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for

Stewardship Emphasis

Week One

OPEN HEARTS

Firstfruits Giving



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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Help us be more welcoming by signing the guest registers in each row.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. ***Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.***
- ❖ Everything you need for worship will be printed in the worship folder.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Today we begin a three-week stewardship emphasis. The word stewardship is often seen as a dirty word—a gimmick to get people to dig deeper and “give ’til it hurts.” Nothing could be further from the truth! Instead, stewardship is a precious word that sums up the Christian life. It encourages us to be who we truly are in Christ: Precious people who have been richly blessed by a Father who knows how to give good gifts to his children!

Christians face a daily struggle. We have two paths set before us. The New Man, created within us at baptism, wants to live for Christ and the life that is to come. But our sinful nature focuses us on this life. That struggle pulls us in two directions when it comes to how we set our priorities or use our time. The struggle is especially noticeable when we wrestle with how to use the financial resources God has given us.

The Lord speaks about worldly wealth and possessions in over 2,300+ passages of Scripture. In other words, God speaks to us about worldly wealth roughly three times more often than he does about faith! Why? So that God can get to the “heart of the matter.” Money and possessions are God’s gifts to us. Sadly, human hearts often lust after these gifts and forget about the Giver. What heartache comes from a love affair with money and possessions! What good can result for us, for the Church, and for the world as we put the Giver first—offering back to him the **FIRSTFRUITS** of all that he has entrusted to us. God is many places. Second place in our hearts dare never be one of them!

Christ’s willing sacrifice for us is our motivation and inspiration to give back to God. May he open the hearts of his people to offer him our first and our best!

Our worth will follow this path.

Week One: OPEN HEARTS (Firstfruits Giving)

Week Two: OPEN MINDS (Proportionate Giving)

Week Three: OPEN HANDS (Sacrificial Giving)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #421, "ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING" (vs. 1-4)



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

M: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

C: **Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.**

M: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

C: **One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**

M: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

C: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. *Psalm 24:1; 145:1,3,4,13***

CONFESSION

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly come before you today knowing that we have failed to speak lovingly, think purely, or act rightly. We have sinned you and against others...

...in wasting the precious time you give us.

C: **...in our slowness and hesitancy to spread your Gospel.**

M: ...in the faithful care of our relationships.

C: **...in our restless and relentless preoccupation with worldly wealth.**

M: ...in caring for the bodies and minds you have given us.

C: **...in our refusal to make you our first priority.**

Silence for personal reflection

M: Hear our confession, for we have sinned and are in need of your mercy and forgiveness.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, we now praise the Lord!

C: *(Sing CW #480 vs. 1,2)*



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n and earth
2 The wealth of earth, of sky, of sea,



With lav - ish wealth be - fore you bow;
The gold, the sil - ver, spark - ling gem,



Those trea - sures owe to you their birth,
The wav - ing corn, the bend - ing tree



So rich - ly fur - nished for us now.
Are yours; you are but lend - ing them.

Text: Edward A. Dayman, 1807–90, alt.

Tune: O HEILIGE DREIFALTIGKEIT (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, giver of life and source of all love, we know that all we have received comes from your gracious hand. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send your Holy Spirit to work through us, that many more might come to know the saving riches of your Son. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of your Son in our hearts, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BE SEATED

NLS SCHOOL SONG (10:30 A.M. SERVICE)

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: HAGGAI 1:1-11

The Lord asks his people to give careful thought about the relationship between their finances and their faith.

¹ In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

² This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”

³ Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

⁵ Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

⁷ This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.⁹ “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”

***The Word of God**

“The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that ‘faith comes from hearing the message,’ God’s people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God’s Word.” Christian Worship Manual

PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 145

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Refrain

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:13-21

Jesus teaches it is the height of folly to live for this temporal life, forgetting of the eternal life that is to come.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN, CW #477, "WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME?"



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my



plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord
might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That
of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though
trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est
they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly
gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er
friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my
prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,
good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus
all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
he a - lone. What is the world to me!
is my wealth— What is the world to me!
I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

SERMON TEXT: HAGGAI 1:1-11

SERMON THEME:

Giving to God Doesn't Make a Bit of Sense

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews and pass it to those sitting next to you.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

PLEASE STAND

ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:30 A.M. SERVICE)

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord God, you created the heavens and the earth.

C: Every animal of the forest is yours as well as the cattle on a thousand hills.

M: Lord, from your hand comes boundless riches.

C: We thank you, Lord, for making us your stewards. We pray that you will grant us faith so we can please you in our stewardship.

M: Lord, help us to see the time, the talents, and the financial resources we have are a sacred trust from you.

C: We ask for your help, Lord, to use all our resources in worthwhile activities that will give you honor and praise.

M: Lord, help us to spend time in your Word and in prayer that you might nourish the faith you give us.

C: Please change us, Lord, from fear and selfishness to trust and generosity.

Special prayers and petitions may be offered here.

M: Help us, Lord, to be wise and fruitful stewards of the opportunities that you give us to use our gifts.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

BIBLE STUDY: FIRSTFRUITS GIVING

I. INTRODUCTION

- ? What comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? When you heard that we would be talking about stewardship for three weeks, what was your response?

It is easy to think of “stewardship” as being a discussion about money. Consider the following quote:

Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us—and what we do with it.

(Randy Alcon in Money, Possessions, and Eternity, p. 140)

**Stewardship = Management of the _____ of the
_____ + _____ + _____ +
_____ that God gives me.**

- ? If “stewardship is the Christian life,” why will a modern stewardship study need to focus on money, perhaps more than ever before in history?

Psalm 20:7

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

- ? Complete: Stewardship does not just give the Lord honor. It demonstrates that we _____ him.

II. FIRSTFRUIT BASICS

**The focus of firstfruits giving is not
the _____ but the _____.**

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

- ? When God calls for firstfruits giving in that passage, what is the amount he asks for?

Deuteronomy 26:8-10

So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me.

- ? Again, no amount is stipulated for this firstfruits offering. What is stressed is the attitude. How would you characterize the attitude of the Israelite when he brought his firstfruits offerings?

Mark 10:21-22

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth

- ? This man had claimed to follow all of God's law. Was God actually *first* in his life? Give the reason for your answer.

**The focus of firstfruits giving is not
the _____ but the _____.**

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

- ? Do you believe the passages above are literally true? If so, how does that have to affect the way you approach stewardship?

John 1:2

He [Jesus] was with God [the Father] in the beginning.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- ? What do these passages teach us about how God gives.

God gave us his _____ and gave us his _____.

Romans 7:18

For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Galatians 5:24

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

- ? These passages teach:

• *Through my sinful nature, _____ assures that God will always come anywhere but first.*

• *Through the Spirit we are _____ to give in a way that glorifies God—Creator, Savior, Spirit. As God's children, he comes first!*

The Challenge

If you are not in the spiritual habit of giving to the Lord first, it is time to reconsider that habit. The First Commandment dictates that we are to *fear, love and trust in God above all things*. Firstfruits giving helps us do exactly that. It tangibly puts God first.

III. NEWS AND NOTES

- Every member will receive a *10 for 10* commitment card. Keep it in a safe place and begin to pray about it. Do not fill it out yet! Instead, this first week, invest yourself in praying about why you do or do not practice firstfruits giving. If you do, is your attitude correct? If you do not, ask yourself: does God ever command something that isn't meant to be a blessing for me? *"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine"* (Proverbs 3:9-10). That's God's promise to you!

- Over the next couple weeks, we will talk about how to respond to God's love and grace in our stewardship. At the end of this three-week emphasis members will be asked to fill out those cards, which are a ten-week giving plan.

- Additional devotional material has been/will be shared. Read. Ponder. Pray.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace

C: **Amen**

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: CW #421, "ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING", VS 5



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
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soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



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He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

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Announcements:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Today we continue our Sunday morning Bible Study entitled, “**Agents of Grace.**” David was the greatest king of God's Old Testament people, the Israelites. Throughout his life, God used many people to mold David into the man and leader he came to be. This Bible study looks closely at those people, but also helps us focus on the people God brings into our lives for the same purpose. Join us at 9:25 for this interesting study.

Sunday School Starts Today: We are ready to kick off our Sunday School next Sunday, September 8. Sunday School is for all children starting at age 3. We meet in the school building and start with a joint devotion in the K-2 classroom. No pre-registration is required. Just show up on the first day! We start the devotion at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. Teens also meet in the school building with a class led by Chris Haring and/or Amy Vannieuwenhoven. Parents can then join us for the Adult Bible Study which meets in the overflow room of the church building at 9:25 a.m. The way that we grow in our faith is by hearing and studying God's word. Sunday School and Bible Study are essential for our spiritual walk with God. I encourage you to join us for these opportunities to grow in your faith and in the grace and knowledge of God.

Youth Group: There will be a carwash fundraiser October 13th after the second service. Youth fifth grade and up (and parents) should plan to bring a change of clothes and buckets/rags. Proceeds will benefit upcoming events/rallies. November 15th is a S'mores/Campfire/Movie Night at church. Please contact Amy Vann if you would like to contribute. Also, youth Bible Study will be studying Creation through the Flood. If you are interested in helping lead this course in a rotation once a month or every other month, please contact Chris Haring or Amy Vann.

School Marketing Team

We would like to become more active in recruiting students for our school, so we are starting a Recruitment Team. We are looking for people who are interested in helping to grow and promote our school to people in our community. We would like to do this promotion through various avenues and are looking for people who would help us to do this. If you are interested in participating in this Recruitment Team to help increase the number of students in our school, please contact our principal, Dane Mattes at dane.mattes@northdalelutheran.org.

Congregational Annual Meeting

At its meeting on Monday evening, the Ministry Leadership Team set the meeting date for our Annual Meeting for Sunday, September 15 after the 10:30 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will also be approving the financial plan (budget) for the fiscal year of 2019-2020. We are operating on a very slim amount in our operating fund currently due to a smaller than anticipated enrollment in our school and a decrease in congregational giving. So some very hard decisions had to be made which resulted in some very difficult cuts to our budget for this year. It is important that everyone of our members be present for this meeting. We are seeking your input and help for ways to correct this situation and for ideas to help us move forward. This is very important for the financial health of our church and school. Please set aside time to join us for this important meeting. We appreciate your support and help as we continue to aggressively proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to our community.

Moms and Tots: We are getting ready to kick-off the fall session of our Moms and Tots group. We thank Mary Mosakowski and Angel Allan for their willingness to volunteer to run this program. It is a great way for moms and their tots to interact with each other and other moms and their tots. It is also a great introduction to the great instruction we offer to children and families through our church and school. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in this program, you can register on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org.

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This Week:

Monday (9/9): 6:30pm - School Ministry Board

7:30pm - Women of Northdale

Tuesday (9/10): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (9/11): 6:30pm - Catechism

Thursday (9/12): 6:30pm - Evenings with Pastor

Sunday (9/15): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:15am - Teen Bible Study and Sunday School for Children

9:25am - Adult Bible Study

11:45am - Annual Meeting

Serving Today

Music: 8:00—Amy Vannieuwenhoven
10:30—Jeff/Aiden Berg
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Laurin
10:30 —Chris Haring & Diane Cihalski
Acolyte: 8:00—Mateo Amaya
10:30—Micah Vannieuwenhoven
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Laurin
10:30 —Chris Haring & Diane Cihalski
Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch
10:30—Carolyn Mattes
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—31
10:30 a.m.—54
Total: 85
Yearly Average: 102
% of Members in Worship: 42%

Financial Information

Contributions for 9/1: \$2,267.00
Online Contributions for 9/1: \$3,250.00
Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08
Contributions budgeted to date: \$39,807.72
Contributions received to date: \$34,199.05
Ahead or (Short) through 9/1/19: (\$5,608.67)

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Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00
Received Last Week: \$898.00
Total received to date: \$312,251.72
Projected Completion date: March 2020

Kids Pages

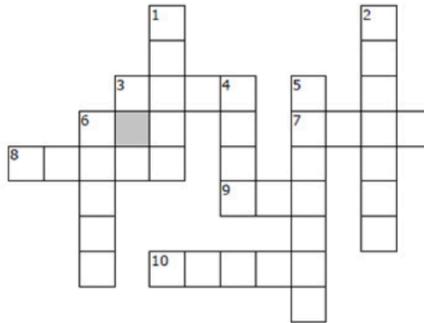
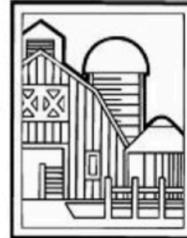
The Parable of the Rich Fool

Crossword

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

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| rich | judge | crops | brother | barns |
| life | eat | fool | teacher | drink |

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Word Search

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Luke 12:15 (NLT)

Based on Luke 12:13-21



C T G O O D T G R O U N D Z A
O Y Y Z R D R I N K I Z Z P L
T D N A G H I W U X A E O R I
W O U T A F I E L Y G P I L F
W G G N T M Y S J D I R S E E
F F R E E A T E U S V N D A Y
V F I K U K L J B S R I D E S
Q O C M E R R Y D A V E I G T
V O H S Z D T W B I E S N Z Q
H L R T J A O U D R T I Q H R
P G F F S R I N G O H C C E C
G L R K C T K R H T P T G U B
T I C A W H O D Q O A G Q F A
G I X Y I X O R R W I V M M H
L K T T J N X C E B R S Q V W

JUDGE
STORE
RICH
GOOD

CROWD
EAT
FOOL
CROP

THINGS
BIGGER
DIVIDE
WATCH

BARN
LIFE
GROUND
GRAIN

GUARD
GREED
DRINK
MERRY