

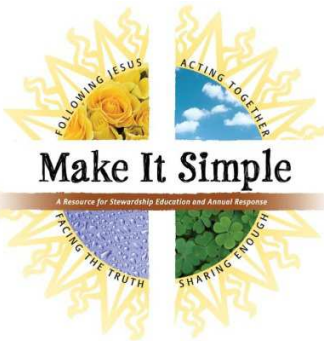
Dear People of God at Santa Cruz,

Thank you for all your offerings brought to God's house during the past year, even as the economy around us continues to be slow to recover. What you give really does matter, and the difference it makes stretches far and wide... blessing people's lives, growing faith, and touching many with the grace of God.

As you consider your giving for the coming year, I encourage you to take new steps toward the simpler, more generous lifestyle which Jesus calls us toward, putting God first in absolutely everything we do. I also encourage you to begin to practice (if you haven't already) what many faithful people call "first-fruits" giving... that is, setting aside your weekly offerings as a percentage right off the top of your income, rather than simply giving from the bottom. I have personally found this to very helpful as I have grown in my own giving over the years.

Please use this form to estimate your giving for the coming year. Please also complete the "Time and Abilities" form which you will also find included in this mailing. And although you may return them to the church office at any time during the next couple weeks, we'd really like to have you bring them up to the altar in person, during worship, on **Commitment Sunday, November 20.**

Pastor Jim



Believing that God is the giver of all good things, who abundantly provides for all which we truly need, I/we will respond faithfully by accepting Jesus' invitation to a life marked by simplicity and generosity.

I/we plan to offer \$ _____ per week / month to support Christ's mission through this congregation during 2012.

This amount may be divided _____ Current Expenses & Benevolence
 _____ Building Fund

This offering plan represents a Forward Step (1% increase)
 Step of Faith (2% or more increase)
 Tithe (10% giving)

Name(s) _____

ANNUAL INCOME	MY WEEKLY GIFT TO THE CHURCH (Rounded to the nearest \$)										
	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%	8%	10%
\$10,000	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$19.00
\$15,000	3.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	23.00	29.00
\$20,000	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	15.00	17.00	19.00	31.00	38.00
\$25,000	5.00	7.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	19.00	22.00	24.00	38.00	48.00
\$30,000	6.00	9.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	20.00	23.00	26.00	29.00	46.00	58.00
\$35,000	7.00	10.00	13.00	17.00	20.00	24.00	27.00	30.00	34.00	54.00	67.00
\$40,000	8.00	12.00	15.00	19.00	23.00	27.00	31.00	35.00	38.00	62.00	77.00
\$50,000	10.00	14.00	19.00	24.00	29.00	34.00	38.00	43.00	48.00	77.00	96.00
\$60,000	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00	35.00	40.00	46.00	52.00	58.00	92.00	115.00
\$70,000	13.00	20.00	27.00	34.00	40.00	47.00	54.00	61.00	67.00	108.00	135.00
\$80,000	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00	46.00	54.00	62.00	69.00	77.00	123.00	156.00
\$90,000	17.00	26.00	35.00	43.00	52.00	61.00	69.00	78.00	87.00	138.00	173.00
\$100,000	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	67.00	77.00	87.00	96.00	154.00	192.00
\$120,000	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	69.00	81.00	92.00	104.00	115.00	185.00	231.00

*If needed, please make additional copies of this form for others in your household to complete.
 This form can also be downloaded from our church website www.santacruzlutheran.net*