

Preparing for Pathways to Generosity



- Between now and November 12 examine your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to Christ.
- Reflect on the understanding that stewardship is about raising disciples, not money.
- Read the daily devotional in A Generous Life and pray for God's guidance in your personal finances.
- Decide what percentage of your income to give consistently.

JOIN US!

RESPONDING SUNDAY
November 12, 2023
8:30am & 11:00am

During this time of celebration, we encourage you to:

- Pray for God to lead you on new steps in your faith journey.
- Deepen your sense of generosity and gratitude.
- Discover the joy of giving.
- Complete your 2024 Estimate of Giving Card during worship.
- If you are unable to attend, we will mail you an Estimate of Giving Card the following week.



You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.
2 Corinthians 9:11 NRSV

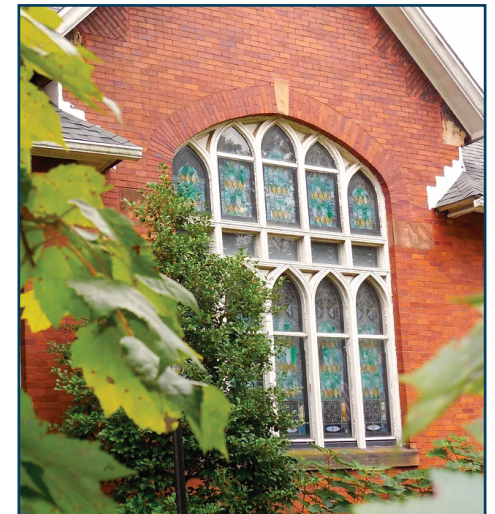


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2024 Campaign @CalvinChurchZelie



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NRSV



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P2G MISSION

Calvin is a gift, an open, inclusive, and affirming healing haven where faith, compassion and authenticity meet.

PATHWAYS TO GENEROSITY

GOAL

Stewardship is not our way
of raising a budget.
It is God's way
of raising disciples.

*"Pathways to Generosity"
is an opportunity to discover the
joy of growing in your relationship
with God as you experience
living generously.*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and
self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23

WHY TALK ABOUT MONEY?

It's a Spiritual Issue

Stewardship is directly linked to our journey of discipleship. How we use our resources is primarily a spiritual issue, not a financial one. The quality of that decision is determined by the spiritual condition of our heart.

Jesus Talked About It

Jesus spoke openly about money and possessions. About two-thirds of the parables and about one in every ten verses in the Gospels address this very issue. As followers of Jesus, we should not be reluctant to talk about giving as an outward expression of our love for Christ.

It's Not About the Budget

In stewardship campaigns, it can be tempting to approach the financial needs of the church as if we were simply funding the budget. In Pathways to Generosity, we acknowledge that living generously is an inseparable part of our following Christ. God does not need our money; rather, we need to give it as an act of gratitude and trust.

It's About Trust

As we learn to trust God more and follow Christ's teaching more faithfully, we learn to depend less on ourselves and more on God, relinquishing attitudes and habits that impede our relationship with God.

WHY MOVE ALONG THE GIVING PATH?

It is God's intention that we grow more generous and take bigger steps in our giving as we become more aware of how richly God has blessed us in Christ.

THE GIVING PATH

As we walk on the Pathways to Generosity, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

STEPS ALONG THE GIVING PATH

GIVE

Regular and intentional giving.

COMMIT

Give a specific percentage of your income to give.

PRACTICE

Increase the percentage of income working toward 10%.

TITHE

Give 10% of your annual income.

SURPRISE

Give an amount above the 10% tithe.