

## **WHY USE GIVE PLUS?**

### **The Give Plus app allows you to.....**

Forget to bring your checkbook and still make your regular donation.

Make an additional designated donation to ..... (GSO, Building fund, Disaster relief)

Control when and how much you give to the church....

### **But I already give through Simply Giving.....**

There is no need to make a change in your Simply Giving contribution. Give Plus can be used if you want to make an additional contribution outside of your traditional regular giving,

### **But I already give through PayPal.....**

We will continue to offer PayPal as a means of making your church contribution. You can use the app to make additional designated donations. The church receives less of your total donation than it does when contributions are made with Give Plus.

### **But I don't have a smartphone.....**

The Give Plus application can also be downloaded to your iPad or Android tablet.

### **But I don't want to change the way that I give.....**

No need to change. The church will continue to provide envelopes for giving as you desire.

### **Additional important info.....**

Contributions through Give Plus will be included on your Annual Giving Statement for tax purposes.

## HOW DO I GET GIVE PLUS?

GIVE + APPLICATION – Available for both Android and IOS platforms

1. Go to App Store or Google Play and search for “**Give plus church**” and download to your smart phone or tablet.
2. Open Application and enter: St John Evangelical Lutheran Church. A list of churches will appear and choose St John in Columbia, MD.
3. Click on Create Account.
4. Enter your name, email address and password. Click on Submit.
5. Declare the frequency of your contribution – one time, Weekly, monthly, etc.
6. Enter the amount to contribute by choosing one of the suggested contribution amounts, or inputting a different value in the “Other” field.
7. Enter the Bank Information for the account from which the funds will be withdrawn. Your bank information will be retained for future donations. (At the present time, credit cards are not an available alternative).
8. Enter the date that you want the withdrawal made or when to first start recurring donations.
9. You will be assigned a numeric ID by the system. Your envelope number will be tied to this ID when the first donation is recorded.
10. If you do not have an envelope number, please contact the business office to have one assigned in the church management software. This will assure that you will receive a giving statement at year end.