might overlook.



We are asking you to complete this challenge by October 20th. We will be cancelling any unused checks on Oct 21st, and the funds will be directed to another area of need.



SHARE WHAT you have done with us! We know Lutherans aren't the loudest denomination but we want to hear the stories of how God moved you to respond. Details for how to share can be found on the What Now page of this pamphlet.



If the situation allows, please share the included postcard with whomever you choose to offer this gift so they can learn more about this mission we are on together at Good Shepherd.

Our Hopes and Prayers

Generous God,

That when our neighbor is in need, we would respond with generosity.

That when our neighbor is suffering, we would respond with comfort.

That when our hands are able, we would offer them in support of our neighbors.

That in all of our ways, words, and works, we would be a clear reflection of the unmerited favor that you have shown all of your people. That we would be a people defined by Love and Grace.

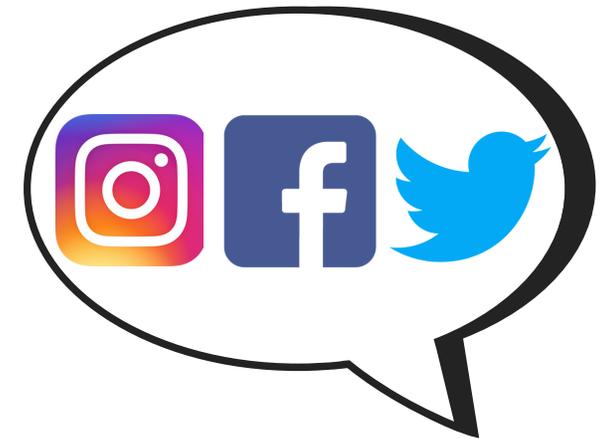
Amen.

What Now?

Tell us the story!

We know many others will be inspired to hear how Jesus used you and your gift to make an impact in this community. So head over **goodshepherd.com** where you will find an online form to submit your story of God's grace at work in the world.

If you took pictures or videos of your family in action, you can email those to media@goodshepherd.com (make sure you have the permission of others in any photo or video).



*Don't forget to share your story on your favorite social media platforms and include the hashtag...
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Share God's Grace, Grow our Faith, and Serve our Neighbor

