

What is scrip?

Scrip is a term that means, “substitute money”. When church or school members purchase scrip, they’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The national and local retailers issue the scrip where many families already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use the scrip to purchase everyday items like food, gas, clothing, taking your family out to eat, and other essentials. With every purchase, revenue is generated for the church and school.

How scrip generates revenue for Grace Lutheran.

The scrip center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Grace Lutheran then purchases the scrip from the scrip center and re-sells the certificates to our congregation and school families for **full face value**. The bulk of the discount – from two to fifteen percent or more is retained by Grace Lutheran as revenue.

SCRIP IS “SHOPPING CART FUNDRAISING”.

The reason for the effectiveness of scrip is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, gas, clothing, toys, gifts and dining out cards can all be purchased with scrip. An organization of 150 families easily spends between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If these families use scrip for these purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for our school and church—*without spending an additional penny*. That’s right it is not costing you a penny to give that much to your church and school.

Why participate.

To support our beautiful church and school so that we may continue to build and grow to do God’s good works. Our school and church are always in need of new supplies and renovations.

Participating is easy.

Scrip is available after the Saturday evening worship service, before the 9:15 Sunday service and before the 10:30 service. You may also stop in the school finance office from 7:30 –8:30 a.m. and 2:30- 3:30 p.m. (school half days 11:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.) Monday –Friday.

We have scrip order sheets available and you may fill out the form, attach payment and we will contact you when it is complete. Payment forms include cash, check or credit card (Discover, MasterCard, Visa) Please consider taking the time to organize your shopping needs in order to participate with the scrip program. Grace Lutheran needs the support from all of the church and school families to help offset financial expenses so we can continue to provide a growing need to share God’s love and guidance.

If 150 families participate, the following would be the estimated annual income revenue for Grace Lutheran.

Estimated Annual Scrip Program Revenue

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	Monthly Per Family Expenditures	Projected Annual Per Family Revenue	Projected Annual Organization Revenue
Groceries	\$400.00	\$192.00	\$28,800.00
Gasoline	\$300.00	\$90.00	\$13,500.00
Dining Out	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$18,000.00
Clothing	\$100.00	\$72.00	\$10,800.00
Entertainment / Video Rentals	\$40.00	\$43.20	\$6,480.00
Home Repair / Improvement	\$100.00	\$24.00	\$3,600.00
Total Annual Estimated Revenue for your Organization			\$81,180.00

We pray that you will begin to support Grace Lutheran Church and School by participating in a program that has the potential to “give us wings like eagles” to soar into the future. If you have any question please feel free to stop in or call the school finance office at 747-3029 ext.111.

In His service,
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