

Why We Give
Member Stories

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What do you love to do at Memorial and why?

I love to quilt. Every Monday morning, I get to gather with my church friends and we create the most beautiful blankets from an assortment of fabric, some just a small piece, others bigger, but they all make something special for a person in need. I love it!

Twice a year we drape them over the pews, we bless them and they are sent off to parts unknown but for someone experiencing a crisis. It brings me a sense of awe.

Who invited you to be part of this activity, if anyone?

Arlene Swenson. She found out I was a quilter and she invited me in. Arlene was a gifted quilter herself. And very dedicated to this ministry.

Why do you give to Memorial? Has it changed over the years?

I believe in the ministry of Memorial and am blessed to be able to support it financially.

We first started by giving around $40 a month, and then when I heard my brother-in-law, Randy Roen, share his stewardship testimony to why it is so important to the life of the church, I realized I could give more. I have continued to increase my giving. Even today, I wonder if I could do more. And I am thankful I can.

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