



Stewardship: Taking Care of God's Business

By Pastor Gayle Pope

October is Stewardship Month at Christ Lutheran Church! When we talk about stewardship, we acknowledge that God has given us EVERYTHING we have – our relationships, our abilities, our possessions, our bodies, and our very lives. While we live on this earth, we serve as “stewards” of those gifts – taking care of them and using them in God’s service. During Stewardship Month, we reflect on how we’re doing at this task.

Stewardship encompasses time, talent and treasure. All are important. We do need to pay particular attention to treasure, however, because money has such a powerful hold over us. How we earn it and use it reflects our most deeply held values and so it impacts every aspect of our lives and relationships. For many people, money is a constant issue of frustration, anxiety and conflict.

So ... stewardship of our treasure is not only about what we give to the church, it involves everything about the way we live. Do we handle our money according to God’s “best practices” as taught in the Bible?

That’s what the Financial Peace University program gets at, and we are blessed to be able to offer it here at Christ Lutheran through the gifts that Stuart and Kris Peters and Trish Santos share as stewards themselves. I asked Stuart to write something about the current FPU class and I thought he did such a good job, I’d like to give over the rest of my Pastor’s page to his article.

FPU Fosters Financial Freedom

By Stuart Peters

A recent census shows that 1 in 6 Americans lives below the poverty level. Financial education is the best tool we have to fight poverty.

The Bible says in Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” We must educate ourselves so that we can educate our children and others. The very next verse of Proverbs tells us why: “The borrower is slave to the lender.” Debt destroys our ability to be who God intended us to be. We are not able to live or give as we should. Debt becomes the master. Our work no longer is for the glory of God. We become slaves to pay the VISA bill! This is what has become “Normal” in America.

We have 13 people in the current Financial Peace University class who have decided that “Normal” just isn’t good enough. They come from as far as Hannibal

and even Versailles. As of this writing, we are in our third week. So far, we have learned that there are only three things you can do with money: Give, Save and Spend.

In our first lesson we learned that Savings must become a priority. In the second lesson we learned about relationships and money. If you are married, your money needs to be combined. The preacher said “... and now you are one,” NOT “... and now you are a joint venture.” Teach your children that money comes from work. Teach them to give. They learn more from giving, saving, and spending money they have earned than if you just give them an allowance that they do not have to earn. The third lesson is about cash flow planning. This is where you are responsible for creating your own budget. You must write it down before the month begins, and stick to it.

We do not go into details of anyone’s personal financial situation. That is their business, not mine nor anyone else in the class. What we provide are the tools and the motivation to achieve individual financial goals. The classes attract a wide range of participants ... from bankers to bankruptcy lawyers, to people who have said, “I make too much money and have too little to show for it.” Why would a banker need to take a financial course? Personal finance is 20% head knowledge and 80% behavior. You may possess all the skills and know mathematically everything there is to know about money, but you may not understand all the emotional factors that can mess up your finances.

This current FPU meets on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through November 17, with a different topic each time. The first hour is on video taught by Dave Ramsey. It is very entertaining. There are times where you will laugh and even times where you may cry, but it is always uplifting and motivating. The second half is followed by group discussion regarding the lesson. Through the 90-day course, participants will have created three written cash flow plans. Studies have shown it takes about the third time doing this before you feel you have control of it.

I plan on having another FPU class beginning after the first of the year. If there is enough interest, I would gladly start another class. If you would like to get more information on Financial Peace, contact Stuart Peters at 217-222-5810 or be looking forward to the FPU preview announcements in November and December.



Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011

Council Members present: Reth Stollberg, Sue McLennan, Pastor Gayle Pope, Sue Reeder, Jim Bailey, Bruce Holderbaum, Bonnie Scranton, Tom Holte, Joan Kammerlohr, Ashley Maas, and Donna Parke
Absent: Trish Santos, Dick Klusmeyer

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Gayle and Jim Bailey provided devotions. Tom Holte will give devotions in October.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by President Sue McLennan. There were two additions to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the August 9th meeting were approved as written. Thanks were given to Bonnie Scranton for writing them.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Minutes:

1. The expense of the new compressor was added to the Property Team budget.
2. There will be no need to keep \$6,551.48 in the Call Committee budget. The money will be moved from checking to savings account without a designation for its use. It may be put in a capital budget next year.
3. Motion was approved to file both reports for audit.

President's Report:

1. Ministry team budgets are to be e-mailed to Sue McLennan by October 9th.
2. Jim Bailey, Bonnie Scranton, Dick Klusmeyer, Sue McLennan, Pastor Gayle, and Andrew Maas were appointed to the budget committee. They will make any necessary adjustments to the 2012 budget after the Stewardship campaign.

Pastor's Report: We discussed the National Youth Gathering to be held July 18-22 in New Orleans. A planning meeting will be held after the second service on September 25th. We are looking for an adult to be in charge. Guideline expectations and rules for participants will be discussed at this meeting. A written report of Pastor's activities was filed.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Stewardship: Jim reported that this team has met twice and have a program underway for Stewardship. The theme is "A New Beginning." Jim and Bonnie will speak to the congregation on September 25th and there will be Temple Talks at services on October 2, 9, and 16th. October 23rd will be devoted to Stewardship with one service at 10:30 with a meal to follow. Each Ministry Team will be highlighted. We looked at the Stewardship Festival Worship outline for that service. More information will be placed in the next SEED. The Council members will pass in their pledge cards, time and talent sheets at the next Council meeting. The Council will also help serve the meal that day.

The team will meet again on October 4th at 6:30. Robin will need a list of members to put on the contribution envelopes.

Service: Tom reported that the team met in early August. They will be using the Time and Talent sheets to coordinate activities for service.

Property: A written report of all activities done by the Property Team was reviewed. There was a discussion regarding putting a cross on the outside of the church. Jim Bailey volunteered to look into the possibilities.

Worship: Bruce reported that hymns have been selected through September 25th. They will meet again on September 14th. A worship assistant duty booklet will be written. A training night may be planned in the future. \$124 was recently spent on a new microphone and this expense was added to the Worship Team budget.

Witness: Sue Reeder reported that Bonnie Conover and Linda Dillman have been working on plans for the November 9th Ploughman's lunch which will benefit the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Someone from that organization will speak at both services on November 6th. The last day for contributing soap and blankets is October 20th.

Learning: Donna reported that the students will be going to the Pumpkin Patch in October. She thanked the Property team for painting the Youth room walls. There will be an intergenerational forum on September 25th at 9:30. Sunday School teachers have been scheduled. There is a real need for more teachers.

Fellowship: Ashley reported that the team meets the third Thursday of the month and are currently working on the Ploughman's lunch.

Mutual Ministry Committee: Tom reported that the team met last week with Pastor Gayle. It was a good opportunity to share ideas and speak informally. Pastor Gayle felt the ministry of the congregation could benefit from additional clerical support. At this time, Ashley Maas is working about 15 hours per week, but is being paid for 12. Motion was passed to pay Ashley Maas for fifteen hours a week at \$9.60 an hour for the balance of 2011. The Executive committee will look at staffing needs and compensation to build into the budget for 2012. Sue will call a meeting of the Executive committee to discuss staff compensation.

Motion was approved to accept all reports.

Old Business:

1. Bonnie thanked all who helped make Lutherfest such a success. She gave a final report of Lutherfest. There were about 200 participants. We discussed the budget of the event. We may put something in the 2012 budget for further gatherings.
2. Motion was approved to have Bonnie Scranton be our representative at CROSS (Congregations Regionally Organized for Service and Support).
3. Bonnie reported that currently we have 166 active members, 5 attending non-members, 30 inactive members, and 25 names to still sort out. The numbers will be sent to Synod. The updating of the membership should be finished by next month.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 6:30 PM

4. A meeting will be held on September 28th to discuss ways to improve our website. The committee members are Pastor Gayle, Bruce Holderbaum, Sue Reeder, Bonnie Conover, Stuart Peters, Ashley Maas, Bonnie Scranton, and Kara Wingerter.
5. The cottage meetings were discussed. There will be a summary after the final meeting. These findings will also be discussed at Adult Forum.
6. The Council Retreat will be held on November 19th from 9-3 at the church.
7. The Matt Dibbler concert will be held on Friday, October 28th at 7:00. A free will offering will be taken. This concert will be discussed at the next CROSS meeting. We will need volunteers for the sound system, ushers and greeters, and help with fellowship.
8. Direct deposit of offerings was discussed. Motion was approved to offer congregational members the opportunity to give their contributions by direct deposit. Robin will work with Vanco Services to set up this program.

New Business:

1. Motion was approved for the transfer of the following members from Luther Memorial at the September 25th service.
Jim and Linda Lewis
Matt, Amanda, and Caden Goessling
2. We discussed the possibility of associate membership for some of our regular attendees who may wish to maintain membership in another Christian congregation, but desire to participate in the life and mission of Christ Lutheran. Associate members have all the privileges and duties of membership except voting rights and eligibility for elected office. Pastor plans to discuss this possibility with those who fit this category.
3. A new church directory was discussed and will be discussed again next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 and we ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary



HALLOWEEN FUN

On October 16th we are going to have a Fall Festival with Games, Pumpkin Carving or painting and then we will all sit by the fire pit with hot apple cider, caramel apples, and smores. This will be a potluck dinner for everyone..not just the youth from 4-8 p.m.

.....Thanks!!!!!! Trish



**PLAN AHEAD
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH**

Wednesday, November 9th is our big day. The beneficiary is Big Brothers/Big Sisters. We would like to get a list of any members who are already participating in this program. They can get in touch with me or Linda Dillman or Pastor Gayle. We really need everyone to consider helping as much as possible this year. Budgets are extremely tight and we need all the help we can get.. We are always grateful for everyone's help in the past and hope to make this another great Ploughman's.

Thanks.....Bonnie Conover



OCTOBER GARDENING—THE LAST HURRAH

This will be our last month for the "church weeding party". We will meet on October 5th and 19th from 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. We're hoping for a good turnout for our final cleanup. Help us out if you are able. Thanks also to those who have helped all summer with much needed chores. See you again in the Spring. Thank You, Mary Reeve



OCTOBER BOOKS & BREW

We will be discussing "Promise of the Heart" by Michelle Tournear when we meet at 6 pm on October 25th at Panera. Also want to tell everyone about The Big Read Quincy 2011. This event will kick-off with a celebration at the John Wood Mansion October 6th 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free copies of the book "Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allen Poe" by Edgar Allen Poe will be distributed and food will be served. Let's all get a copy so we can discuss it in November. We usually don't meet in November but thought we could just get together at church for coffee on November 22nd at 6 pm and then donate what we would normally spend for dinner to the Thanksgiving food fund. Any questions about the book club please call Pat Bell 593-7309– HAPPY READING!



*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
January through September 11th 2011 - 80
January through September 2010— 81*

STEWARDSHIP: A NEW BEGINNING

Throughout the month of October, our Stewardship Campaign will be front and center. The first three Sundays in October will feature Temple Talks on a variety of stewardship topics. On October 23rd, we will hold a “Stewardship Festival,” featuring presentations from our Ministry Teams. Each team will address its vision for the future and the ways in which its members make a difference in the mission of Christ Lutheran Church. There will only be one service on October 23rd (10:30) with a meal following at 12:00 in the fellowship hall. Special entertainment will be featured after the meal.

Please begin to consider how you will support our stewardship drive and the mission of Christ Lutheran Church. Pledge forms and time/talent sheets will be distributed at the end of the service on October 23rd. Following the meal and entertainment, you will have an opportunity to deposit your pledge and time/talent commitments in a special receptacle symbolic of our Stewardship theme – A NEW BEGINNING. Opportunities will also be provided the following two Sundays for presentation of your pledge forms and time/talent sheets.

Your financial pledges and time/talent commitments are extremely important to the process of building next year’s budget and determining next year’s volunteer roster. Please prayerfully reflect on the contributions (financial and time/talent) you can make. If we all work together, our “new beginning” will allow us to serve God’s mission with renewed zest and purpose.

Jim Bailey
Stewardship Ministry Team



NEW SEED EDITOR NEEDED

Due to medical problems, I am going to have to relinquish my duties as publisher of “The Seed”. This job has given me many moments of happiness and enjoyment. It is like being able to give something back to my church family. It is my wish that someone will step forward soon and I will try to pass on all the help and information that Robin so graciously gave to me. I want to thank all who have tolerated my mistakes over almost two years and my very limited knowledge of the computer. Somehow it worked most of the time. I will miss it, but my prayer will be that things will continue without interruption and you won’t even know I’m gone because no doubt the next person will possess a lot more computer skills than I. I always tell people I only know enough about computers to be dangerous. Thank you, Daune McCulloch



*God's gifts and blessing shine all around us
Let us rejoice in the spiritual, as well
As the physical needs of our body
These can always be found, provided
Free of charge whenever we meet or
Gather as brothers and sisters in Christ*

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR OCTOBER

Amy Stollberg to Direct Choir for Bishop's Installation

Our Choir Director Amy Stollberg has been selected to direct a mass choir at the service of installation for Bishop S. John Roth, Saturday Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 245 N. Amos St., Springfield. Anyone may attend this service. For those who wish to sing in the choir, there will be a rehearsal at 7 p.m. Friday evening at [St. John's Lutheran](#) in Springfield. Several of our choir members are planning to participate. Those who want to stay in a motel in Springfield Friday night should talk to Amy. She is checking into the availability and cost of rooms. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will preach and preside at the service. A reception will follow at St. John's Lutheran, 2477 West Washington St.

Area WELCA Group to Meet at Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran Church is hosting the Northwest Conference Fall Gathering of WELCA (Women of the ELCA), Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A lunch will be served. Virgene Gilkerson is coordinator. She needs volunteers to help with serving lunch and to bring a salad or dessert. Theme for the day is "Women of the Bible." Pastor Gayle will be giving a message. All women of the church are welcome to attend. You can register for the event and/or volunteer to help on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Or call Virgene at 217-223-3744.

Matt Dibler Southern Gospel Concert

Christ Lutheran Church is hosting a Southern Gospel Concert by Matt Dibler in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. After the concert, hot apple cider, pumpkin bars and other goodies will be served in the fellowship hall. Matt will also be doing concerts Saturday, Oct. 29, at Immanuel Lutheran in Golden and Sunday, Oct. 30, at Trinity Lutheran in Carthage. There is no admission charge, as Matt accepts whatever is donated in a free-will offering.

Matt sang lead with the Inspirations Quartet from Bryson City, NC for almost 13 years. He was privileged to be the featured vocalist on several top 10 songs such as: *We Need To Thank God, I'm a Winner Either Way, I will Praise Him, and I Have Not Forgotten*. *We Need To Thank God* was voted the song of the year in 2003, and *I Have Not Forgotten* was voted song of the year in 2007. While Matt traveled with the Inspirations, he was nominated several times in the top 10 for Lead Singer, and 2 times was nominated in the top 5 for favorite Lead Singer. In 2008 he left the Inspirations and filled in for Jimmy Pearson of the Diplomats while Jimmy had heart surgery. When Jimmy returned to the Diplomats after his recovery he invited Matt to stay on, and Matt stayed with the group for two years. In October of 2010 Matt stepped out by faith, resigned with the Diplomats and now, under the direction and guidance of God, has launched out into a solo career.

The Lutheran congregations in Golden hosted a concert with Matt last year and it was such a big success, they invited him back and encouraged other CROSS Parish churches to make it a concert series. Our council decided to take advantage of the opportunity to offer an entertaining and inspirational event to our own members and the community of Quincy.

For more info on Matt Dibler go to www.mattdibler.com

- **Time is running out! The last day to donate soap or blankets for Lutheran World Relief is Oct. 20.** Coordinator Bonnie Conover is urging us on to surpass our goal of 100 pounds of soap. Our donations of soap, blankets, fabric and school kits (from last year's leftover bags) will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, Oct. 16.
- **Receiving First Communion during the 10:30 service on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30,** will be Taylor Kruse, Paige Lannerd, Delaney and Brennan McEwen, Blake Parke, Aiden Spurgeon and Ethan Wolf. The kids will bake the Communion bread for that day on Saturday morning, Oct. 29.
- **We will have another Intergenerational Sunday School event for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 30, Reformation Sunday.** This will be a fun and educational time where we will learn about what it means to be a Lutheran.

MORE CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **Confirmation classes have begun** for Jacob Parke, Dillon Probert, Savana Santos, Erica Stollberg and Ethan Wolf. Ethan lives in Liberty, so he is joining the combined class from Zion Lutheran, Liberty and Salem Lutheran, Mendon, taught by Deacon Pat Monroe. The rest are meeting from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Luther Memorial Church. Alan Schmuck from Luther Memorial will be coordinating one service or fun event a month for all the Confirmation youth to do together.
 - **Some of our youth are planning to participate in a “Super Servant Saturday” event** for kids in grades 3-8 on Saturday, October 8, is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden. Captive Free will lead music, and there will be games, lunch, and snacks, along with opportunities to show the love of Christ to others through acts of service. Pastor Gayle will be giving a message at the day’s closing worship. The theme verse for the event is 1 Timothy 4:12, “Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”
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Lutherfest

Christ Lutheran Church was bustling with people during *Lutherfest 2011*. This annual event, now in its fifth year, was held on Sunday, Aug. 28, and hosted close to 200 participants, the biggest crowd yet. The event began with a contemporary worship service, with music led by the praise band from Luther Memorial, a sermon preached by Interim Bishop Gary Hansen, leadership shared by pastors and lay members of various congregations, and a children’s sermon delivered by the *Puppet Posse* of Golden. Although the worship service had to be moved inside to avoid a drizzle, the sky cleared off and the crowd shared a potluck meal with culinary options to satisfy any appetite.

The evening concluded with fierce competition between volleyball teams from six congregations. The teams played throughout the evening, and a combined team from Salem Lutheran, Mendon, and Zion Lutheran, Liberty finally took home the traveling trophy for the tournament champions.

Lutherfest 2011 was coordinated by the CROSS Parish (Congregations Regionally Organized for Service and Support). The purpose of CROSS is to build relationships that enable the different congregations to share information and resources to strengthen their ministries. Representatives from the congregations meet several times a year to set and monitor goals and activities. Participating congregations include, Christ Lutheran, Nauvoo; Trinity, Carthage; Immanuel, Basco; Trinity and Immanuel, Golden; Faith, Augusta; Salem, Mendon; Zion, Liberty; St. Peter’s, Coatsburg, and Christ, Quincy.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Crystal Bennett	Tom Holte Mary Reeve	Sue Reeder Jim Bailey	No Service Joan Larner	Pat Bell Jerri Klusmeyer
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Wayne McLennan	Jerry Shackelford Wendy Maas	Ron Larner Cheryl Brinkman	No Service David Tooke	Stu Bell Darrell Kruse
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stuart Peters Bill Shuler	Peggy Bailey Bonnie Clark	Jerry Shackelford Sue McLennan	No Service No Reading	Tom Holte Judy Kauffman
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Sami Santos		Eric Kruse		
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Phil & Bonnie Conover Dave & Char Tooke	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Kaye Marshall	Mel & Linda Dillman Randy & Ruth Osterbur	No Service Dave & Daune McCulloch	Virgene Gilkerson Dave & Wendy Maas
DEACON 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Jim Bailey	Bruce Holderbaum Reth Stollberg	Bonnie Scranton Barb Rhinberger	No Service Ron Larner	Sue Reeder Wayne McLennan
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Savana Santos	Stuart Peters Jacob Parke	Bruce Holderbaum Ashley Maas	No Service Olin Shuler	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas
COFFEE HOUR	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and call the office as soon as possible with any changes. Many Thanks!



If you have a birthday in October and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

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| October | 2 Andrew Maas
Kayla McCabe
4 Jill Mathes
6 Mary Hesse
7 Stu Bell
14 Kara Duncan
16 Pat Glore
Jeff Mathes | 17 Don Burner
Brett Wolters
18 Sara Brinkman
19 Alec Rettenmeier
21 Cheryl Brinkman
22 Austin Rettenmeier
23 Lauren Conover
26 Beverly Ward
27 Stephanie Bolte |
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If you have a wedding anniversary in October and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

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| October | 10 Azad and Rita Tayyab
13 Jeff and Amy Stollberg | 13 Bob & Kathy Bolte
21 David and Rose Probert |
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Christ Lutheran Fall Festival October 16th 4pm—8pm

Potluck Dinner

Pumpkin Carving

Fall Snacks, Games & Treats

Music by the Fire

Come Join Us!!!