

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Program Authorization

I hereby authorize Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1921 Cabana Road West, Windsor, Ontario to cause a cheque to be drawn on my account each month, as a contribution to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, as stated below.

My Contribution to Gethsemane Lutheran Church:

Total monthly amount of \$ _____

Distributed as follow:

General (Budget): \$ _____

Memorial & Special (Designated): \$ _____
(please specify the purpose of the gift)

Name: _____ Envelope #: _____

Financial Institution Name & Address: _____

Account #: _____ Account Type: _____

Please make the first automatic withdrawal on _____ 20th, 200 _____.
Month

Date: _____ Signature: _____

A black **voided cheque** drawn on the above account is enclosed.

This authorization may be changed or cancelled by the contributor at any time.

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation including, but not limited to, the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.5)*.

Remarks on **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

PAR is not the right thing for everybody, especially if you want to bring an individual offering to each service you attend. But how about if you cannot attend some services because you are away, but still want to regularly support the Lord's work in and through your congregation and church. Then PAR is indeed the best fit. You no longer need to worry about being away or even about forgetting to bring an offering.

PAR can take care of the various aspects of your giving preferences throughout the year, as much or as little as **you** want. Once you have decided on what PAR is to you can use your regular offering envelopes for anything else over and above.

In order of decreasing likelihood, PAR can cover any or all of the following:

1. Weekly Sunday Worship offering throughout the year;
2. Offerings for special mid-week worship services during Advent (4x), Lent (6x), Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday;
3. Offering for special worship services like Christmas Eve & Day, Palm Sunday/Confirmation, E, and Thanksgiving;
4. Designated regularly scheduled donations for memorials. Dedicated gifts (sponsorship, etc.), or other special projects of your choice.

Likely, most will just put item #1 under PAR and handle the others by envelope giving. Other might choose item #1 and item #2, or even item #1, #2 and #3. Item #4 is used for special situation sponsorships for Sunday school or other worthy regular projects.

Worksheet (entirely optional)

By design, PAR consists of one regular and equal automatic withdrawal on the 20th of each month. Thus, the gifts throughout the year would be added up and then divided by 12 to arrive at an equivalent monthly regular amount. **If you choose only item #1**, remember the extra days each month after the 28 days/4 weeks period. So, add 10% to your weekly offering multiply by 4 and entry this into the authorization form. **And you are done!**

Otherwise, please proceed. Keep in mind that there are 365^{1/4} days on the average year and therefore 52.2 weeks because of the leap year in every 4th year. According to the outline above have the yearly subtotals #1 through #4 as follows.

1. Weekly offering (\$ _____) x 52.2 = \$ _____ (#1) .
2. Advent (\$ _____ ea.) x 4 = \$ _____ and Lent (\$ _____ ea.) x 6 = \$ _____, added together represent \$ _____ per year. Add to that arrive at a yearly subtotal of \$ _____ (#2) .
3. The total of the special worship service(Christmas \$ _____, Palm Sunday/Confirmation \$ _____, Easter \$ _____, Thanksgiving \$ _____) yields subtotal \$ _____ (#3) .
4. Regular designated gifts or memorials total \$ _____ (#4) per Year.

Add the four yearly subtotals (#1 through #4) and divide by 12 to arrive at the monthly equivalent amount of \$ _____ . This amount is a rough guide for the **total monthly amount** on the PAR authorization form on the reverse side