



Today, our Inspiration Visitors will be delivering information about our **Growing Together in Grace: Renew. Refresh. Rejoice!** Campaign. We rejoice in their service and ask that you receive these 5 minute “front porch” visits in warm fellowship.

Included will be your invitation to the all-congregation **Growing Together in Grace** event on Sunday, November 10. You are invited to join us for a fun and informational time together from 6 to 8 pm at Brown Hall. Childcare will be provided.

You will receive a book of stories (authored by members of Grace, sharing where they’ve experienced the joy of generosity in their lives) and a copy of the campaign prayer and Bible verse.

Please place these in a prominent place in your home and pray daily for Grace Lutheran Church, the campaign, and our dedicated volunteers.

If you are not home for your visit, your campaign information will be left at your front door.



STEP 2: SEEK, IN PRAYER, GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR GIVING

What do we tend to do when the church asks for our support?

The common tendency is to consult our spouse, our budget, our bills, our income, our tax situation, our investments, our accountant, etc., and then determine what we can afford or spare.

Instead, we should, as Christians, seek to discover what God's will is for us in our giving. A Christian pledge can really only be made on our knees, seeking God's will in fervent prayer.

Prayer is an integral part of the Christian life. The decision on how much to give should not be made without first seeking in prayer what God would have us do, and listening for the voice of God in the prayer conversation.

Giving to the church is not a financial transaction. Instead, giving to the church is a spiritual exercise undertaken only after conversation with God.

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