

# First, We Give Of Ourselves

## *Giving in Generosity*



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What does it mean to give in generosity? The story in John 12:1-8 of Mary anointing the feet of Jesus with a very costly perfume, provides a picture of giving in generosity. What moved her to do such a thing? Why such extravagant generosity? Mary has just experienced Jesus raising her brother Lazarus from the dead. Could her generosity be that which flows from an extraordinary thankful heart?

Giving in generosity is just that! It is from a heart filled with delight and thanksgiving for God's abundant grace in Jesus Christ. It is a giving that is done freely and without condition. It is a giving with no expectation of something in return. It is simply a giving like Mary's, which is done in simple joy and abundant grace.

### **Celebration and Commitment Weekend Next Week**

Next weekend, we have the joy of gathering for our **First, We Give Of Ourselves: *Giving in Generosity*** Celebration and Commitment weekend. We gather to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry God has given us at First Lutheran Church. We will also have the joyful opportunity to make commitments of how we can share the gifts of financial resources for next year.

### **Prayerfully Consider Growing Generosity**

This week, you will be receiving in the mail a letter summarizing our Growing in Generosity campaign along with a commitment card for you to use to make your commitment of generosity to our continuing ministry of "*Sharing Christ's Love*". Please use this week prior to our Celebration and Commitment Weekend to prayerfully consider how you might grow in discipleship and giving in generosity. As a guide in your growing, please prayerfully consider the tithe (*sharing a tenth of your income*) or growing by 10, 15, or 20% over what you are presently giving as a financial gift to our congregation. Thanks be to God for the amazing and generous gift of Jesus Christ and the life giving grace through Him. See you next weekend for a great celebration and outpouring of generosity. Please remember to bring your commitment card to present as your offering of generosity at the service.