Generosity & Endowment Committee
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JESUS IS WAITING IN LINE TO GET A DOUGHNUT HOLE…

He soon learns that someone has already paid for his treat. Someone has paid it forward.

How perfect! Paying it forward focuses helping others because of gratitude for gifts or kindnesses we have received.

God's gift of Jesus to us, and the gratitude we have for His life, death, and resurrection is the purest expression of paying it forward in all of history. Jesus died for our salvation and His resurrection is a foundation of our faith and even part of our church name. Yet we cannot pay God back for his gift of salvation through Jesus. But we CAN pay God's love forward!

Paying it forward is a major part of our identity at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

- We give generously and persistently to support the church budget, which enables our planned annual ministry and supports the capital projects that enhance our campus.
- We can choose to give lovingly to bolster special mission opportunities through the year (food drives, kid's shoes and school supplies, refugee needs, fresh water in impoverished areas around the world, housing in Mexico…), all inspired by the teachings of Jesus such as in Matthew 25.
- We can build an Endowment Fund that is invested to earn returns that will strengthen future ministry (for emergencies or for mission needs we cannot anticipate but must be prepared for).
- We can plan legacy gifts to the church in our estate planning as testaments of faith in the potential of perpetual ministry through RLC.

Perhaps Peter said it best: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace…"* (1 Peter 4:10)

So even when standing in line for a doughnut hole, we CAN pay it forward.