# SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## GENEROSITY PROJECT | LESSONS FOR FAMILIES AT HOME

January 2021

#### **WE WELCOME**

- 1. Gather your family together in a comfortable place to be together. If you are alone, you can also use this information, or invite a friend to share with on Zoom. Provide a light snack and a drink remember if you feed them... they will come!
- Explain the purpose of the Generosity Project and that it will continue through 2021. Why are we doing this? One of The Generosity Project goals is for our homes to become places where we practice our faith, including the practice of generosity.
- 3. The early followers of Jesus did not just go to the temple (church) they were the church! The word "church" means both a building for public Christian worship and the whole body of Christian believers. We are the church at home, and away from home.



## **WE GATHER**

- 1. Identify a place that is your sanctuary in your home.
- 2. Let's take a moment to calm and center ourselves as we prepare for our time together and our focus on God's generosity:
  - a. Deep breathing exercise
  - b. Share one example of God's generosity in your life today.

#### **WE HEAR**

- Share short YouTube video of Christian Collective Aid: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lpM6vVNJQY
- 2. What is the most important part of this video to you?
- 3. How might this video inspire you regarding generosity?

## **WE SHARE**

1. Read together Acts 2:42-47 (CEV). They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. Day after day they met together in the temple (church). They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely while praising God. Everyone liked them and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

- 1. What gathering and worship habits do we already have as a family or person?
- 2. What new gathering or worship habit might we like to start to help develop our home experiences as Christians?

# **WE SEND**

Let us pray together using the Lord's prayer.

## **WE LIVE**

Practice one new faith practice at home this week (such as grace before dinner, devotional reading, praying together as a family, etc.). Discuss as a family, with a friend or reflect about this new practice. Will you continue this practice or possibly change to a new one?