

#PRESTONMEADOWGIVES

WHERE TO GIVE



God has presented a special opportunity for us to participate in Christ's mission of grace and to show our community the great generosity of our God! We believe the gift you have received this morning in worship is not by accident. God has arranged for you to be where God needs you to be right now. The idea is simple: use this gift to bless someone, or some organization, in need in your personal network. You can do it as an individual family or partner with other families to make a bigger impact. You can give it as you received it, or you can grow it by inviting others beyond our church to join this joyfully generous moment with their contributions. When we have done this experiment with our 4th graders during their yearly stewardship milestone, some children have grown their gifts up to 400% by simply asking for people to join them!

...wherever God speaks to your heart!

PMLC Cornerstone Missions include:

The Haitian Timoun Foundation (a child sponsorship is \$360/yr, lift an entire family out of ultra-poverty for a one-time gift of \$1,500) www.htflive.org

MOSAIC: they give a life of possibilities to those with disabilities. www.mosaicinfor.org

The North Texas Food Bank www.ntfb.org (every \$1 donated provides 3 meals)

ELCA World Hunger www.elca.org/40days

**JOYFUL GENEROSITY:
WE'RE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING AND
JOYFULLY SHARE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US!**

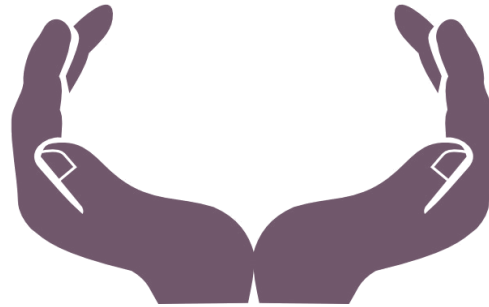
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INSTRUCTIONS

- ☞ We are blessed to be a blessing, so look for those around you who are in need of this kind of blessing right now. People near or far to you, strangers, organizations close to your heart or our church, etc. *Do not consider re-gifting this back to the church – it is meant for our community!*
- ☞ Enter a time of prayer for God's Spirit to lead you to the organization or person in need right now. You may hear from God immediately or in a couple of days. Pay attention to where God pulls your heart.
- ☞ If you have children who are helping, take time to listen to all the ideas. Let them lead in the conversation as they are often way more perceptive and in tune to needs around us than we think. You can consider splitting the gift so each child's greatest cause receives attention.
- ☞ **We ask that you complete this activity by Easter, April 1.** We will cancel any outstanding checks remaining after 30 days, and the funds will be directed to another area of need.
- ☞ Lutherans are really good about giving money and not letting anyone know about it. Let's break that trend! After the activity, share with us the good news of your outreach. More info is on the back page for how to tell us your story of impact.
- ☞ Share on your social media networks about receiving the gift and any plans you might have with it! Spread the message far and wide about God's generosity toward us.
- ☞ If the situation allows it, hand out the included postcard along with the gift so people can know more about your church.

PRAYER



Dear God, in Christ Jesus you have given us abundance of life. You provide daily for our needs, and you bless us so that we can bless others. Thank you for this gift now received. We pray you open our eyes to those in need of your grace and move in our hearts to be joyfully generous toward others. All we have is a trust given from you; we are your managers in this time and place. May we all be found faithful and welcomed into your eternal kingdom. In Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

POST-GIVING

Now that the giving part is over, it's time to tell the story.

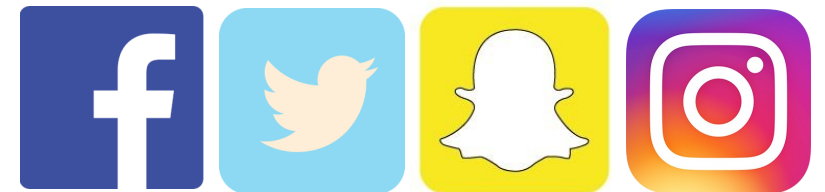
We're so thankful that you took time to pass along this gift from your church. We know Jesus will do mighty things through this act of generosity, and God will reach countless people beyond our walls with this act of grace.

We invite you to a website we've created where you can submit your story of giving. We know many others will be inspired to hear how Jesus used you and your gift to make an impact in this community.

Head over to www.prestonmeadowgives.org where you will find an online form to submit your story. We want to capture God's Spirit at work so we can share how God is alive and active in our world right now!

If you took pictures or videos of your family in action, you can email those to prestonmeadowgives@gmail.com (make sure you have the permission of others in any photo or video).

Don't forget to share away on your favorite social media platform!



"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)