

Giving Time and Talents

When we use our time well, we act as good stewards of the gift of our days. You are invited to volunteer hands-on at Westminster or with Westminster service teams as we go and serve with community partner organizations. Please fill out the Time and Talents form, which is one part of the 2026 Pledge Form, and our committees will work to help you get plugged-in.

Giving Table: 2026 Budget Impact

Per Month	Annual Total	Potential Budget Impact
\$50	\$600	Full scholarship for nine kids to attend Vacation Bible School
\$100	\$1,200	Easter or Christmas Service Brass Ensemble
\$200	\$2,400	If household giving averaged \$2,400/home, we would meet our goals, reverse our deficit trends, and provide staff raises in 2026!
\$700	\$8,400	Estimated <i>one month's</i> cost of insurance costs for church and preschool.
\$1,000	\$12,000	Doubling of Mission & Outreach budget (not including non-budget special collections and projects funded by Foundation)
\$2,000	\$24,000	Cover salaries of our two Youth Directors who lead our growing youth group!

Giving Financial Gifts

By sharing the gifts of our financial resources through a pledge commitment, we help equip the work of our church for the coming year. Our challenge for 2026 is for members and friends to either give for the first time, give again after a break, or give with an increase for those who are able. All pledge commitments to our 2026 Annual Giving Campaign make a difference.



Grateful!

2026 Annual Giving Campaign
Westminster - Lincoln



Westminster Friends,

There's a pretty simple truth we can all agree upon: **we give because we are grateful.** We give our time packing boxes in the Westminster Food Pantry because we are grateful for our own access to food. We give our input in listening sessions with Ministry Architects because we are grateful for WPC's past and excited for its future. We give our money to support the wide-ranging work of Westminster as a church family because we know we are more the church God is calling us to be with every member involved, every gift of time shared, and every financial gift of support. This year our Giving Season's focus is simply, "Grateful!" a word and a feeling that emphasizes our response to God's grace and goodness – with gratitude!

In 2025, our Finance Committee has been clear about the need for increased giving to support our budgetary needs. And, Westminster, you have responded! Our Session and staff are "Grateful!" for your increased support.

Why Pledge to Give for 2026?

- **Where we have been:** In December 2026 we will celebrate 100 years at Sheridan and South. For the upcoming year we will engage moments and memories from our past in celebration of our history and tradition.
- **Where we are now:** Our youth program for 6th – 12th graders is at its highest engagement and participation level since 2019, and we are engaging children's ministry with a renewed focus as part of our Ministry Architects Consultancy Journey. Between staffing of one full-time Director of Children & Youth and two part-time youth leaders, a significant space in Faith Village and the Youth Café that requires cleaning and heating/cooling several times a week, and a robust program budget, 15-20% of every dollar you give in 2026 goes toward Children & Youth Ministries (and that doesn't include our large support of Westminster Preschool)!
- **Where we are headed:** 2026 will include an intensive look at the usage of our facilities. This will be our year to shift to a more positive view of seeing our buildings and grounds as a vessel for mission and ministry rather than a financial hassle to keep up. To make that shift, we have to not only maintain but also continually improve our facilities. Your giving supports that renewed vision and emphasis on welcoming and supporting our neighbors for the next 100 years!

How to Give for 2026...

- Bring your completed Pledge Card and Time and Talent form to worship on November 16th, and place it in the basket during worship. You may also return it to the church office via the enclosed return envelope. Pledging before the end of the year allows us to plan well for a faithful, impactful, and growth-focused 2026!
- You are encouraged by our Stewardship Team to consider "The Power of 10" – increasing your giving in some way by 10% this coming year.
- If you gave more in 2025 and can continue or increase that support for future years, we hope you will increase your pledge to help us in a world where costs only go up year-to-year.
- Help us meet our goal of growing Pledged Giving Income to \$650,000. It's a big goal, but as we heard in a recent sermon, a little faith can go a long way.

Westminster, let's give because we are grateful toward our faith life together in 2026!

With Gratitude,
Your Stewardship Committee

Rev. Chris Peters
Mrs. Sarah Baltensperger
Mr. Dan Schafer

