

How do I determine what to give to Grateful and Faithful?

When considering what to give above and beyond your regular giving to the church, this is ultimately a decision between you and the Lord. Remember, this is not what God wants **from you** (God doesn't need your money!), this is what God wants **for you** (to grow your generosity, joy and devotion to Jesus!). Seek wise counsel, talk about it as a household and ask the Lord to lead you to a decision. On the back page are several ideas for you to consider.

What would it look like for our church family to significantly reduce or even eliminate our \$7.3M debt?

It would look like every household excited about this Grateful and Faithful vision, seeking the Lord for how to grow in generosity and responding in a way that will demonstrate joy, sacrifice, gratitude and worship.

For the whole church family - God is the owner and we are the stewards. Many of us will participate through regular monthly giving over 24 months:

Gift/Month	Total Gift	# Givers	Total Churchwide
\$25/month	\$600	100	\$60K
\$50/month	\$1,200	100	\$120K
\$100/month	\$2,400	50	\$120K
\$250/month	\$6,000	50	\$300K
\$500/month	\$12,000	50	\$600K
\$1,000/month	\$24,000	50	\$1.2M

For those with greater capacity - God has entrusted greater wealth to some of us, who will participate through a one-time or monthly gift from the abundance that God has already given:

Total Gift	# Givers	Total Churchwide
\$50K	12	\$600K
\$100K	8	\$800K
\$250K	6	\$1.5M
\$500K	4	\$2M

My Grateful and Faithful Commitment

JUNE 2026-MAY 2028

I/we plan to give a total of \$ _____ (above and beyond my regular giving) to the Debt Campaign over the next two years.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Campus I attend: Sprecher Road DeForest Northside Madison

Drop this card in an offering box or use the QR code to submit online by Commitment Sunday, May 31, 2026. Any questions? Contact Leigh at lfeldmann@doorcreekchurch.org.

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6 Creative Ways to Join *Grateful and Faithful*

1. As an Obedient Step Toward Tithing – Give the Gap

Many of us have learned about the wisdom of the tithe (giving 10% of our income back to the Lord through the ministry of His local church) and many of us have felt the Lord's kind nudge toward this worshipful practice. But perhaps you haven't yet taken that step of joyful obedience. Here's an idea—Give the Gap. Whatever the difference is between your current percent of giving and a tithe, commit that amount for two years as your gift to Grateful and Faithful. See how the Lord meets you, grows your faith and provides through such a decision!

2. Get Finances in Order and Join In for the Second Year

It's not that you're stingy; it's just that you're strapped! It seems every month the paycheck runs out before the days do. You know you need to make some significant changes, pay down some debt, adjust your standard of living and take care of some things. As the Lord leads, take these next 12 months to do that! Join our Financial Peace University Class, find a financial coach or planner (we have some recommendations), take the steps you need to take to steward your finances in a way that honors God and consider joining us for the second year.

3. Treasures in Our Home

Many of us have items at home we no longer use or need—things that could be valuable to someone else. From jewelry and collectibles to vehicles, appliances or equipment, consider what you might sell. Ask the Lord for wisdom, then experience the joy of simplifying and giving the proceeds to this Grateful and Faithful effort.

4. Appreciated Stocks & RMD's

The S&P has returned 24% in 2023, 23% in 2024 and 16% in 2025. For those with money in the market, you have likely experienced a great increase in your portfolio (sounds similar to Jesus' story in Luke 12:13-21, "the land of a rich man produced plentifully..."). Jesus expects His followers to consider God and eternity as we make decisions about what it means for each of us to be "rich toward God." And we wonderfully live in a country that incentivizes giving appreciated assets to your local church!

5. Sacrifice / Downsize / Delay

There is a unique joy in saying NO to something good for a season so that you can say YES to something better! How might this help you to participate in Grateful and Faithful?

- Drive your junkie car for two more years? Say yes to repairs but not to an upgrade?
- Downsize the vacation budget and look for ways to find the same fun and rejuvenation for a fraction of the cost?
- Postpone a home project?
- Give up eating out once a month? Sacrifice a splurge for a season?

6. Unexpected New Funds Over Next 24 Months

Maybe at the heart level you just say, "Lord, with any unexpected or generous increase that comes my way over the next two years, let me be quick to talk with you about Your desire for those funds."