**Your Stewardship Toolkit for November 2024!**

*September’s theme:* **Thanksgiving Giving**

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Consistent communication, education and action can help your congregation develop a healthy culture of stewardship and generosity. This Toolkit can help get you there!

Here’s what you’ll find in the Toolkit:

[**-Snippets:**](#Snippets) Cut and paste a monthly themed “Stewardship Snippet” in every Sunday bulletin! It’s a verse or two from the week’s Revised Common Lectionary lessons, followed by a brief reflection.

[**-Newsletter Article:**](#Newsletter_Article) Cut and paste a fresh article on stewardship every month in your newsletter.

[**-General Resource Websites**:](#websites) – These are places you can go for great ideas to jump start your stewardship ministry!

**Stewardship Snippets**

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**Nov. 3, 2024** – Proper 26, Year B

**Mark 12:31 – Jesus taught,** “The second greatest commandment is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

*How do we express love for our neighbors? Through prayer and caring action. For our needy neighbors, this might come in the form of a donation to a helping ministry.*

**Nov. 10, 2024** – Proper 27, Year B

**Mark 12:43 –**Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.”

*One measure of a gift’s true value is the degree to which one sacrifices to give it. What do the gifts you now offer God in time, talent and treasure really cost you? How might you prayerfully improve?*

**Nov. 17, 2024 –** Proper 28, Year B

**Psalm 16:11–**You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*As we grow in spiritual maturity, steward/disciples learn ever more deeply the difference between the fleeting, shallow happiness the world offers and the rich, satisfying joy and pleasures of our life in God.*

**Nov. 24, 2024 -** Reign of Christ Sunday, Year B

**Revelation 1:4b–** Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

*As did other New Testament writers, the author of Revelation blesses his readers with “grace” and “peace” of Christ. Truly, if we have Christ’s grace and peace in our hearts, we will find true contentment.*

**November 2024 newsletter article** (186 words)

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**Thanksgiving Giving**

Gratitude is the right attitude for November – the month when we take inventory of our blessings and thank God for them. And how much do you have to be thankful for this year? For many of us, it’s a lot – a decent place to live, enough nutritious food, nice clothes and people who love us.

These are the huge everyday blessings that many of us take for granted. Are you one of them?

After all, though many of us sit down on Thanksgiving to a table brimming with turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and more, lots of our neighbors will have a meager meal.

This Thanksgiving, why not do more than just raise up a prayer of thanks. Instead, express your gratitude with a gift that would benefit someone who has much less than you? No doubt your church could make good use of a special contribution for their feeding ministry or other social outreach. Certainly, there are other community charities that would appreciate a donation.

This year, thank God for your blessings and take the extra step of blessing someone else.

*--Robert Blezard*

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**General Stewardship Resource Websites**

[**Stewardship of Life Institute**](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/)– Headquartered at United Lutheran Seminary, this site has a trove of resources in areas of congregational and personal stewardship. ([www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org))

[**ELCA Stewardship Resources**](http://elca.org/stewardship)– Our denomination’s deep well of materials. ([www.elca.org/stewardship](http://www.elca.org/stewardship))

[**Center for Stewardship Leaders**](http://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/) – Luther Seminary’s excellent website. ([faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/](http://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/))

[**The ELCA Foundation**](https://www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation) a ministry of our denomination. ([www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation](http://www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation))

[The Episcopal Ministry for Stewardship](https://www.tens.org/) – Lots of good material. (<https://www.tens.org/>)

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