

Pastors, Lay Rostered Professionals, Congregational Leaders, Stewardship Committees, and Church Council Members:

You Are Invited to Participate in the Stewardship Workshop "Celebrating a Generous God" to be held Saturday, September 11th 2010 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Our keynote Speaker for the day is Mr. Keith Mundy, Assistant Director For Stewardship in the ELCA.

Session titles include: "Stone Soup", "Stewardship 101", "Consecration Sunday", "Stewardship Resources", "Congregational Stewardship", "Celebrate Generosity by Dr. Eugene Grimm", "How Much is Enough?", "Stepping Stones", "Parable of the Wineskins" and "Stewardship with Youth".

A Registration Fee of \$15.00 covers the cost of materials and on-site lunch. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.; the workshop begins at 8:50 a.m. with a keynote address and concludes at 3:30p.m. Pre-registration helps us plan and saves you money.

Pre-register by September 8th and save \$5.00. Send your name, address, the name of your church, and pre-registration fee of \$10.00 to:

Marceile Redmon
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Call 260-486-1664 or send an email to: Marceilet@redmons.com

Include an e-mail address and we will confirm your Pre-registration. Registration on the day of the Workshop is \$15.00.

Please make all checks payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Directions to Epiphany Lutheran Church:

From US.24: Take I 69 North. See directions below.

From I 69 North or South: Leave I 69 North (or south) at I 469 exit 115. Take the Maplecrest Road (South) exit. Go through two traffic lights (the first is Rothman Road and the second is Evard Road), then immediately look to the left for Epiphany Lutheran Church. The church sits back from the road but their sign is very visible from the road. If you pass the Fire Station on your right, you have gone too far.

From US.30 East or West: Take the I 469 (north) exit and get off at the Maplecrest Road exit. Turn left (south), go through two traffic lights (the first is Rothman Road and the second is Evard Road) then immediately look to the left for Epiphany Lutheran Church. The church sits back from the road, but their sign is very visible from the road. If you pass the Fire Station on the right, you have gone too far.

For help with directions the day of the workshop, please call 1-260-485-5122. Someone will be at the church at 8:00 am that morning.

Workshop Schedule:

8:15	Registration, coffee and fellowship	Narthex
8:45	Announcements and introduction to the Day	Sanctuary
8:50	Keynote Speaker: Rev. Keith Mundy	Sanctuary
9:30	Stewardship 101 Growing as God Works in Your Life Stone Soup	Sanctuary Library Fellowship Hall
10:30	Stewardship with Youth Stepping Stones Celebrate Generosity by Dr. Eugene Grimm	Sanctuary Library Fellowship Hall
11:30	Lunch served on site in the Fellowship Hall	
12:30	Congregational Stewardship How Much Is Enough? Stone Soup Consecration Sunday	Sanctuary Library Fellowship Hall Music Room
1:30	Congregational Stewardship Stewardship Resources Celebrate Generosity by Dr. Gene Grimm	Sanctuary Library Fellowship Hall
2:30	Workshop session with Keith Mundy	Sanctuary
3:30	Closing Devotions and Departure	Sanctuary

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

STEWARDSHIP 101: Led by Brenda Dembroski. (Brenda is an Associate Vice President of Marketing for the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA, serving Region 6. She is also a member of the Indiana/Kentucky Synod Mission Support Table). Stewardship 101 is a challenging workshop addressing how leaders in congregations provide a good model for members of the congregation. It includes a reflection piece which provides conversation starters on the subject of generosity. Participants will also be given a great article written by former ELCA Bishop Dr. H. George Anderson, entitled "Stewardship as a Lifestyle". A Q & A time follows!

CONGREGATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Led by Brenda Dembroski. How can we be strong, spiritual leaders in the area of stewardship and finance? How can we implement generosity as a staple in our congregation's life and purpose? How do we as leaders and congregation address the crucial mindset of scarcity? Let's explore the scriptures and discuss our roles as leaders together?

STEWARDSHIP WITH YOUTH : Led by Brenda Dembroski. How do you talk to kids about generosity? What do they think about giving, saving and spending? Let's look at some creative ways to motivate and educate our youth, the future of our congregations, and let them teach us! Take home resources will be available and we will have a question and answer segment.

STEPPING STONES: Led by Brad Philbrick. (Brad is a member and former chair of the IK Synod Mission Support Table and Leader for over 20 Consecration Sunday appeals) A session of learning the stepping stones of a Christian steward, a personal and holistic reflection on stewardship. There will be time for interaction as well as we learn and discuss from Jesus' parables: gaining a sense of purpose, using resources and taking risks, reaching out, assessing reality as we are called, ultimately growth and change as a Christian steward.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY: Led by Brad Philbrick. Consecration Sunday, many have stated, is the flagship stewardship appeal of the I-K Synod. Presentation and discussion of this highly successful program that is based upon the need of the giver to give; stewardship is a spiritual matter. The goal of this program is to raise the awareness and spirituality of the Christian steward. Opportunity to ask questions on how this program works and can be utilized in your congregation with great success.

GROWING AS GOD WORKS IN YOUR LIFE: Led by Brad Philbrick. We are called to grow and change as God leads us. The parables of the new patch and new wine reminds us that God can and does break forth with new revelation that demands new openness. It is a willingness to change and an openness to new understandings. We will discuss that we do this through faith and with no fear. The life of the Christian steward is one of adventure!

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES: Led by Brad Philbrick. Presentation of many of the books read and known by Brad on the vast subject of stewardship. Web sites, tapes, and courses available will also be detailed. There will also be an opportunity for you to share your favorite materials, open discussion, and networking with each other.

THE CELEBRATE GENEROSITY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BY EUGENE GRIMM: Led by Ed Redmon. A former member of the synod's Stewardship Task Force, Ed has been a stewardship leader and coach for more than 30 years and received his Consecration Sunday Training directly from Herb Miller. This time tested annual giving response program is a free download from the Reverend Dr. Gene Grimm's website. In this workshop session we will explore and explain the entire program including the Theological background, timeline, Temple Talks, Growth Giving, Leaders' Dinner, guest Preacher, Estimate of Giving, Commitment Sunday and the post program follow-up. Workshop participants planning to attend this session may want to download the program from the Grimm website at: www.stewardshipconnection.com.

STONE SOUP: Led by Ed Redmon. What if the Annual Congregational Giving Response Program could be fun? Well, Stone Soup is just that—a serious approach to giving that is loads of fun!! From the Sunday Morning Kickoff Chancel Drama through to the Commitment Sunday, the program is packed with fun things while focusing on giving as a response to God's generosity. This is Ed Redmon's personal stewardship response program. Stone Soup has been used successfully with many congregations over the years. Now Stone Soup has been put to print and will be available as a free download from both of Ed's personal websites beginning late August of this year. The workshop session will include a Theological basis for giving, selecting a Facilitator, selecting the Program Team, all promotional materials, letters and mailings, the Kickoff Sunday Chancel Drama, Kickoff Sunday Stone Soup Luncheon including recipe suggestions, the Challenge of the Stones, and Pastor's role in the program. We will explore and discuss the weekly Temple Talks providing emphasis on personal giving, financial support of the congregation, support of local ministry, support of the conference, the synod and global mission and ministry. We will examine the approach to Growth Giving including Step Charts, the Estimate of Giving Card including commitments to both financial support and time commitment, the Leaders Dinner, the Commitment Sunday Celebration Potluck, and post program follow-up. Stone Soup is packaged in two parts, the Program Manual and the Facilitator's Manual. How this works is also a part of the workshop session.

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?: Led by Marceile Redmon. (Marceile is Minister of Music at Faith Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne, was approved for ministry for AiM in the IK synod in 2001 and is currently awaiting call) Money, possessions, bank accounts, food, "toys", when is what we have enough? This session will discuss the question, "how much is enough"? We have been abundantly blessed, how can we be even more generous in our giving to the furthering of God's kingdom? Come join us for this round table discussion!

Evangelizing Leader



For more than ten years, **Keith A. Mundy** has served congregations in Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, including more than half of the sixty-five synods. With more than twenty years of experience in stewardship ministry, Keith's roles include strategic planner, developer, teacher, facilitator and coach. He has gained valuable experience in these roles as a member of small, mid-size and large congregations in a variety of settings. Keith strives to engage leaders in the formation of healthy and missional congregations while helping individuals identify and develop their gifts. In his own words, "I think of myself as a servant with a passion for growing disciples who practice faithful stewardship. When our faith journeys come together, we discover new ways to enrich our relationship with Jesus Christ and use the gifts God has entrusted to individuals and congregations."

As Assistant Director for Stewardship for the ELCA, Keith has focused on leadership development, mission interpretation, stewardship education and growing mission support. This work has included coaching new EOCM staff, pastors and stewardship team leaders in their efforts to grow stewards of all ages. He has also had an opportunity to work on the development and introduction of resources such as *Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share*, *Money Leadership for Thriving Congregations* and *Make It Simple*.

Keith and his wife Joyce live in Elgin, Illinois. They have two adult children – one a financial analyst in Kansas City and the other a teacher in Honduras. Prior to joining the ELCA, Keith worked in business for twenty years as a marketing manager and business developer. He has taught marketing courses at the college level and led several building appeals. His personal interests include gardening, sports and travel.

Beyond the Wall: From Faithful Follower to Steward Leader

Where are you in your stewardship journey? Are you a follower or a leader? We each face obstacles along the way, and we sometimes get stuck. Moving beyond these barriers, or “beyond the wall”, is often the next step in our spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. It may also be an important step in going from a faithful follower to a steward leader. Growing in our relationship with Christ often invites and encourages us to experience the newness of life, even if we do not feel prepared.

In the Bible there are many stories where individuals have an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Look at the story of the Rich Young Man (Matthew 19:16-26, Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30). The young man asked Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. Jesus replied: “go sell everything you own! Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come and be my follower”.

When the young man heard this, he was very sad and walked away, because he was very rich.

A second story is that of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). He was a small man, and a very rich tax collector. He had heard that Jesus was coming to town and climbed up in a tree to watch him walk by. To his surprise Jesus called him down out of the tree and went to his home for lunch. After spending time with Jesus, Zacchaeus stood up and said, “I will give half my property to the poor. And I will pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated.”

Both the rich young man and Zacchaeus had barriers to overcome. Jesus challenged them to go to “beyond the wall”. These two stories had distinctly different outcomes, and this suggests three questions for us to consider:

1. How do we grow beyond our walls from success to significance?
2. How do we grow beyond our walls from follower to steward leader?
3. How do we grow beyond our walls to be both faithful and competent?

Through the course of the day, we will talk about these questions from two perspectives: personal and congregational. We will invite you to consider where you are as a steward and a leader. And, we will provide practical tools and stepping stones for you to grow. We look forward to you joining us!