



Ephesians 1:23

The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Dear Friends in Christ,

This fall you have been hearing and seeing the **"God's Work. Our Hands."** theme all over Our Saviour's. But it is not just a catchy slogan or colorful banner hung across our front entrance. This tag-line says that whatever we do on earth through Christ's power has eternal meaning. It succinctly reminds us that together we share our God-given talents and financial resources to bring God's love to people in need through our ministries and missions. It reaffirms that Our Saviour's is a welcoming and purposeful community committed to Christian service and meeting the needs of others. And, that as disciples of Christ, God continues to do new work in our personal faith lives.

Our Saviour's is blessed with strong lay leadership, dedicated pastors, and members who take a very active personal and financial role in the life and mission of our church. With our new senior pastor on board and the economy showing some signs of recovery, we are looking forward to moving ahead in 2010 with renewed energy and dedication to our mission, seeking new and exciting opportunities. Hopefully, you had a chance to experience this through a class in the new Adult Education initiative or the many volunteer options during **Service Week** in October.

In order to continue to do God's work with our hands, we must have the necessary financial resources. Please fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it in the envelope provided when you worship **November 14 or 15**. If you are unable to attend services that weekend, please mail or deliver the card to the Church Office.

We invite you to take time to reflect prayerfully on your personal situation and take advantage of this stewardship opportunity to support Our Saviour's ministries and missions with a pledge. Some may respond to the use of commitment cards by saying, "I don't pledge; my stewardship is between me and God." While it is true that our stewardship is known to God, we all pledge every day in our culture. We use credit cards; write checks; sign contracts with cable T.V. companies, Internet and cell phone providers; and have mortgages or car payments. All of these financial transactions are forms of pledging. The biggest difference is that your pledge at church is not a binding bill, but rather a free choice to help us plan together and make the best use of our combined gifts.

Even though we live in uncertain times, we can trust in Christ's ability to speak and act effectively through our own lives. We can be content with what we have to share because we know that we are blessed and can do all things through Him who strengthens us. God has purposes for your time, talents, and gifts. How will you prioritize and manage the resources that God has entrusted to you?

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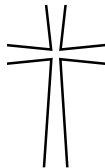
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- My/our financial commitment beginning January 1, 2010 will be:
\$_____ per week month quarter year
- I/we will use the automated bank withdrawal program: ***"Simply Giving"***
- I/we need offering envelopes weekly Holiday/World Hunger only

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

MY COMMITMENT

Keep this stub as a record of your time, talent, and treasure commitment.

My/our financial commitment for the year 2010 is:

\$ _____

per week
 month
 quarter
 year

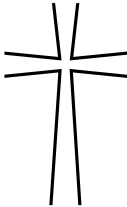
This financial commitment can be changed at any time by contacting our Financial Recording Secretary, Lorie VanScoyoc
Phone: 847-255-8700, ext. 310
Email: finsecy-records@oursaviours.org

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOMING All People

GROWING Together in Faith

EQUIPPING to Make Christ Known



How can you fulfill your financial commitment in 2010?

There are many ways!

- Weekly giving of cash or checks in offering envelopes (which are mailed to your home every two months)
- Stock transactions one or more times during the year
- *Simply Giving*, our automated pre-authorized withdrawal program allows for weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly giving
- Annual pre-paid giving – donate in 2009 for your 2010 commitment for a tax advantage
- Matching gifts through your work or organizations to which you belong
- Use annual “Special Gift” envelopes... these are for people who give in lump sums, or pre-paid, or *Simply Giving*, but they still wish to receive Special Occasion and World Hunger envelopes

For details on any of these methods of giving, contact Jim Valentine in the church office, 847-255-8700, ext. 231.