

**Q: What is automated giving?**

A: Automated giving is an automatic transfer that allows you to make contributions to your church without writing checks.

**Q: What is the advantage of automated giving?**

A: You can prioritize your stewardship plan within your budget. It will save you time. You can also help your church stabilize its budget.

**Q: How is my automated giving deducted from my account?**

A: Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to your church's account.

**Q: When will my contribution be deducted from my account?**

A: On the date that you select. You never have to worry about forgetting a contribution.

**Q: If I don't write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?**

A: Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.

**Q: Without a canceled check, how can I prove my contribution?**

A: Your church will include your automated giving on your contribution statement and your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers.

**Q: What if I change bank accounts?**

A: Notify us and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.

**Q: How much does the automated giving cost?**

A: Nothing. And it saves you time.

**Q: Is an automated contribution risky?**

A: No. It's safer than writing a check. It can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed.

**Q: Will the information I provide be used to solicit me for other business?**

A: No. The information provided will only be used to process the electronic transfer of funds.

**Q: What if I try it and don't like it?**

A: You can cancel your authorization by notifying us at any time.

**Q: How do I sign up for automated giving?**

A: Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church office along with a voided check or savings deposit slip. We will begin the program on the date you select.

**Q: Who do I talk to if I have more questions?**

A: You can contact Penny Houchin, our Finance Specialist, at 372-1571 x2302 or [phouchin@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:phouchin@stpeters-columbus.org).



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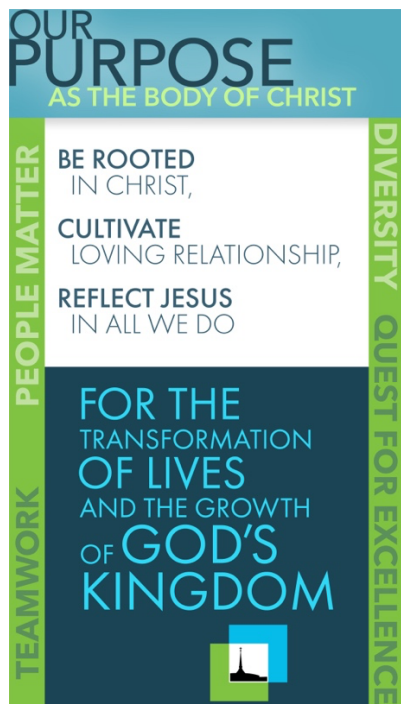
## Faithful Giving

is an automated giving program of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Faithful Giving offers a simple way for you to use electronic funds transfers to give your contribution.

## Faithful Giving benefits you

- ❖ Give from the first fruits of your income.
- ❖ Safe, reliable way to move your stewardship plan into action.
- ❖ You pay no fees to participate in this program.
- ❖ You determine the frequency of your automatic gift (weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly).
- ❖ You can choose a checking or savings account for your automatic gift withdrawal.
- ❖ You can increase or decrease your gift at any time.
- ❖ You no longer have to write checks ... saving you time.
- ❖ Your gift is given consistently, so you won't have to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about missed offerings.



## Authorization Agreement for "Faithful Giving"

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) hereby authorize St. Peter's Lutheran Church to initiate debt entries to my (our) account as indicated below:

### Account

Please take my contribution directly from my:

☐ Checking Account

☐ Savings Account

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Routing (ABA) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Or attach a voided check or savings deposit slip.

### Frequency

☐ Weekly (will be transferred on Mondays)  
(divide annual tithe by 52 for amount)

☐ Semi-monthly (will be transferred on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month)  
(divide annual tithe by 24 for amount)

☐ Monthly (will be transferred once each month, choose 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> below)  
(divide annual tithe by 12 for amount)

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> of month

☐ 15<sup>th</sup> of month

Amount Per Withdrawal

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date

This authorization will remain in effect until I (we) give reasonable written notification of its termination.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit to: Penny Houchin, Finance Specialist  
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