



Rekindle
the
Gift

“Giving to God’s Church is about the relationship that God has with of us. He seeks us always. It is about the relationship we have with each other. We join in community to praise and sing of the wondrous and great love of God. This may be part of the answer...”

MARCUS KOCHIS

Rekindling God’s Gift of Generosity

We seek to serve and to be generous not because God requires it for our salvation, but rather in thanksgiving for all that God has given to us. When we approach our lives with a living, daring faith in God’s abundance, we are freed from the fear of scarcity. Imagine changing your entire perspective to one of abundance: how would your life change on a daily basis? In your interaction with others? When we reframe our lives in such a way, we truly Rekindle the Gift of generosity.

2 Timothy 1:5-7 *I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lo’is and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you. 6 Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.*

Step 4: Have Faith and Assume Sufficiency Not Scarcity

Many fear they will not have enough to live on. This is called The Scarcity Assumption. It is human and natural but it is not Christian.

For our faith teaches us that God will provide sufficiently for all our needs if we but trust in God’s promises. And this is so even when we give away the largest portion or amount that we have ever given(!) ** seems we are overdoing the use of the explanation point?

So we must have faith that a good and gracious God will continue to provide for us in the future as God has in the past. And as God has promised to do!

We are to trust God as did Abraham of old and so many others throughout the pages of the Bible. These examples were written for our instruction and for our assurance. We must learn to give in faith with the assumption of sufficiency, not scarcity. God will provide for God cares for us.



Frequently Asked Questions About Our Campaign

Why am I being asked for two pledges?

In order to avoid the confusion of two campaigns (Rekindle the Gift and our annual stewardship drive), we have combined them. In doing so, you may prayerfully consider your commitment to both the operations of First Lutheran Church, focused on supporting our 2020 ministry, and the Rekindle the Gift three-year commitment, focused on renovating the Peel House for enhanced ministry within and outside of our church walls. We ask that you complete both forms at the same time.

How long does the campaign last and when do we begin making our contributions?

Contributions toward the Rekindle the Gift campaign will continue for up to three years. Contributions may

begin January 1, 2020 (or before if it makes sense for your particular financial situation).

Will I be told how much to give?

Absolutely not! Information about the gifts necessary to meet our important campaign's goal of \$3,100,000 will be provided to all members. You and your family will be asked to prayerfully consider two pledges; one for a three-year financial commitment to the Rekindle the Gift campaign as well as another for your annual commitment to next year's stewardship effort. In preparation for these decisions, we ask that your family open your hearts and minds to what God is calling you to do through prayer, Bible study, and worship.

Will gift amounts be published?

No, only the amounts for the entire congregational response will be celebrated.

Weekly Giving Chart

