



THE WAY OF WISDOM

COMMUNITY
OF GRACE

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Hey, Grace'rs,

Imagine a world without generosity. Try hard.

See if you can visualize it. *It's a dark, lifeless picture.*

Imagine your life if you had never been the recipient of generosity. Try hard.

See if you can visualize it. *It's an empty, lonely life.*

A life without generosity is a life without

Grace

Love

Forgiveness

Joy

Compassion

Justice

Kindness

Hope

Now imagine how the generosity of others has shaped your life; how their generosity has helped form you into the person you are today.

Take a moment to make a list of some of those generous people:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The Way of WISDOM is the way of generosity.

Wisdom is rooted in the generous grace of God through Jesus.

To be wise is to follow Jesus: to do what Jesus does.

"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock."

(Jesus. Matthew 7:24-25. NRSV)

This weekend we have the opportunity to put generous WISDOM into practice through making a financial commitment to the mission of Grace for 2024.

Through our combined generosity we bring grace to:

- Our children
- Our families
- Our youth
- Our women
- Our men
- Our seniors
- Those going through tough challenges
- Our friends in Rwanda
- Our community
- Our educators
- The West Valley through the West Valley Young Adult and Youth ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Enclosed is a copy of the brochure we mailed out a few weeks ago. Please take some time to pray through it as you ask God the question: *Where do you want me/us to be in my/our giving?*

Also enclosed are two cards.

The first card is for you to keep as a prayer reminder of what God wants to give in you and through you.

The second card is for you to hand in/mail in to the Church. You can put your card into the envelope provided and address it to yourself. We will mail it back to you in a year so that you can see how God has been faithful to you and through you.

If you want to mail your commitment card/envelope:

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(Remember to put the card in the envelope provided and address it to yourself.)

May the WISDOM of God—Jesus—fill you with joy, grace, and a generous spirit, that you might live the full life you were created to live.

Pastor Tim

*Who is wise and knowledgeable among you?
Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness
born of wisdom. (James 3:13, NRSV)*

