

## For the Mission and Ministry of First Lutheran Church from Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 2013

I/We give thanks to God for our many blessings, and I/we pledge to First Lutheran Church for 2013:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  Weekly  Monthly  Quarterly  Annually (check one)

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

**Reminder: Please complete a Get Connected form and Stewardship Survey.  
Our goal is to receive a response from every member household.**

### **Please respond by:**

- Putting this card in Janice Eberenz's mailbox in the church office
- Mailing this card to First Lutheran, 3600 W. Friendly Ave., 27410
- Saving this card to your desktop and emailing it to [janice@firstlutheran.com](mailto:janice@firstlutheran.com) as an attachment
- Contacting Janice, 292-9125, Ext. 104 or [janice@firstlutheran.com](mailto:janice@firstlutheran.com)
- Also, contact Janice if you want to debit your pledge from a bank account.



## **Frequently Asked Questions About Giving**

### **How much do I give?**

Our gifts are just that—gifts. We encourage you to pray about this, to think not about dollars but about a percent of your income you want to share with God. What you decide is between you and Christ. Some people find it helps to plan giving as part of a regular monthly budget.

### **What is a pledge?**

A pledge is an estimate of how much FLC members and friends intend and hope to give to mission and ministry. They write the estimate on a pledge card and return the card to the church. While the primary pledge season is during the fall, pledges can be made or changed at any time during the year.

### **Why is a pledge important?**

Because the church's annual Mission and Ministry Plan reflects our priorities. When members tell us what they expect to give, we can plan mission and ministry.

### **What if I have a financial problem and cannot meet my pledge?**

Simple. Just contact Janice Eberenz, Director, Administration Ministries, in the church office and let her know that your circumstances have changed and that you need to change your pledge.

### **How do I actually give my money?**

Most people write checks. Others give online through our website. Some have their bank accounts drafted. Some give stock. A few even give cash in an envelope with their name on it!

### **Thank you for pledging.**

While church leaders and/or pastors will thank you for pledging, only Janice Eberenz knows the amount you pledge.

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