



new thing

FAQs

What changes will occur throughout *New Thing*?

The first change you will see is our church stepping into its new mission, which is to practice the way of Jesus together. The primary goal of *New Thing* is to fully fund the mission of the church we are planting both now and in the future. As we grow into our new mission, there will be more changes, including additional staff, ministries, and marketing (i.e., logo, name, etc.)

Is tithing figured on my net or gross income?

The answer to this question is really between you and the Holy Spirit. A good Bible verse to use in answering this question is Luke 16:10. *Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much.* The keys to tithing are faithfulness and giving joyfully.

What is the 2% goal for the process of giving?

We believe that tithing (10%) is both Biblical and how God calls us to give. At the same time, we know that for some, 10% is a giant leap. Therefore, we want to encourage others to reach the tithe by gradual proportional giving. By making a 2% increase to your yearly giving, you are testing and trusting God to provide.

How do I give online?

1. Click the GIVE button on Faith's website or app.
2. Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund (or funds), choose a frequency and enter your email address.
3. Click CONTINUE and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

What about my NEXT giving?

Many of us pledged to NEXT, our previous campaign. If you have not fulfilled that pledge, we still encourage you to do so. Once that pledge is met, you have two options. You can focus on our general fund giving and faithfully give there. Or, if you are able, you can continue to give the same or similar amount you gave in the past to both the general fund and NEXT by combining that amount into one giving amount to the general fund.

What percentage of people in Columbia give online?

Online giving is a consistent and helpful way to give regularly. Currently, about 50% of givers use online giving. We are hoping to increase that number to over 75% by 2024.

Can I give using a credit card?

Yes, you can use a credit card, debit card, or automatic bank withdrawal. As always, we caution against using a credit card if it causes you to go further into debt.

Are we still going to be a Lutheran Church?

Yes. The new church we are planting will remain in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) and will be a part of the Slovakian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC) District.

What is the SELC District?

The SELC District is one of two non-geographic districts in the LCMS. The SELC District seeks to plant new churches, start new mission work, and support churches, pastors, and church workers pursuing these activities. You can read more about the history and mission of the SELC District at selc.lcms.org.

What will my giving fund?

All giving will go to support the ministry of the new church we are planting in Columbia. At first, giving will go to fully fund our current budget. Currently, we would be operating in the red without the assistance of Oakville and grants. As giving grows, we will support more missions, add more ministry opportunities, and multiply our mission in new places.

Will we still be Faith?

While Faith's DNA will always be part of us, we cannot continue to use Faith's name and brand. Their logo and website, which we currently share, belong to them and are trademarked. We will need a name and branding change at some point in the process.

What are the way of Jesus challenges?

The way of Jesus challenges are straightforward actions that will help us practice the way of Jesus, where God has placed us. We believe these challenges will help us all to be with Jesus and be like Jesus. Each month you will see a new challenge. Our goal is that, as a whole, our church will complete 1,200 of these challenges this year!