

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



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As we prepare to return our Statements of Intent in worship today, we would like to share a couple words from our Council members on their excitement about our ministry moving forward:

It has been wonderful to see so many people attending church this fall - not only our members but new faces as well! You can feel the excitement in the air every Sunday, especially when we see families and their children - they bring so much energy!! I am so grateful for the fellowship that we have together as a faith community as it feeds my soul and brings me great joy. Looking forward to more additions to programming and using our new technology to help create what our future will look like together.

Lori Purdham

Our congregation is so friendly and welcoming it's reassuring to see everyone together again moving into the "new normal". While we managed to continue the Social Ministry projects during the Covid shut down, they took on a slightly different look and were never up close and personal. We are excited to see our Meals on Wheels clients in person again, to continue the neighborhood food drives, to participate in the **Every Meal** program with Chelsea Heights, and it's exciting to think about an "in person" mission auction/ celebration this year. It feels good to have the "social" back in Social Ministry.

Mary Loschy

Keeping our ministry strong will enable us to dream about an ever-growing ministry into the future. Take time this week to reflect on the ways in which connection to our ministry has impacted you and those you know and love in the past year and start dreaming about what God may be up to here moving forward.

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DECIDE TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Little has ever been accomplished without sacrifice. This is true in our homes, our work, our church, our country. Sacrifice is a necessary component of successful living.

Much of church giving is only token giving, averaging about two percent of income. We have given only what we could easily afford, what we would not really miss.

Experience has shown that giving, to be meaningful and joyful, has to be sacrificial! Each will have to determine what amount or percentage is sacrificial for their circumstances. Experience shows that sacrificial giving begins at five percent of income with proportions under five percent falling into the token giving category.

Our givers have been so gracious during our capital campaign, showing great interest in the Church. Your continued giving to the operational funding of Como Park Lutheran Church is a sacrifice that will ultimately bring joy to you and the community. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (**Luke 12:34**) Where is my treasure? That is where you will find your heart.

