

ADVENT – 2018 MEMBERSHIP & FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Calling Attention to Our Blessings

*These forms will be received in worship on Sunday, November 12
or may be turned in to the church office in hardcopy or electronically at any time.*

2018 Commitment to Discipleship in Covenantal Relationship

The Spirit is like water, fluid, soft, and yielding.

It overcomes what is rigid and hard.

*Thus we are able to live by the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. – Galatians 5:22*

Do you intend to be a member of Advent Lutheran Church in 2018?

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in Christ's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me!

Name(s) _____

_____ I/we have reviewed and updated my/our Time & Talent offerings in the
online Ministry Scheduler Pro tool.

_____ I/we need assistance in the Time & Talent process.

(please turn page for financial commitment form)

2018 Advent Pledge of Financial Stewardship

*Through grace your new creation lies
in hands held open.*

*O Giver of all goodness, come,
dwell with us in our earthly home.*

– (from ELW Hymn #690)

Since all we have and are comes from God the generous Giver of all goodness, our giving is always a response of gratitude and an awareness of living more fully into our blessings. God's new creation continues as the Spirit opens our hands and frees our hearts to embody Jesus. Our giving is also a shared mark of community. We are united in "loving God, neighbor, and creation," in our congregation and spreading across Madison, Wisconsin, and the world.

About 85% of our 2017 congregational budget funded direct ministries we know and need from church, most especially salaries of pastors and staff who facilitate our ministries and building expenses for this largest tool of our good work. Other aspects include worship, music, fellowship, and programming for all ages.

Beyond that, 15¢ of every \$1 served as benevolence benefitting campus, environmental, jail, and homeless ministries, the new needs of forming the Dane Sanctuary Coalition, disaster relief, support for the Wis. Council of Churches, Madison-area Urban Ministry (MUM), Oakwood Village, Harvest of Hope, and much more, as well as our larger shared work of the South-Central Synod of Wis., the ELCA, and international efforts. Additionally, weekly gifts to the Treasury of Love fund offer timely support for local families facing crises such as eviction, unpayable utility bills, and car repairs.

For your response to God and your 2018 financial commitment to Advent Lutheran and Madison Christian Community, please remember how our congregation has contributed to your life and how you are inspired to continue contributing to our shared work. As you once again call attention to our blessings and consider how you may fill out the next page, join in holding your hands open as God dwells with us.

Confidential – this page for Advent Lutheran Financial Secretary

Enriched for generosity and contributing to God’s ministry in and through our congregation, I/we plan to offer

\$_____ per week

or \$_____ per month

or \$_____ per year

- This amount reflects a commitment to percentage giving.
- I/we would like more information about how to give my pledge by automatic payments from a bank account.
- I/we would like to learn about making a planned estate gift to the Advent Endowment. *(You may also contact Rita Olson, Advent Mission Endowment Committee Chairperson at 230-6132 or rrolson930@gmail.com for information.)*

(Note: your financial pledge may increase or decrease during the year as blessings and circumstances allow.)

Name(s) _____

