



# *live* Generously. *live* Happier:

## Lessons from "The Generosity Project"

*Continued series: 2018 ENERGIZING AND MOBILIZING YOUR CONGREGATION:*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION:** SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE  
UNIVERSITY (SMSU) /MARSHALL CONFERENCE CENTER

**LIVESTREAM OPTION AVAILABLE!**

Please register online at [www.swmnelca.org/events](http://www.swmnelca.org/events)



**"The Generosity Project"** is designed to equip your congregation or group to talk about generosity, stewardship, abundance and money practices. It does this through a day filled with interactive, fun, full of laughter, faith centered lessons and practices. Begin 2018 by learning so you can bring these practices to your setting. Join us as together we learn to "live generously and live happier"



**Our presenters** will be Karen Johnson Kretschmann, the ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod Associate for Generosity and her daughter, Sarah. In Karen's role she talks about gratitude, talents, abundance, blessings, gifts as well as how money makes mission and stewardship a faith practice. Karen's heart is in the mid-west as she spent most of her life in Wisconsin and her two children, twins, live in the Twin Cities. Sarah is a student at Luther Seminary and will join us as a co-presenter for the day.

## Topics covered through Biblical Stories of Generosity:

• Called to Share	WHY be generous?	Genesis 1:27-28
• Connecting Generations	WHO is to be generous?	John 6:1-14
• Equipping Households	WHERE be generous?	Acts 2:41-47
• Centers of Generosity	HOW are we to be generous?	2 Corinthians 8:1-9
• Faith Practice in Generosity	HERE and NOW	Matthew 19:23-30

## Learning Goals:

- To connect generations and equip households to be centers for creating the faith practice of generosity, recognize it and live it with joy.
- To broaden the understanding of stewardship and begin to change the culture of sharing, saving, and spending in congregations and households.
- To grow a spirit of generosity in the congregation and home that overflows with abundant joy into all God's world.

## Who do you want to come?

- Our presenters ask that groups of 4-6+ attend this event either "in person" at SMSU or via "Livestream".
- The ideal group includes persons from different age groups. This includes elementary age children or older youth as well as adults of all generations.
- An education, youth, stewardship committee or WELCA/Men's group would be excellent! If possible, the pastor(s) is part of any grouping!

## Registration:

Please register online at [www.swmnelca.org/event/live-generously](http://www.swmnelca.org/event/live-generously).

**Registration Cost is Free!** Resource materials and snack are included. The event costs are provided by the Lilly Grant and our Embrace God's Mission + Equip God's People Funding Initiative.

**If you are a group from the SW MN Synod lunch is provided.**

Non-SW MN Synod groups and other denominations are welcome. Lunch will not be provided. SMSU will have snacks provided but groups must pay for their own lunch at the SMSU cafeteria or other locations.

All groups are invited to make a contribution to the Funding Initiative, but not required. Send gifts to: SW MN Synod, PO Box 499, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. To make an online gift go to: [www.swmnelca.org/funding-initiative](http://www.swmnelca.org/funding-initiative).

## Livestream:

To receive the Livestream link you must register online. Livestream groups commit to have at least 4-6+ persons in attendance in their location and to provide their own technical support at that location re: video and audio projection.



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