



God's Work, Our Hands

Galilee Stewardship News

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson of the ELCA once said that a great Lutheran word is "and". For those of us who are Lutheran, we are familiar with theological concepts such as "Law *and* Gospel", "we are at the same time saint *and* sinner", "God hidden *and* God revealed", "we fear *and* love God", to name just a few. What this means is that these concepts that seem to be opposite or contradictory are both true at the same time.

This way of understanding the truth through a Lutheran framework is also true of the theme for our stewardship emphasis at Galilee this fall. "God's Work *and* Our Hands". That is to say, God has a

mission in the world, and God is actively doing that mission. This is God's work. At the same time we are invited to participate in that mission. That is, our hands are put to the task of carrying out that mission. If, on the one hand, we say that the mission is only God's work, then we play no part in it, and we can be content to do nothing. If, on the other hand, we say that the mission of the gospel is only our responsibility, then we essentially are acknowledging that God is not present and active in the mission of God in the world. Hence, both parts of the theme are true—the mission is truly God's work, and our hands participate in that mission.

During the month of October, let us reflect on both how God is present and active to transform the world according to his will, and also on how we can participate in that work of transformation. For us, that participation will surely involve our time, our talents, and our financial resources. In other words, we are called to carefully consider how we manage or steward all of our resources for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Thank you for the many ways that you are lending a hand to the mission of God carried out through Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Pastor Ralph Baumgartner

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Special points of interest:

- October 4: Stewardship Focus Begins, Information Kiosk Dedication
- October 11: Stewardship Temple Talk
- October 18: Guest Preacher - Rev. Susan Miller
- October 25: Reformation Day, Estimate of Giving Offering, and Stewardship Brunch

Stewardship Scripture

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 90:17



Stewardship Focus

In October, **stewardship** will be the focus at Galilee. Each Sunday, the scriptures, sermon and children's story will emphasize the important role that Christian stewardship has in our daily lives. The Outreach Committee will display some examples of God's outreach work at Galilee. The information kiosk, built by Mike Osterman and Robert Osterman, will be dedicated.

Included with this newsletter is an Estimate of Giving Card and a Weekly Giving Guide that may help you determine your weekly offering based on your income.

Please bring your Estimate of Giving Card to church on Sunday, October 25 as they will be collected during the worship service.

Guest Preacher

To enhance our stewardship focus, on Sunday, October 18, Rev. Susan Miller will participate in our worship service. She is the Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life and Mission for the Saint Paul Area Synod. Rev. Miller is uniquely qualified to preach about stewardship as she coordinates the synod's stewardship leadership team and serves as its contact for stewardship ministries and interim pastors.

Capital Campaign Update

The four-year Capital Campaign that started in 2006 to retire our mortgage loan currently has a balance remaining to be collected of approximately \$6,200. The campaign will come to end in January 2010. Thank you for being so faithful in your continued support of Galilee's plan to become debt-free.

If you need to know the balance remaining in your individual pledge to the Capital Campaign, please contact Mary Lanoux at church on any Sunday or call her at 651-488-2949.

Time and Talent Surveys

What are your gifts? We all have time, talents, and resources given to us by God. As stewards of God's gifts AND as members of the Body of Christ, we understand that our gifts are meant to be used for others. We rejoice that God has given each of us varying gifts, so that by sharing our gifts, we can make a difference in our church and in the lives of others.

Just as our gifts and abilities are varied, so are the opportunities to use them. If you have not already done so, please complete the **Galilee Time and Talent Survey**. It only takes a few minutes but it provides an opportunity for you to consider your gifts and how you can use them to do God's work at Galilee.

The Galilee ministry team leaders will use the surveys as a tool to match your interests with opportunities to further God's mission through Galilee. The survey is available in the information kiosk in the narthex or online at www.galileelutheran.net. Please turn in your completed survey as soon as possible.

Stewardship Brunch

You are invited to gather together following the worship service on October 25 for the Stewardship Brunch featuring an Egg Dish Bake.



WEEKLY Giving Guide

INCOME			Lower Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Higher Range Giving			Tithe
Annual	Monthly	Weekly	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$ 12,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 231	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 23.00
\$ 16,000	\$ 1,333	\$ 308	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00
\$ 20,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 385	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.00
\$ 25,000	\$ 2,083	\$ 481	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 48.00
\$ 30,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 577	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 58.00
\$ 35,000	\$ 2,917	\$ 673	\$ 7.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 67.00
\$ 40,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 769	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 77.00
\$ 45,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 865	\$ 9.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 87.00
\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 962	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 96.00
\$ 60,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,154	\$ 12.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 115.00
\$ 75,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 1,442	\$ 14.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 144.00
\$ 100,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 1,923	\$ 19.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 192.00
\$ 125,000	\$ 10,417	\$ 2,404	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 240.00
\$ 150,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,885	\$ 29.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 202.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 288.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income and giving).
2. Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE PERCENT would be for you.
3. Will you GROW ONE PERCENT this year?
4. Write the Weekly Giving amount on your Plan for Giving Card.