



Giving Options

This handout is provided to help answer the many questions that can arise in deciding how to share your financial gifts to Lord of Life Lutheran Church and the missions we support. If at any time you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the church office. We will be happy to help!

Lord of Life Lutheran Church operates based on a promise offering. Your offering is a promise made between you and God. We do not ask for pledge cards for annual offering.

When you join Lord of Life Lutheran Church, you will be assigned a "Giving Number" which is often referred to as an envelope number. This is your way of quickly communicating to us who you are so you may get appropriate credit for your gifts on your charitable Giving Statement. Remember, we have a number of folks that share the same last name so, regardless of the contribution option you use, include your Giving Number to ensure proper credit to your record. If you have given prior to joining, your giving number will not change upon joining.

Envelopes

You can choose to receive envelopes. This option will provide you with an envelope for each Sunday of the year and a monthly envelope for our Gratitude Gift. In addition to the monthly envelopes, you will receive "special" envelopes for the special worship offerings such as Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas, etc.

HOW DO I ENROLL?: You are automatically enrolled to receive envelopes when you become a member of Lord of Life. **If you do not want to receive envelopes, please notify the office. Please continue to use your Giving Number.**



Summer Address Change

If you are a member who "goes north for the summer" and you wish to receive your giving envelopes at your summer address, please look for the Address Change Form. It takes 45 days to either stop your envelopes for the summer or have them redirected to your summer address.

Electronic Giving

You can choose to sign up for electronic giving. This automated stewardship program is designed to make your contributions to Lord of Life through a secure electronic banking transaction. We have 2 banking options to choose from.

Upon enrollment your contributions are automatically forwarded to the church from the account or credit/debit card of your choice. All types of contributions can be set up for this program – regular offering, mission support, gratitude gift, etc. With this option, you will only receive envelopes for the special worship offerings.



Direct debit (ACH) and debit cards have the lowest fees charged to the church for their use. The church is charged the highest fees for credit cards.

How Do I ENROLL?: Visit www.lolaz.org/donations, text LOLAZGIVE to 833-750-3196 or stop in the church office for personal assistance.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you invest with Thrivent, you can choose Lord of Life as a recipient of your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars are received from Thrivent and not the donor directly; therefore, Choice Dollars will not be reflected on your Giving Statement.

How Do I ENROLL?: Watch for communications from Thrivent for this program.

Charitable Programs

Many financial institutions have similar programs to the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. Ask your financial advisor if these programs exist at your financial institution. As these funds are received from financial institution and not the donor directly, contributions made through these 3rd party charitable programs will be noted on your giving statement as non-tax deductible contribution to Lord of Life.

QCD

Consider a QCD for your giving to the church. This type of giving can reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI) while also satisfying the required minimum distributions from your IRA. As the tax benefit of this type of contribution is the reduction of your AGI, QCD's will be noted on your giving statement as non-tax deductible contributions to Lord of Life.

How Do I ENROLL?: Talk with your financial adviser.

Stocks and Bonds

We are happy to accept the gift of stocks and/or bonds as a way to give to the church. Your broker will require our Broker's name and account number to process your request. We are not given donor information on stock transfers. To receive contribution credit, please call the church office and advise them of the transfer. Your Giving Statement will reflect the amount of the gift on the moment it is transferred to our account.

HOW DO I ENROLL?: Have your broker transfer the stock to our brokerage account. **TD Ameritrade Acct. #: 430154044, DTC #: 0188**

Endowments, Annuities or Trusts

Lord of Life accepts endowments, annuities, and trusts. Also, please consider remembering Lord of Life in your will. Please contact the church office for more information.

Charitable Contributions

The pastors and staff of Lord of Life are not qualified to give tax or investment counseling. This flyer should not be construed as tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional.

Your Giving Statement will be mailed/emailed out to the address we have on file before the last week of January for the prior year's activity. If you want your statement sent to a different address, you must let the office know.

Your Giving Statement will only reflect contributions made by you, directly to the church, in support of the church or the missions it supports.

If you provide cash gifts to the church, you **MUST** include your Name or Giving Number in order to receive credit for the contribution. We cannot be responsible for correlating unidentified loose cash to an individual.

We have many folks with the same last name; please use your Giving Number or your full name to identify yourself.

Love Gifts given to the church for pastors, staff or congregation members are gifts to the individual with the church acting only in an administrative clearing capacity. These will appear on your Giving Statement. Love Gifts given directly to pastors, staff or congregations members will not appear on your Giving Statement.

Tickets or freewill offerings for events, books or concerts are not recorded as contributions; these will not be reflected on your Giving Statement.

Contributions made from: 1.) a 3rd party at your direction or 2.) by a 3rd party who has directly sent you a donation receipt or 3.) a QCD which reduces your AGI will be reflected on your Giving Statement as a non-tax deductible contribution to Lord of Life.

Helpful Hints

Please do not fold cash, checks or envelopes. Please do not use tape, glue, stickers, staples or paper clips to close your envelopes or to keep items together inside your envelope.



Each contribution only needs one envelope, even if it is intended to apply to multiple weeks. Recycle those that you don't use. You may also give us one check and let us know how to divide it up – we can do that!

Funds not designated to a specific ministry or mission will go to regular offering. If you wish to designate all or a portion of your contribution to a specific ministry or mission, simply note the recipient and the amount directly on the envelope, memo field of the check or comment section of the on-line donation.

Checks should be signed and dated with Giving Number on the memo line. The written and numeric dollar values must match. Debit and credit cards can also be used in the church office during regular office hours.

Office staff is often asked which giving method is preferred. Please know that we are grateful for (and are happy to process) ANY giving method, but the method that saves the most time and cost efficient is electronic giving using and ACH or debit card. We are happy to help you set this up.

Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.

- Leviticus 27:30

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