

# Faith Practice: **GENEROSITY**

Monthly resources to engage the central faith practices of the Greater Milwaukee Synod

## How does your congregation live out Generosity?



At the 2019 Assembly, our Greater Milwaukee Synod adopted a new Vision, Mission, Core Values and Practices statement that named **GENEROSITY** as a central faith practice, and described it this way:

We open our lives to the free sharing of ideas and resources with all, recognizing that everything belongs to God.

You are invited to use the resources below to lift up this faith practice.



### KEY QUESTIONS

We invite you to choose a scripture from the list below, and lead a devotion and discussion time with your congregation's council, or other leadership group.

- + What are ways our congregation's leaders already model a broad understanding of *living generously* as seen in the scriptures and named in the description above?
- + Recognizing that, as leaders, we model what we ask of others...what are one or two ways we as leaders could grow in our practice of generosity (defined broadly).



### SYNOD-WIDE "HASHTAG" PHOTO SHARING

Invite your members to share photos on social media that look like living generously. Use the hashtag **#GenerosityGMS**. Google the hashtag to see photos from across the synod!

#### SCRIPTURES

*to use in worship, adult forums, council devotions*

Psalm 104:27-28

Psalm 116 (esp. v.12)

Proverbs 11:24-25

2 Corinthians 8:12-15

Luke 6:37-38

1 Timothy 6:17-19

#### HYMNS

What Shall I Render?  
(TFBF #239)

Let Us Talents  
& Tongues Employ  
(ELW #674)

God Whose Giving  
Knows No Ending  
(ELW #678)

Come, Ye Thankful  
People Come  
(ELW #693)

#### ARTICLE

**The Joy of Generosity**  
cslewisinstitute.org/  
Joy\_of\_Generosity\_FullArticle

#### BOOKS

**"Living into Community"**  
(Christine Pohl)  
see esp. pp.17-57

**"Giving To God"**  
(Mark Allen Powell)

**"Enough: Discovering  
Joy Through Simplicity  
and Generosity"**  
(Adam Hamilton)

#### VIDEO



Search YouTube for  
**"Mike Ward  
Change or Die"**

A video from the  
Siebert Lutheran  
Foundation's 2016  
"Change or Die"  
Conference  
(32:46)