

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past three weeks, we have shared our stewardship message of Living God’s Mission: A Lifetime of Stewardship. We have focused on the celebration of what we do with what God has given us, the understanding of what our gifts and time mean relating to stewardship, and the relationship we share with each other at Bethlehem and in other parts of our lives.

Sunday, November 10th is Commitment Sunday; when after prayerful consideration, we will all make the decision regarding what our financial promise to the ongoing works of Bethlehem will be. Christian financial stewardship means our money is seen as being God’s money. It is from God, and as disciples, we should use it for God’s purposes and glory. Biblically faithful, financial stewardship works to advance God’s purposes and not our own. We trust God to care for us.

Therefore, do not be anxious saying, “What shall we eat?” Or “What shall we drink?” Or “What shall we wear?” For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:31-34

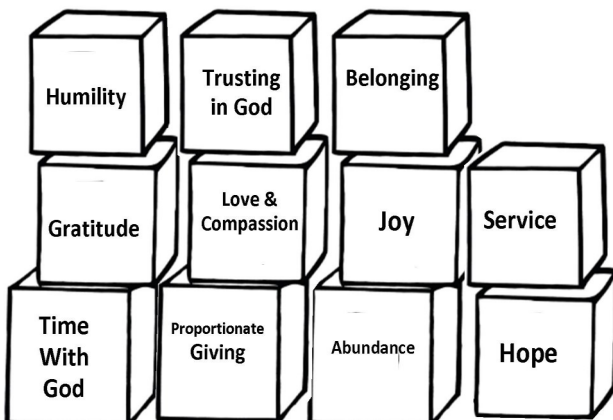
Included below is your Commitment Card for Living God’s Mission: A Lifetime of Stewardship. Please find a quiet time to think about all the blessings that God has given you personally and for Bethlehem as a congregation. Your generous gifts of time and financial support will allow us to move forward with God’s guidance and assurance that He will always provide all that we need to do the work He wants us to do. Even if you utilize the Simply Giving EFT process, please fill out a Commitment Card with your planned contribution to aid the Board of Stewardship and Finance in the budget process.

Thank you and may God continue to bless Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Jim Whitman
 Congregation President

Living God’s Mission: A Lifetime of Stewardship



\$ _____ / week-month (circle one) for GENERAL FUND

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