



Eastside News

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Living Each Day as a Steward!

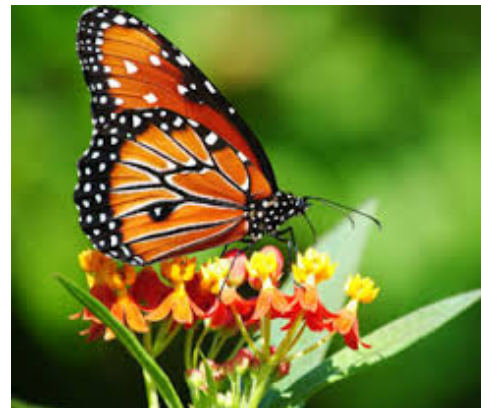
C.S. Lewis said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.' " As redeemed children of God, of course, we desire to belong to that first category. We long to live each day as stewards who earnestly pray, "Thy will be done." As God's stewards, we are devoted to using all that we are and have for his purpose. We are God's stewards each and every day.

Our stewardship theme for this year will be living each day as a steward. We will learn how the Holy Spirit, working through Word and Sacrament, transforms us to be more like our Chief Steward, Jesus, who willingly poured out his life in giving and serving, ultimately sacrificing his very life for our eternal lives. Just as Jesus faithfully served his Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to him by serving others. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

I pray that each of you will take advantage of this opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord that you might be strengthened in faith both for eternity and for a fruitful life here on earth.

May God grant us strength and wisdom to be the faithful stewards that he has called us to be.

Pastor Don Horner





Celebrating the Holy Baptism of Julia Ann Revier

Julia is the daughter of Joshua and Melanie. She was born on June 16, 2014 and Baptised on October 26, 2014. Her sponsors were Bruce Edberg and Ashley Luehmann

God bless you Julia. Welcome to the Lord's family!



The Treasure Chest is submitted by Shirley Senkler

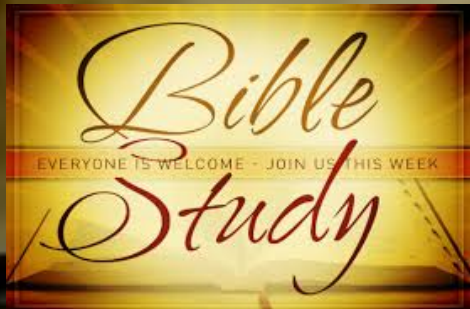
Bible Study is in full swing. We are meeting in Luther room at 9 AM (or a little before) every Sunday. Mary Horner leads us and she brings many insights to the text we discuss. She gives us historical background on the culture of the times. Bible study gives us more appreciation of the sermon of the day.

November 2 - Matthew 5: 1-12 Covers the beatitudes. Jesus teaches the multitudes that the poor, meek, sad and merciful etc, will enter the kingdom of heaven.

November 9 - Matthew 25: 1-13 Deals with the parable of the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins who awaited the coming of the Bridegroom. This parable deals with the end times and who will be ready when that occurs.

November 16 - Matthew 25: 14-30 Continues the parables about heaven. Jesus tells of the talents each has been given and that we are to use them wisely.

November 23 - Matthew 25: 31- 46 Jesus tells us of His second coming. He speaks about separating the sheep from the goats. Jesus tells us that whatever we do for others we do it to Him.



by Nany Rogers



Family Fun!

Apple Orchard

Photo Highlights

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photos please visit eastsidelutheran.com



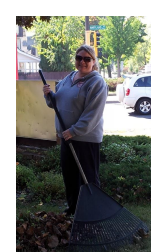
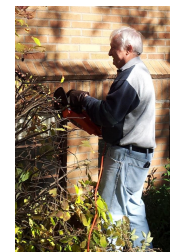
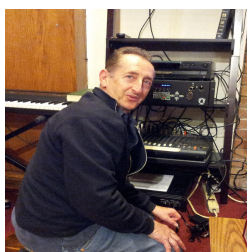


Fall Clean Up!

Photo Highlights

by Paula Staffa

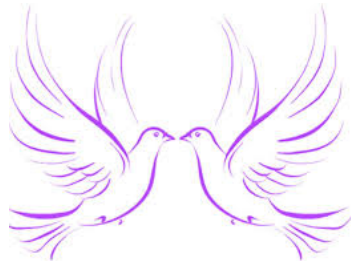
What a beautiful day it was! Thanks to all who came by and helped out with the fall clean up. The sanctuary has a fresh lemony scent and the grounds got a little extra TLC. The kids built some memories in the back of Al's pick-up. "That was so cool!" I heard them say. All the hard work was rewarded with pizza from Eastside Pizzeria.



Congratulations



Jennifer & Jordan
October 18, 2014



Polka Service



The Polka Service this year will be held on **November 2, 2014**. There will be a brunch following the service. A free will donation basket will be placed on the counter to pay the deductible we were required to pay after the sound equipment was stolen recently.



Living Each Day as a Steward!

As Christian stewards, we seek God's wisdom and strength for the purpose of doing his will. By God's grace, we acknowledge that God is the source of all things, and we live with the awareness that all things are owned by him. When we understand that what we have is on loan to us from God, we live our lives with a different perspective.

As we live each day as stewards, we understand that stewardship is more than a part-time activity. It consists of much more than just isolated deeds of stewardship. We are God's stewards each and every day, throughout the day. Our stewardship is incorporated into a lifestyle. It is what we are. It is our vocation, involving our total devotion. Through our Christian stewardship, we express who we are both in character and conduct. The Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, transforms us through his work of sanctification so that we become like our Chief Steward, Jesus. Through his gift of faith, we live to honor the Lord and seek to follow his ways so we can live each day as stewards.

The Steward's Identity

Even though God has created us and redeemed us and deserves our obedience and honor, he gives us the freedom to choose to whom we will offer our loyalty and, therefore, with whom we will be identified. God calls us to live each day as stewards. However, the world, Satan, and our flesh point us in a different direction. If we choose to go in that direction, we reject God and become slaves to ourselves, to Satan, and to the ways of this world. Christians, though, who "were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). We have a new identity in Christ. We belong to him. God's Spirit, who comes to live in us at our Baptism, does his work of sanctification, empowering us to take on God's purpose and find our identity as his stewards. As our faith matures, our stewardship becomes a privilege rather than a duty. In his ministry on earth, Jesus, our Chief Steward, became our model for stewardship. He lived the perfect life of stewardship in our place. Not only is Jesus our model for stewardship, he is the initiator of our stewardship through the Spirit and faith. In Jesus, we are delivered from the Law to the Gospel of stewardship. At great cost, Jesus has freed us from the power of the Law with his innocent and precious blood so that we may serve him in everlasting righteousness. Our motivation and strength as stewards come from the power of the Cross.



*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

The Steward’s Purpose

King David wrote, “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me” (Psalm 138:8). God has a purpose for us, just as he had for David. Have you given much thought to what purpose God may have for your life? By grace through faith, we understand that we were created for God’s purpose, not ours. “For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work according to his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). Through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to surrender self-dependence and self-promotion and acknowledge that God is in control and that we are made for his pleasure. Through his power, we are transformed into people who stop focusing completely on ourselves and become his stewards. Our mind-set changes from what we want to do to what God wants us to do. As people who live each day as stewards, we thank God that he has given us faith and wisdom to understand that he is both our source of life and our purpose for living. We realize that we exist only because God wants us to exist. “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created” (Revelation 4:11). Our purpose is to give him glory, honor, and service.

The Steward’s Lifestyle

When God’s Word and love fill our hearts and minds, our stewardship is not limited to specific acts but, instead, becomes a lifestyle. With transformed hearts, we express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides us with motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of redeeming grace. In a lifestyle of stewardship, we commit our lives, gifts, and resources to serving the Lord and fulfilling his will for our lives. We are not “foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17). Being a Christian steward involves the way we view life, our whole human vocation, the ordering of our lives, and the deployment of all God’s blessings. Jesus said, “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God” (Hebrews 10:7). The Apostle James reminds us that we, too, are to be “doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving [our] selves” (James 1:22). Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are changed from takers to givers. We are transformed into people who use our lives, gifts, and resources in service to the Lord as Christian stewards. When we become self-giving people, God is pleased because he wants us, not our gifts. When God has all of us, our deeds of stewardship grow into a lifestyle of stewardship.



submitted by Jenny weber

Your Support Will Help Us Prepare and Deliver Nutritious Thanksgiving Day Meals to Twin Cities Families in Need. Thank You!

Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels prepares meals consisting of turkey, dressing, potatoes, peas, corn, cranberries, rolls, pumpkin pie and milk for families in need and delivers those meals to their homes on Thanksgiving Day. The founders, Bill Foussard and Barb Aslesen, work together with 2,000 volunteers that prepare and deliver the meals on Thanksgiving Day. The organization has grown from preparing 24 meals for 3 families on Thanksgiving Day in 1970, to preparing 14,500 meals delivered to over 2,700 families last year.

Volunteers: If you would like to assist with the assembly of food boxes, food preparation or clean up please arrive at Cretin Derham High School (550 South Albert, St. Paul) at 4:00am on Thanksgiving morning. If you would like to deliver meals, drivers should arrive at Cretin Derham High School at 7:30am on Thanksgiving morning.

If you would like to make a donation... rest assured **Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels** will put it to good use. 100% of your donation goes to those in need. We have no paid staff. All management and administration is done by volunteers.



In need of a hot Thanksgiving meal?

If you or someone you know are in need of a Thanksgiving meal here are two places whom are serving one this year.

- The Black Bear Crossing on the Lake at the Historic Como Lakeside Pavillion will offer a free Thanksgiving Dinner from 12:00pm-2:00pm.
- Cherokee Tavern at 886 Smith Ave S in West St. Paul opens its doors of their restaurant in West St. Paul to those in need and serve a complete Thanksgiving Day dinner at no charge to the guests. The tradition continues to this day growing into an event in which they serve over 2500 meals with the help of many volunteers and donations from others. Please visit <http://www.minnesotahelp.info/public/details.aspx?AgencyID=7235&LinkID=A982AB31-20EC-4307-8D82-AF9226832AE0> For information on how to receive tickets and a times of service.

Brownies

by Barbara Prokosch



When making brownies, you can prevent the edges from getting hard. First of all, use an oven thermometer to make sure your oven temperature is accurate. Then test for doneness toward the end of the baking time. If the brownie springs back when lightly touched in the center and the sides have started to pull away from the pan, it is done. If your brownie recipe has a cake texture (rather than a dense fudge consistency), it's done when a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Avoid dark-colored baking pans, which can cause the edges to brown too fast. Finally try lowering your baking temperature by 25 degrees.

INFORMATION

Upcoming Dates

11/2 Polka Service and Brunch
 11/11 Council Meeting
 11/27 Thanksgiving Day
 12/9 Council Meeting
 12/14 Christmas Choir Worship Service
 12/21 Sunday School Christmas Program
 12/24 Christmas Eve
 12/25 Christmas Day

LOOKING AHEAD

Mazatlan Mission Trip Ciudad de Los Ninos (City of Children)

The first week of February 2015, we have the opportunity to visit the Ciudad de Los Ninos orphanage in Mazatlan Mexico. We will help with building maintenance and other property improvement projects. Exact dates to be determined.

Pastor Don will provide an informational meeting in the near future.

Happy Birthday to you!

November

1-Ray Staffa Sr.
 4-Violet Schmitz
 7-Ron Skoogberg
 19-Pete Swenson &
 Gus Gutz
 21-Russell Cole
 27-Jack Campion



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Check the information board in the fellowship hall for upcoming events, birthdays, forms and general information.