

Electronic Giving by Direct Debit

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

Q: What is electronic giving?

A: An automatic method for making contributions to Advent Lutheran without the need to write a check or carry cash.

Q: Why should I consider electronic giving by direct debit?

A: It's good for the church and convenient for you. The church receives your donations on a consistent basis to even out cash flow during slower months and reduces the volume of checks and cash that we must process. You benefit by eliminating the need to write checks.

Q: It makes me uncomfortable to pass the collection plate without putting something in. What can I do?

A: the symbolic act of giving is important to some. "I gave electronically" cards are available in the pew. Put it in the collection plate to show your support for electronic giving.

Q: I enjoy the act of giving (writing the check and putting it in the collection plate). Won't direct debit giving rob me of that joy?

A: Perhaps direct debit giving is not right for you. On the other hand, if you give it some thought, perhaps you can find another way to reflect upon your generosity to the church.

Q: How does direct debit giving work?

A: Contributions are transferred automatically from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account via the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network. This is the same process by which many of you pay bills (electronic bill pay) and receive your paycheck or social security income (direct deposit).

Q: What options do I have for giving?

A: Contributions may be made on a one-time or recurring basis. Recurring donations may be scheduled weekly or monthly. Contributions may be directed to the general fund, specials and missions.

Q: Is direct debit giving safe?

A: It is as safe or safer than writing a check or carrying cash. We use Vanco Services LLC to process the electronic donations. Vanco is endorsed by Thrivent Financial, has the highest level of security in the payment processing industry and currently serves more than 11,000 organizations.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: It costs you nothing.

Q: What can I use to prove I made a contribution?

A: Your contribution will appear on your bank statement and it will also appear on your annual giving statement from the church.

Q: What if I want to make a change to my direct debit giving

A: You can change or cancel direct debit giving at any time on the self service web page.

Q: How to I sign up?

A: simply visit Advent's web page at www.adventchurch.org and click on the "make donation" icon.