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While many of us choose to give during our Sunday worship service, there are a number of additional ways to give at Kearney Evangelical Free Church. You can explore those options in the menu to the left.

## **Giving to Kearney Evangelical Free Church**

*“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

All that you experience at Kearney Evangelical Free Church is made possible through the faithful and generous giving of our church family – including members, attendees, visitors, and guests. There are many opportunities for you to give to Kearney Evangelical Free Church – through service, through prayer, and through monetary contributions. Your support of Kearney Evangelical Free Church’s ministries enables us to continue towards our mission of *building a transformational community by growing in love with Christ and all people!*

It is our hope that all those who attend Kearney Evangelical Free Church continue to move closer to God through faith in Jesus Christ. A crucial part of our spiritual growth is to become faithful stewards of all that God provides us. Becoming an increasingly generous giver is a mark of our faith and maturity. The Bible is saturated with teaching about finances and stewardship, and we strive to live our lives according to these principles. Some of which are:

### **Our giving is an act of worship for the glory of God**

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” *2 Corinthians 9:12*

### **Our giving is a joyous work that emerges from the heart**

“Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.” *2 Corinthians 9:7*

### **Our giving should be a first priority**

“Honor the LORD from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.” *Proverbs 3:9, 10*

### **Our capacity to give can grow greater, even to the place of sacrifice**

“But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” *2 Corinthians 8:7*

### **Our giving meets needs on earth and lays up true riches in heaven**

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” *Matthew 6:19-21*

## ***Giving Online***

*“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” Colossians 3:17*

Online giving is an internet-enabled method of giving to the church through automatic withdrawals from a checking or savings account, or a credit card. Online Giving is a safe and secure way to contribute via Kearney Evangelical Free Church’s website and will enable those who are so inclined to make a contribution from the convenience of their computer.

### ***Benefits of Online Giving***

- **First Fruits** – In Proverbs 3:9 we are taught to honor the Lord with the “first fruits” of our labor. By setting up an automatic, recurring contribution that is scheduled to come out of your account on the day you specify you can ensure that your First Fruits are given back to God.
- **Simplicity** – You won’t need to remember if you gave this month or to send in an offering check when you’re out of town.
- **Security** – Our website uses advanced encryption technology to insure that your information stays safe and secure.
- **No Distractions** – Instead of needing to worry about writing your contribution check during the service, you can be fully engaged with the worship service, knowing that you have already given your offering.
- **Consistency** – Automatic, recurring contributions help Kearney Evangelical Free Church’s cash flow during the vacation months of spring and summer when attendance tends to decrease yet church activities, especially for children and youth, are at their peak.

### ***How to Give Online***

Through your personal online giving account, you'll have the option to schedule recurring gifts or make a one-time special contribution to Kearney Evangelical Free Evangelical Free Church.

#### ***1. Personal Login and Password***

First you'll need to create a personal login and password. If you've already created a personal login and password for online registration, use the same for your online giving. As with any private account, please do not share your password with anyone.

#### ***2. Checking Account, Debit or Credit Card, or Bill Pay***

You may use a debit card or credit card for online giving. A debit card works in the same manner as a credit card. We encourage the use of a debit card as a cash-based alternative for anyone who is concerned about credit card debt. You can also set up a Bill Pay through your bank, with Kearney Evangelical Free Church as the recipient.

#### ***3. Donation Options***

You will have the opportunity to set up recurring gifts or to make a special one-time gift. Currently our online giving program allows you to designate your donation to (1) our General Fund or (2) our Building Strong Fund or (3) our Debt Reduction Fund or (4) our Benevolence Fund.

#### *4. View Your Giving Record*

Even if you choose not to give online, you may create a personal login and password if you'd like to view your giving record for the current and prior calendar years. Your record will show donations you have made online as well as by other giving methods. This feature will become available to you approximately one week after you create your login and password; this time allows us to verify that your login is privately and securely linked to your giving record.

#### *5. Update Your Giving*

Now that you have an online giving account, you may login any time to update your giving preferences or make a special gift. Thank you for your support of the ministries at Kearney Evangelical Free Evangelical Free Church.

#### **Maximum Single-Transaction Gifts**

Please note that the maximum dollar amount per online gift is \$25,000. If you'd like to make a contribution online that is larger than \$25,000, please contact Nina Valleau, Finance Director.

## **Mobile Giving**

*“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” Colossians 3:17*

You can now give from your mobile bulletin during the service or anytime during the week. It's secure, easy to use, doesn't require an account and you can use a debit or credit card. Access the mobile bulletin at [kearneyefree.com](http://kearneyefree.com) and then click the *Give* drop-down tab.

Learn how to set up the mobile bulletin on your phone or tablet ([here](#)).

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## **Auto Bank Drafts**

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While the Sunday offering is the most common opportunity to give, many of our congregants have asked for the option of making a payment automatically through their bank’s bill pay option. Automatic Bank Bill Pay is a popular, convenient, and consistent way for people who are so inclined to give to Kearney Evangelical Free Church. Automatic Bank Bill Pay is set up directly with your banking institution; most banks offer this as a free service to their customers. This payment method allows you to set up an automatic draft withdrawal from your checking account without having to write or mail checks.

### *Benefits of Giving through Automatic Bank Bill Pay*

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### *How to Set Up Automatic Bank Bill Pay*

To set up an automatic bank bill pay you will be required to contact your banking institution directly; logging on to the bank website is the most convenient but a phone call or visit to the bank may also be an option. They will provide step-by-step instructions.

Your bank will most likely require some or all of the following information about Kearney Evangelical Free Church:

- Name: Kearney Evangelical Free Church
- Address: 4010 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845
- Phone Number: 308.237.5968
- Account Number: no account information is required

You can set up a one-time payment in an amount of your choosing or set up recurring payments. You choose the frequency of payments and when during the month the payments are made. Most banks send email reminders. Payments can be changed or stopped at any time.

Kearney Evangelical Free Church does not need to be informed in advance that an automatic bill pay has been established. At the appropriate time the bank will forward the payment to Kearney Evangelical Free Church, either electronically or via paper check.

## **Stock Gifts**

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayer for all of you, because of your sharing the Gospel." Philippians 1:3-5*

### **Gifts of Appreciated Securities**

Many of our members and friends have found that giving appreciated stock to the church makes very good sense. Please discuss with your financial advisor if a gift of appreciated securities is a viable option for you. There are specific tax benefits for the donor by avoiding capital gains taxes and receives an income tax deduction. In addition, the church sells the shares of securities tax-free.

In order to realize the financial benefits of your gifts, you or your brokerage firm will need to sell the stocks and then issue a check to Kearney Evangelical Free Church as the recipient

- Recipient information:  
Kearney Evangelical Free Evangelical Free Church  
4010 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68845  
Contact: Nina Valleau, 308-237-5968

We want to be able to appropriately thank you for your gift and acknowledge the giving for your tax purposes. Since the documentation provided to our broker does not include the contributor's name, we would only know of your gift if you contact us. Please call Nina Valleau to let her know of your gift or mail her a copy of your stock transfer letter.

Please Note: The Internal Revenue Service date of delivery for gifts of stock is the date that ownership of stock is transferred to the organization. The date of delivery for a gift of transferred stock using a broker is the date the wire transfer arrives in the organization's brokerage account. Especially at year-end, it is important for the contributor to know that the arrival of the wire transfer is the event which determines date of delivery, not the day the donor contacts the broker with instructions to transfer the stock.

### **Estate Gifts**

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### **Memorial Gifts**

From time to time you may want to make a gift to Kearney Evangelical Free Church in memory of a loved one. Your expressions of gratitude, love and remembrance benefits the furthering of God's work through Kearney Evangelical Free Church. Kearney Evangelical Free Church appreciates all gifts, from the smallest to the largest.

Gifts in memory of specific persons should be clearly so designated in writing. In most cases, the funds are deposited into Kearney Evangelical Free Church's General Fund. If the family desires that a designated fund be established for a specific purpose in memory of a person, they should contact the church.

### **Planned Gifts**

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

In the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), Jesus encourages us to be good stewards of our assets. He encourages us to manage our assets so that they will grow and multiply. The "good and faithful servant" of the parable is the one who makes the most of what he/she has been given. And, like the servant of the parable, we can increase the Master's gifts so that they can grow and prosper.

When we examine our finances, we should consider both income and assets. For most of us, assets make up the bulk of our estate. To be good stewards, we must be stewards of our assets as well as our income. An effective way to do that is through planned giving.

A planned gift is a gift made from one's assets to a church or other qualified charity. In many cases, a planned gift can be made without negatively impacting a donor's current income, and may even create some financial advantages for the donor when viewed within the context of one's overall financial plan. Anyone can make a planned gift. You do not have to be wealthy.

Because these gifts typically require advance planning during one's lifetime, donors should seek the advice of an attorney, financial advisor or tax advisor before making a gift.

### **Planned gifts provide an opportunity for you to...**

- make a difference during your lifetime and beyond
- make it possible for you to leave your legacy
- make a powerful statement about a lifetime of comprehensive Christian stewardship

Please consult with a professional financial advisor for possible ways to make a planned gift to Kearney Evangelical Free Church. Some examples of planned gifts include:

- Designate Kearney Evangelical Free Church as a beneficiary on your life insurance or retirement plan
- Bequest in your will a portion of your estate to Kearney Evangelical Free Church
- Make a deferred gift to Kearney Evangelical Free Church through a living trust
- Please prayerfully consider a planned gift to Kearney Evangelical Free Church

### ***Gifts In Kind***

These are gifts such as automobiles, boats, works of art, medical supplies, etc. They may be fully tax deductible depending on the gifts.

### ***Matching Gifts***

Many individuals work for corporations that match an employee's giving to charitable organizations. Some companies will match gifts to churches for building funds or other designated projects. Please check with your company's Human Resources Office for the proper forms. If you have any problems or questions related to this, please contact Nina Valleau at [nina@kearneyefree.com](mailto:nina@kearneyefree.com)

### ***Weekend Worship***

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing the Gospel." Philipians 1:3-5*

Place your check (payable to Kearney Evangelical Free Church) or cash in the offering during any weekend worship service.

## **Online Giving F.A.Q.**

### ***Is it safe to give online?***

*Yes! All transactions are encrypted and securely transferred to and processed by NorthAmerican Bankcard®, a leading online processor for banks and credit unions nationwide.*

### ***What types of bank accounts can I give from?***

You can give online from either your checking and savings accounts or a debit/credit card.

### ***Are there any charges or fees to give online?***

No, you will not pay any charges or fees with an online gift. The dollar amount that you identify as your gift is the amount that will be recognized as your donation.

### ***Can I make a one-time contribution?***

Yes. You have the option of making a one-time contribution or of setting up a recurring contribution from your checking/savings account.

### ***If I want to set-up a recurring gift, what are my options for frequency of my gift?***

For recurring gifts you have the option of giving weekly, every two weeks, once a month, quarterly, or yearly.

### ***If I make a recurring contribution can I have it stopped or changed if my situation changes?***

Definitely! A recurring contribution can be stopped or changed at any time by simply logging on to your account and changing the information provided... Please note: Per IRS regulations, once a gift has been made to the church it cannot be refunded.

### ***Can I review my donation history online?***

Yes. Your contribution history of not only your online contributions but of all your contributions to Kearney Evangelical Free Church will be available.

### ***Will I still receive annual giving statements from the church?***

Yes. Kearney Evangelical Free Church will continue to send giving statements to your address on file for tax purposes.

### ***When will contributions be taken from my account?***

Contributions will be taken from your specified bank account within 48 business hours of the date you requested. This time frame allows time for the contribution to process through your bank and the church's bank. If the date of your contribution falls on a weekend or a holiday, the transaction will be initiated on the next banking day.

### ***Can I designate my gift to a particular fund?***

You will be able to designate your gift to the General Fund, the Building Fund, the Debt Reduction Fund or the Benevolence Fund.

### ***How will I know that I set up my gift correctly?***

Immediately after setting up your contribution you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

### ***What fees are encountered with my gifts to the church?***

The only fees we incur are with the online & mobile gifts with credit cards. These fees range from 2.5% to 4.5%.

With the bill pay option through your bank, the church does not incur any additional charges.

***How do I give to general offering, benevolence & the church building fund?***

You do not have to write multiple checks. You can specify in the memo on your check how your gift is to be divided (example: \$50general/\$20benevolence).

With online giving, you are not able to split, but you can enter multiple transactions. We do not direct general offering or benevolence gifts to specific line items. Rather, they fund those budgets as a whole.

***Why do we have various ways of giving (online, offering, etc)?***

We want to be open to each person's preference of giving, To be active in working with younger generations, we want to have available to them the technological resources they normally use for monetary transactions.

***Who should I contact if I have additional questions about online giving?***

If you have questions, concerns or comments about Kearney Evangelical Free Church's online giving system please contact Nina Valleau, Finance Director, by e-mail at [nina@kearneyefree.com](mailto:nina@kearneyefree.com), or by phone at 308.237.5968.

## **Security**

At Kearney Evangelical Free we use an online database called Ministry Platform. Their system allows us to provide access to your contribution records and allows you to make donations online. This system is used by churches throughout the country and has been fully tested by them.

When you create your account, you will determine your own login id and password. If you forget your login id or password, you can have the system email it to you by entering the email address that you used when you created your account. You can also change your password at any time.

Please help us keep your information safe by protecting your login information. Access to sensitive personal and financial information can be gained by letting someone else use your account or by leaving the information for someone else to see. Kearney Evangelical Free Church will never call you to ask for your login information.

## **Our Policy - Privacy and Refunds**

Your information is held securely by the Ministry Platform system. This information will remain private and will never be given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions. You can schedule new contributions at any time and can modify or cancel those contributions at any time prior to the date they are scheduled. Once the contribution has been processed, however, it cannot be cancelled. If you have any problems or questions related to this, please contact Nina Valleau at [nina@kearneyefree.com](mailto:nina@kearneyefree.com).