

SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

GENEROSITY PROJECT | LESSONS FOR FAMILIES AT HOME

February 2021

MATERIALS NEED

1. Snacks and drinks
2. Computer, ipad, Kindle or Phone to share a YouTube video
3. Bible

WE WELCOME

1. Gather your family together again in a comfortable place to be together. If you are alone, you can also use this information, or invite a friend to share with you on Zoom. Provide a light snack and a drink - remember if you feed them...they will come!
2. It might be helpful to share the purpose of the Generosity Project again that was stated in last month's lesson. 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. (These lessons will continue through August, 2021, and perhaps beyond.)
3. As it was shared last month, 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. You identified a place in your home that is a sanctuary for you and/or your family. Take your family to this established sanctuary. Share your snack and drinks.
2. Take a moment to calm and center ourselves as we assemble to focus on God's generosity. Turn off all electronic devices and set them aside for the gathering. Close your eyes and focus your thoughts on this time together.
3. Identify two illustrations of God's generosity from the past week and share it with your family/group.

WE HEAR

1. Share the second short YouTube video from Christian Collective Aid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xANb0J0lct0>
2. What are the benefits of gathering together with family or friends for a meal? Can you think of options for accessing these benefits other ways (such as, does it have to be a dinner?)?
3. How could breaking bread with others be an act of generosity?

WE SHARE

1. Review together Acts 2:42-47 that we studied last month. Look especially at verse 46. "Here the daily life of Christians is described, distinguishing their activity in the temple from that in their homes, where they ate their meals (not the Lord's Supper) with gladness and generosity" per the New International Version Bible footnotes.
2. Do you have times in your home to gather and eat together? If not, can you determine as a family or group what might work for you? Gather several suggestions and vote to determine what that you will try in the next week.

WE SEND

Let us pray together using the Lord's prayer.

WE LIVE

Last month you decided upon and practiced one new faith practice for home to try. Discuss this as a family or group and reflect on how you felt the new practice went. Did you like it? Is it better to try something new?