GIVING @ SAINT LUKE

Saint Luke is a church that serves a generous God. As His followers, we reflect His generosity with our time, talents, and finances. Giving is an opportunity to partner with and empower the Church to love and serve our neighbors. Through generous giving, we get to participate in what God is doing around the world.



Financial giving is recorded with great concern regarding confidentiality and privacy. Quarterly statements are issued by mail so that individuals can review their giving history, as well as for tax purposes.

Questions regarding giving can be directed to: Dona Redmond, Financial Recording Secretary (<u>DonaStLukeReceipts@gmail.com</u>)

Simple Ways to Give

These gifts provide immediate benefit to church, can be one-time contributions or scheduled as reoccurring gifts, and are tax deductible. If you are concerned about year-end timing, please be sure to add some administrative lead time for us to update your giving statement.



Go to <u>www.saintlukedevon.org/give</u> to give a one-time gift via Paypal or to schedule a monthly gift.

Online



Feel free to give while you are at Saint Luke. Simply place your gift in the offering plate at worship or drop it off in the church office. Giving envelopes are available in the pews.



Mail a check to the church office: Saint Luke Lutheran Church; 203 N. Valley Forge Rd; Devon, PA 19333

Additional Reoccurring Gifts

Scheduling a recurring gift ensures that your gift is received even if you are unable to attend a service. Reoccurring gifts provide even support all year-round, reduce deficits, and allow us to keep timely commitments to the ministries that we support locally and globally.



Simply Giving— Print and complete the "Simply Giving" application to schedule a reoccurring gift. Return or mail the form with a voided check to the church office.

Electronic Bill Pay— Contact your bank to schedule the issuing of a regular check (weekly/monthly) to Saint Luke Lutheran Church and mail it to the church office.

Additional Ways to Give

Charitable IRA Required Minimum Required Distributions (New Rules for 2016)



These withdrawals are not counted as income tax and are an immediate benefit to the church. If you are interested in giving a charitable IRA gift, be sure to:

- Contact your IRA custodian/Financial Advisor for current rules and forms
- Be sure to consider this option well in advance of year end
- Designate "Saint Luke Lutheran Church" as the payee of a check
- Deliver the check to Saint Luke

Stock or Other Investments



Stock/Investment gifts not only provide immediate benefit to the church, but are considered a tax deduction and offer the avoidance of capital gains. If you are interested in this giving option:

- Contact your financial advisor in advance of year end
- Contact Dona Redmond, Assistant Treasurer for Receipts (<u>DonaStLukeReceipts@gmail.com</u>)

Income — Gifts that Pay You Back



Charitable Gift Annuity or Remainder Trust— Consider giving the gift of cash or securities. You can arrange to get income for life or a determined time, and Saint Luke gets a portion at your death. These gifts provide not only a current income, but future benefit for the church. There are some available tax deductions and taxation on your income receipts.

Charitable Lead Trust— These gifts enable you to transfer assets to a trust that pays its income to the church for a set period of time. At the end of the term, the principal and all capital appreciation returns to you or others that you name. These tax-deductible gifts allow for current use of funds by the church and future use by others.

Legacy— Gifts for Future Generations

With these gifts, you maintain your control of assets during your life, while planning for your gift to benefit the church in the future. If you are considering these gifts, confirm with Counsel that such a designation will work with your Estate Plan.



Bequests by Will— The simplest way to make a planned gift is by naming Saint Luke in your will. You can chose the amount/percentage of your estate. The asset is removed from your taxable estate. Contact your attorney to discuss these gifts.

Retirement Assets Beneficiary Designation— Contact your Retirement Account custodian to update the IRA/Retirement Beneficiary Form for these gifts. (If you leave retirement accounts to your beneficiaries, they will be taxed upon receiving them.)

Beneficiary Designations (non-Retirement accounts)— You may consider "Transfer on Death" for Investment Accounts; "Payable on Death" for Bank Accounts; or name Saint Luke as Beneficiary of your Life Insurance.