

ST. JOHN'S SCRIP PROGRAM *A Primer and Refresher*

St. John's Scrip program began in April of 2008 to help raise funds for the property committee of the Church and Luther Hall. Since its inception, we have raised over \$5,000 for repairs, snow removal, etc.

St. John's Scrip program works this way:

Members of St. John's (or your other family members, friends, business associates, etc) purchase gift cards from St. John's Lutheran Church. St. John's then orders the gift cards from Great Lakes Scrip Company at a discount. The difference between what Church members pay and what the Church pays is profit to the church.

How do you order?

In the lounge in Luther Hall you will find a master list of all of the hundreds of companies nationwide that participate in Scrip. You will also find St. John's Scrip order form that has been compiled with mostly local stores, with over 100 to choose from. Popular, on-line merchants and nationwide chains are also included....Martin's Foods,

WalMart, JC Penney, Sears, bon ton, Kohls, Target, Kmart, Applebees, Outback Steakhouse, Bed Bath and Beyond, Best Buy, Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, Game Stop, Gander Mountain, Cabela's, Dick's, iTunes, KFC, Michaels, Lowe's, Home Depot, Old Navy, Marshalls & TJ Maxx, Macy's, Staples, Office Max, Panera, Red Lobster, Sam's Club, Sheetz, Shell, Subway, Walgreen's, Wendys, plus a wide assortment of motels, hotels, and travel related businesses, and lots more. If you find something on the master list that is not on St. John's order form, simply add it on at the end of the order form...and we'll take care of the rest.

Once you fill out your order form, simply place it in the purple flowered box in the lounge with your payment on Sundays. The orders are picked up on Monday mornings and placed with Great Lakes Scrip that same day. The fulfilled Church order usually arrives on Wednesday or Thursday. The order is sorted into your own manila envelope which is in the box on the counter in the church office. Simply sign and date your envelope when you pick up your order. The only mildly difficult part is planning ahead to know what you need, but once you get in the habit of purchasing scrip, it's really easy. It also helps with budgeting, too, since you know what you have to spend once you've bought the gift cards!

Spring and Easter are just around the corner. You'll be shopping for Easter outfits, new spring and summer clothes, spring home improvement, lawn and garden and lots more. You'll be planning your summer vacation, picnics, etc. Why not check out St. John's Scrip Program while you're planning for the upcoming months and see what the Scrip Program has to offer.

You can also order scrip online at www.glscrip.com. Click on the "family sign up" block and follow the directions. Your payment will be thru "Presto Pay" which receives payment from your checking account thru a debit transaction with a fee of just .39 cents.. The Church's enrollment code is 55A1D14E17L55. You must use this code for the church to receive your order and the benefit.

And by the way, the benefit portion that St. John's receives from your order is tax deductible to you for next year! Save your order forms for the year so you'll be able to determine how much you "gave" by purchasing Scrip from St. Johns! If you have any questions, please talk to Lori Taylor or Jenn Moss. We'll be happy to get you started! 2/28/11