



Stewardship  
2018-19



Intention | Conversation | Action



# Intention

Shape your reality with faith and purpose.

**Intention | Conversation | Action.** These words are meaningful as you consider how you will use your resources of time, energy, and finances in 2019 — in other words, stewardship.

James 2:18 tells us what God expects from us: “I will show you my faith by my actions.” If we just consume Christian faith and never act, faith is passive. We know life’s distractions get in the way. We want to volunteer, but time runs out. We want to share how God is at work in our lives, but the right words are hard to find. We want to financially support God’s work in the world, but it feels like money is tight.

Putting faith into action requires intentionality. An intention is a guiding principle for how you want to live and show up in the world. It centers you in your core values and beliefs and can be a useful way to tune out life’s daily distractions.

I want you to realize the positive impact your action and generosity has on our local community. I want to engage you in a conversation about how Christians are called to live, give, and act. Allow your heart to enter the conversation. I know you will respond to God’s call and put your faith into action. Your actions make God’s love real to those in our community experiencing poverty, homelessness, and hunger. It all starts with you!

*Pastor Anne*

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**October 7**  
Learn how intentions guide the way we live, give, and act.

**October 14**  
A conversation about the realities of giving.

**October 21**  
A conversation about Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota.

**October 28**  
Put your faith into action! Receive Giving Plans in worship.



# Conversation

## How are Christians called to live, give, and act?

**Q:** Living a life of faith can be difficult and overwhelming. We live in a culture where organized religion appears regimented and irrelevant and people are increasingly leaving God behind. **Why should I make faith a priority in my life?**

**A:** Living a life of faith is about being a part of something bigger than yourself. It's about finding calm and order in a chaotic world. It's about experiencing God's continual presence no matter what your life circumstance. Through the power of faith, you are aware of, engaged with, and challenged by God's work in the world.

**Q:** Questions swirl around our finances. How do we pay down debt? Save for college and retirement? Give to a non-profit doing work about which we are passionate? **How can giving to Augustana work into my monthly budget when it feels like there just isn't enough money?**

**A:** When you choose to participate in God's work in the world, you choose to do so with your whole self, including your finances. Giving is a matter of faith and an act of gratitude for the work of God in your life. To some this may seem scary, but faith gives you the confidence to give it a try. You make a profound spiritual decision when you make a financial commitment to God's work.

**Q: How can I take action and get involved with God's amazing work?**

**A:** Have a conversation with God, yourself, and the important people in your household. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide what will you give, where will you serve, and how will you structure your time. Get started by completing a Giving Plan and choosing to dedicate some of your time to serve others.



Augustana  
Lutheran Church  
**Your Giving Plan**

# Action

It all starts with you!

## Giving Plan

Your Giving Plan makes ministry and mission happen at Augustana.



**32,499**

People worshipping at Augustana over the past year.



**2,918**

Hours adults invested in our Confirmation students throughout the year.



**\$241,500**

Amount Augustana shares with community mission partners to end homelessness, poverty, and hunger.



**800+**

Hours of adult programming over the past year.



**248**

Number of children that participated in Vacation Bible School and summer camps.



**38,225**

Number of meals provided in our local community by Augustana volunteers.



**700+**

Number of families nurtured by Augustana's preschool since it began.

# Let's Get Started!

## Set An INTENTION

Put God first on your calendar and in your bank statements. Consider automated giving as a way to bring intentionality and consistency to your giving. Notice how the rest of your life falls into place.

## Engage In CONVERSATION

Have a conversation with God, yourself, and the important people in your household. Allow your heart to enter the conversation. Listen to the Spirit as you decide what you will give, where you will serve, and how you will structure your time.

## Take ACTION

Complete the enclosed Giving Plan to let us know your financial intention. Dedicate some of your time to service. Watch how God will multiply your gifts to accomplish amazing works.

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