

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

GIVING *with Grace*

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023



SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE AT HOME

Like a home, Grace Lutheran is there when we need it, providing fellowship, comfort and support. And just like our homes, Grace Lutheran is also experiencing the effects of inflation and cost of living increases.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures changes in prices for goods and services, rose 8.5% in July over a year ago. That is a slower pace than previous months since gas prices fell, but a subset of the CPI, which is used to calculate Social Security's annual cost-of-living adjustment which increased even more – to 9.1% over the previous 12 months. Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment was 5.9% this year but will skyrocket to 8.7% in 2023.

Whether you appreciate the building itself or our wonderful, dedicated staff, our church home expenses do need to be met. We want our staff to be able to meet their needs in these inflationary times. We want to be able to meet increased utility bills and the rise of the cost of goods we use. Importantly, we want to be able to continue all the ministries to our community and keep our fellowship strong and vibrant.

In the coming year increased giving will be needed to keep our church operations functioning at peak performance. The ***Giving with Grace!*** 2023 Stewardship Appeal has a goal of increasing offerings by \$40,926. Some of these offerings will be used to sustain our ministry excellence. Pray for a generous response and please prayerfully consider increasing your offering for the coming year. With your help we can continue to model generosity.

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Range of Gifts Given

