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“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. (Acts 20:35)

Dear friend,

I would like to renew my invitation to you to support First Evangelical Lutheran Church so that it can remain a vibrant part of the Toronto's downtown community.

As you have read in our newsletter, we have launched the Joyful Giving Program- a program that will help increase total revenue of the church to help support its goals. In the last few years, we are increasing our outreach to the local community.

- We have begun a new service, the Table, offering a free meal and contemporary worship
- We are building a presence at Ryerson campus through chaplaincy and partnerships

While remaining firm in our support to our current members, we want to continue to build our community relationships to the glory of God.

While total donations have dropped off in the past few years there is still continued financial support to the work of the Church. You also have the opportunity to become involved in this inspiring work. Please be assured that any contribution of time, talent or treasure you care to make will help to continue God's work in our caring community. You can learn more about how your donations contribute directly to ministry in our neighbourhood in the attached Narrative Budget.

More than anyone, Jesus understood the very private nature of each person's approach to support His work. Whatever decision you make will be appreciated and will remain confidential. It will be seen only by our Recording Secretary and our Treasurer.

You can use the enclosed worksheet to consider what proportion of your time, talent or treasure, you wish to give to the Lord's use and place the completed intention card in the enclosed envelope. Then place it in the collection plate next Sunday, or send it by mail. To submit your intention electronically, please contact our Recording Secretary at brunzefb@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support. Please prayerfully consider your support for our congregation. Regular donations help the church plan for the year and make it easy for donors to give what they plan.

In Christ,

David Berg
Chair
First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

Proportionate Giving Worksheet

From the Old Testament we learn that the people were to give of their “first fruits.” The same principle applies to us today: to give the first fruits of our labours to God through the Church. We should also give in proportion to what God has given us. Some people use the “modern-day” tithe (5% of all income) as a guide for their giving (2.5% to church and 2.5% to charity). Others use an hour’s earnings as their contribution. **Each person must determine what is appropriate for them.**

This worksheet offers a means of determining one’s present percentage level of pledged financial support for the local church and establishing a commitment for the coming year. **It is not to be returned to the church. It is intended for personal use with prayerful consideration in the privacy of your home.**

1. To find your current level of local church support, divide your pledge by your net income for the same period.

	Example:	Your figures:
A. Current Net Income	\$40,000	
B. Current Pledge	\$400	
C. Current Percentage Level (Divide line B by line A)	1.0%	

2. A financial commitment for the coming year might be based on one of the following options:

<i>Modern Day Tithe</i>	Example:	Your figures:
A. Expected Net Income	\$40,000	
B. Tithe (2.5% Church/2.5% Charity)	5%	5%
C. New Annual Commitment (Multiply Line A by Line B)	\$2,000	

<i>An Hour’s Wage</i>	Example:	Your figures:
A. Net Weekly Income	\$800	
B. Hours in Work Week	40	40
C. New Weekly Commitment (Divide Line A by Line B)	\$20	

Our Ministry Story 2018

Narrative Budget: How your gift supports ministry at First Lutheran

Spiritual Renewal \$83,870 (49.3%)

First and foremost, we are called to be a faithful disciples, living by the teachings

of Jesus Christ rooted in the Lutheran tradition. addition of Scott Weidler, Director of Music, to we are learning more about our musical just the music we know, but from all over the trained a team of cantors who have lead us in of the service, brightening the liturgy immensely. Lutheran Course for those interested in or learning more about our roots. This fall we began an important discipleship program called Revive. Those who are taking this 9-month course are learning vital spiritual practices for building a closer relationship with God.



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Ryerson Student Ministry \$17,483 (10.3%)

Building a relationship with the students in our community has been a dream for many, many



years. Through a consistent presence with doors open, we are beginning to build a fruitful relationship. We are offering Pastor Dawn's chaplaincy services to the Ryerson Student Union, as well as sharing our office space with the Ryerson Muslim Chaplain. We have a partnership with the Ryerson Good Food Centre helping to improve food security for students. This fall, we began an exciting partnership with the Student Christian Movement, supporting a student intern to build a new, Christian, inclusive student group on campus.

Arts Based Exploration \$19,930 (11.7%)

We have a beautiful building. Every day our doors are open walks of life come and enjoy our stained-glass windows and space. Our nave has so much potential, not only for our worship life, but for various expressions of the arts. We have and jazz, open mics, and music videos in our space. Come monthly event for folks to come together for the love of Ryerson 50+ program has brought Caring Clowns and a choir into our midst, enhancing our worship and community life.



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The Table: A New Community \$30,983 (18.2%)

In November 2017 we held our first service of The Table. Every Wednesday night, we offer a free meal to all who would like to join us. Dinner is followed by worship with contemporary music and communion. This new community is made up of members from less than a year old to their 60s, with most in their 30s and 40s. Worship is interactive and geared towards those who have either never been to church or have been away for a while. After a break in the summer we have started again in fall 2018 and continue to grow.

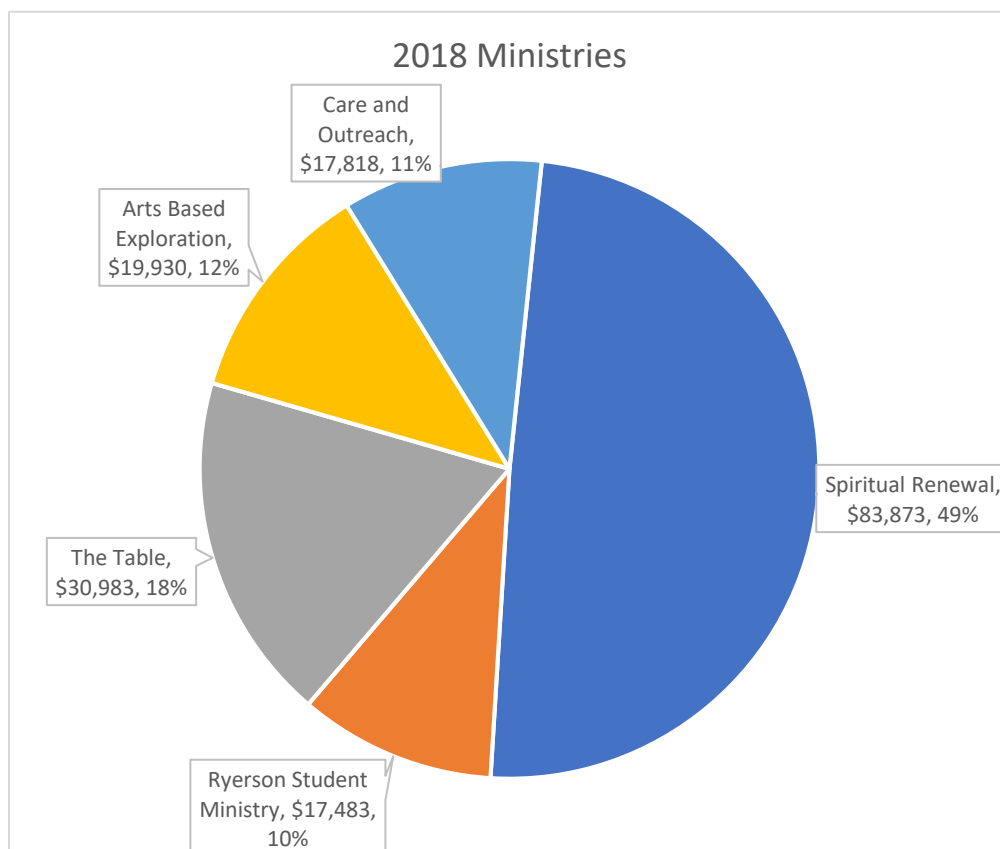
Care and Outreach \$17,818 (10.5%)

The greatest commandment-love your neighbour as yourself- foundation of all of our mission. We take care of one another our monthly seniors' gatherings, rides to church, and, starting October, a new telephone ministry to include our shut-ins into weekly worship. Our efforts to improve food security through The Table and the Good Food Centre is another we care for God's children. Through social media, we are sharing our message and the message of the gospel with hundreds more around our city and the world.



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How was this budget created?

A narrative budget uses budget figures to tell a story. These figures include the proportion of salaries and building expenses spent in each area in 2018. If you would like a more detailed financial statement, please contact our office.

My Intention to Support the Ministry of First Evangelical Lutheran Church 2019

YES, in the name of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God, I/we would like to support the ministries of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2019. My/our gift intentions should be directed as follows:

To submit this information electronically, please email our Recording Secretary at brunzefb@gmail.com

My gift of time

I/we would like to assist with the following activities:
(check all that apply)

- Coffee Hour Host
- Host an event in my home
- Drive someone to/from church
- Visiting shut-ins near my home
- Usher during worship
- Member of Worship Committee
- Member of Council
- Assisting the Treasurer
- Administrative tasks
- _____



My gift of talent

I/we would like to offer talents in the following ways:
(check all that apply)

- Teaching life skills to students
- Cooking for the Table
- Decorating the church
- Reader in English
- Reader in German
- Prayers for worship
- Musician or singer for the occasional Sunday
- Fundraising
- Property Development
- Building Community Relationships
- _____

My gift of treasure

I/we would like to financially contribute toward the ministries of First Lutheran in 2019.

My/our financial gift will be \$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one)

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- Continue with Pre-Authorized Giving
- Start Pre-Authorized Giving (we will contact to you arrange details)

- Continue with envelopes
- Start envelopes (we will contact to you arrange details)



Your financial intention will be kept CONFIDENTIAL by the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer.

Contact Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____