



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**MEMBERSHIP &
FINANCIAL
COMMITMENTS
for ADVENT
LUTHERAN in 2020**

*These forms will be received in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3
or may be turned in to the church office in hardcopy or electronically at any time.*

2020 Commitment to Discipleship in Covenantal Relationship

Do you intend to be a member of Advent Lutheran Church in 2020?

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.

_____ I/we have also made a membership commitment to Community of Hope UCC.

Because of you, our church changes lives!

2020 Advent Pledge of Financial Stewardship

*The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry...*

*Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice
and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

– from ELW Hymn #729

Our church changes lives. We first like to picture that as the good we are doing together in the world. As you consider your pledge for 2020, you may think about the “bang for your buck” of how much your contribution will extend into assisting lives in need.

For our Advent budget, **15¢ of every \$1 reaches out.** We join the larger church, including ELCA World Hunger efforts that bring safe water and women’s education. We care for local vulnerable populations such as those in jail, the homeless, the elderly, and immigrants. You may especially notice the benefit to campus and environmental ministries, disaster relief, Wis. Council of Churches, Oakwood Village, Harvest of Hope, and more. Our benevolence commitments seek to ensure we’re being most effective. Those combine to change many lives.

Besides broader work, notice also our church changing lives here among us, including your own. Changing your life extends into your family, work, friends, and other connections and concerns. So **85% of your financial offering funds direct ministries you know and need.** It shapes vibrant worship and inspiring education. It fosters social engagement and uses resources wisely. It provides for caring staff and innovative communications and the building that is our largest tool for ministry and hospitality.

You join in this Spirit-led church, moving into the next 50 years of MCC ministry, meeting a changing world with the care and compassion of Christ. As you prayerfully consider your 2020 pledges to Advent Lutheran and Madison Christian Community, **please remember how our church has changed your life and inspired you.**

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Confidential – this page for Advent Lutheran Financial Secretary

Part of a servant church that is eager to change lives,

I/we plan to offer

\$_____ per week

or \$_____ per month

or \$_____ per year

- This is an increase I am able to offer over last 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 Linda Pils, Advent Mission Endowment Committee Chairperson at 238-3089 or lindapils@sbcglobal.net for information.)

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

Name(s) _____

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