



*Every  
Life  
for  
Christ*

*St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church  
Oakfield, Wisconsin*

*October 2007*

Fellow Members of St. Luke's:

We have a great blessing from God in our church and school! We have so much to be thankful for! And best of all, we have our Savior and eternal life in heaven to look forward to!

In our personal lives, we believe that God will always give us everything we need from day to day. We believe this because in his Word God promises us his help and blessing in our every need. If we think we don't have enough, it's probably because we want more than we really need.

We also believe this in regard to our St. Luke's Congregation. God will bless us with everything we need in our church and, if we don't have enough, it's probably because we want more than we really need.

Right now God isn't blessing our church with large enough offerings! We're spending about \$25,000 a year more than our members are giving. So we need to ask ourselves some hard questions. Don't our members fully appreciate the blessings God gives us in our church and school? Is this why the support isn't there? Or, is God perhaps telling us that we want more than we really need in our church? Is it time to trim down our budget?

The best people to answer these questions are the members of our congregation. And that's what we are asking you to do in the weeks ahead. If we want to continue carrying on the Lord's work as we are presently doing, we need a 15% increase in our present level of giving to our General Fund. If God gives us the strength and ability to make this increase, we've got our answer! If this is not the case, we either need to go deeper into debt or trim our budget.

We are asking you to express your thoughts as you return your 2008 Giving Plan form. If you have any questions, please contact a member of our church council.

We need your prayers everyday,

*Ken Arndt*

St. Luke's Church Council

Ken Arndt, Chairman; John Sankey, Recording Secretary, Dan Rosenau, Treasurer;  
Tim Panzer, Financial Secretary; Carl Lehner, John Roehl, Ed Marley, Art Pahnke, Dave Holz

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain," Philippians 1:21



**Envelope #: 1**

**Name.....:** John & Jane Doe  
245 Second Street  
Oakfield, WI 53065

Thank you for returning your Giving Plan for 2007 a year ago. According to your plan, we are counting on you to give \$ 520.00 in regular General Fund offerings during 2007. (\$ 10.00 per a week)

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have recorded \$ 390.00 in regular General Fund offerings from you (\$ 10.00) per week). We thank you for any other gifts and offerings you have given in the past nine months.

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## GIVING PLANS

After careful thought, prayer and out of love for Jesus, we (I) plan cheerfully to give

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **PER WEEK**

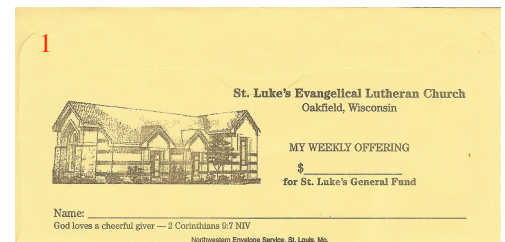
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as our (my) regular **General Fund** offering to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church in 2008

**Name..:** John & Jane Doe

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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



Please return by **November 11<sup>th</sup>** to St. Luke's



## St. Luke's Lutheran Church

245 Second Street  
Oakfield, WI 53065  
9/30/2007

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<b>Fund</b>	<b>Per a Week</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 390.00
Other General Funds	\$ 1.00	\$ 39.00
Other Funds	\$ 1.00	\$ 39.00
<b>Total Given:</b>		<b>\$ 468.00</b>

\* No Goods or Services were received for these contributions  
If you have any questions please call Tim Panzer at (920) 583-2081

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Based on your giving in 2006, we are counting on you to give \$ 785.00 in regular General Fund offerings during 2007. (\$ 15.10 per a week)

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have recorded \$ 315.00 in regular General Fund offerings from you (\$ 8.08 per week). We thank you for any other gifts and offerings you have given in the past nine months.

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As a member of St. Luke's, we are thinking that you will give at least \$1.00 a week in General Fund offerings during 2007.

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have recorded \$ 35.00 in regular General Fund offerings from you (\$ 0.90 per week). We thank you for any other gifts and offerings you have given in the past nine months.

## What is our present level of giving?

**During the first 9 months of 2007 the average weekly giving to our General Fund by our members was ...**

### Members 14-20 years old:

Per week average giving: \$ 2.00

### Members 20-30 years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 3.75

Married members: \$ 18.00

Married couples: \$ 2.00

### Members 30-40 years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 12.00

Married members: \$ 5.75

Married couples: \$ 16.50

### Members 40-50 years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 20.75

Married members: \$ 17.50

Married couples: \$ 30.00

### Members 50-60 years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 5.00

Married members: \$ 14.50

Married couples: \$ 51.00

### Members 60-70 years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 16.25

Married members: \$ 10.75

Married couples: \$ 36.00

### Members 70-80 years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 11.25

Married members: \$ 24.25

Married couples: \$ 38.00

### Members 80+ years old:

Per week average giving

Single members: \$ 11.25

Married members: \$ 4.00

Married couples: \$ 49.75

- 1) This listing does not include the offerings of members who gave less than \$1.00 per week.
- 2) The age of married couples is based on the husband's age.
- 3) The amount listed for married couples includes two members.



Per a Week	
\$	1.83
\$	3.72
\$	18.08
\$	1.83
\$	12.08
\$	5.73
\$	16.47
\$	20.79
\$	17.49
\$	29.92
\$	4.17
\$	14.58
\$	51.00
\$	16.12
\$	10.82
\$	36.12
\$	11.28
\$	24.36
\$	38.07
\$	11.31
\$	4.00
\$	49.70
\$	22.29