

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Loving, Living & Sharing Christ



Empowered by Grace!

November 1, 2017

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In the coming weeks, our congregation will be involved in an exciting stewardship emphasis titled *Empowered by Grace!* By God's grace, we are given life, and that same grace that makes life possible empowers us to live fruitful and productive lives. Grace motivates us to be loving, serving, and giving people. Growing in an intimate relationship with Jesus through Word and Sacrament, we are transformed more and more into his likeness, and we can look forward to hearing "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Under the banner of *Empowered by Grace!*, you are invited to join us in both worship and Bible studies. The weekly themes are:

- *"Empowered by Grace to Know Your Purpose"*
- *"Empowered by Grace to Serve"*
- *"Empowered by Grace to Witness"*
- *"Empowered by Grace to Give"*
- *"Empowered by Grace to Do Your Best"*

During these five weeks, we will learn how God wants to use us as his channels of love, grace, and mercy. As God's instruments, we become his hands, feet, and mouth. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can be the faithful people he has called us to be. *"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy"* (1 Corinthians 4:2). What God entrusts to us, God asks us to manage faithfully. God lovingly grants most of us families, friends, church, work, and material blessings, and, most important, the Gospel. We demonstrate our faithfulness and trustworthiness by sharing the Gospel with those near and far.

Please bring the enclosed commitment form to worship on commitment Sunday, December 3rd. It is our prayer that, as you attend the worship services and the Bible studies, you will grow in your understanding of what God wants his people to be and do. May God bless your faithful stewardship of all that God entrusts to you.

Serving and working together in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric O. Olsen".

Reverend Pastor Eric O. Olsen, Pastor

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Lord, empower me by your grace to be a faithful steward!

- I (we) promise to worship regularly.
- I (we) commit to diligent study in God's Word.
- I (we) will commit to praying for the ministry of my church.
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My (our) firstfruit offering percentage: _____%.

\$ _____ per week, totaling \$ _____ annually.

- I (we) can't make a financial commitment at this time, but will support and pray for the work of the Lord.

My (our) weekly offering will be \$ _____.

Name(s) _____

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Percentage Giving

Firstfruits, Proportionate and Generous

(Expressed in \$ commitment per week)

Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	Full Tithe		
										10%	11%	12%
\$15,000	2.88	5.77	8.65	11.54	14.42	17.31	20.19	23.08	25.96	28.85	31.73	34.62
\$20,000	3.85	7.69	11.54	15.38	19.23	23.08	26.92	30.77	34.62	38.46	42.31	46.15
\$25,000	4.81	9.62	14.42	19.23	24.04	28.85	33.65	38.46	43.27	48.08	52.88	57.69
\$30,000	5.77	11.54	17.31	23.08	28.85	34.62	40.38	46.15	51.92	57.69	63.46	69.23
\$35,000	6.73	13.46	20.19	26.92	33.65	40.38	47.12	53.85	60.58	67.31	74.04	80.77
\$40,000	7.69	15.38	23.08	30.77	38.46	46.15	53.85	61.54	69.23	76.92	84.62	92.31
\$45,000	8.65	17.31	25.96	34.62	43.27	51.92	60.58	69.23	77.88	86.54	95.19	103.85
\$50,000	9.62	19.23	28.85	38.46	48.08	57.69	67.31	76.92	86.54	96.15	105.77	115.38
\$55,000	10.58	21.15	31.73	42.31	52.88	63.46	74.04	84.62	95.19	105.77	116.35	126.92
\$60,000	11.54	23.08	34.62	46.15	57.69	69.23	80.77	92.31	103.85	115.38	126.92	138.46
\$70,000	13.46	26.92	40.38	53.85	67.31	80.77	94.23	107.69	121.15	134.62	148.08	161.54
\$80,000	15.38	30.77	46.15	61.54	76.92	92.31	107.69	123.08	138.46	153.85	169.23	184.62
\$90,000	17.31	34.62	51.92	69.23	86.54	103.85	121.15	138.46	155.77	173.08	190.38	207.69
\$100,000	19.23	38.46	57.69	76.92	96.15	115.38	134.62	153.85	173.08	192.31	211.54	230.77

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