

## Newsletter Insert from Stewardship Board Advisor [ Exhibit B ]

God is able to provide you  
with every blessing in  
abundance, so that by always  
having enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly  
in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

I say the word "stewardship" and people turn away. You read the word "stewardship" and check your wallet. Stewardship and the financial concerns of the church are often uneasy partners. However, the truth of stewardship is far broader than simple dollars and cents. Christian stewardship is about living and knowing whose we are. Christian stewardship is the way we respond to being God's people.

We are richly blessed by God. Our life is a gift, a blessing. As members of a *community of faith*, we share our life in many and various ways. We share God's blessing in our actions. We give time to the ministry of Grace. We share our talents and skills and participate in God's work. We offer a portion of our money to further God's mission at Grace. We are richly blessed by God and thanks is shown in our sharing. This is a truth of Christian faith and living.

Many people have discovered an amazing truth, as we give thanks through our sharing, we experience greater blessing. Through our very living, we receive blessing as we give. This is

stewardship. Stewardship is about blessing and giving and life.

The Board of Stewardship would like to offer the community of Grace Lutheran one way to experience and grow in this amazing blessing of giving and life. Beginning June 4th and continuing on the first week of each month, a "blessing bowl" will be available. This will be a large glass bowl filled with "blessings" As you leave the altar, following Holy Communion, you are invited to take a blessing. The blessings are pieces of paper. On them you will find ways to share with others. You will find suggestions for giving to others.

Your blessing may be to introduce .yourself to someone you don't know. Perhaps, the blessing will be to call a shutin or to pray. Your blessing may be special words to think about or a wise quote. The blessing bowl provides opportunity for each of, us to practice the stewardship of Christian living.

Stewardship is about blessing and giving and life. Our prayer is that as you receive these blessings, God works in your life, growing your acts of giving into blessing.

Amen! Blessing and glory and  
wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honor and power and  
might be to our God  
forever and ever!

Revelation 7:12 Pastor Deanna Wildermuth