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WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED IN HIS NAME

A beautiful summer day provided a perfect opportunity to hold an outdoor worship service in August with the roof of the pavilion providing shade from the sun.

Following the service, people stayed to enjoy food that was shared at the picnic, some played volleyball and everyone sat and enjoyed conversations.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the set up for the worship service and to those who brought dishes to share.



WHAT'S COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER?

We're back! The summer is mostly behind us and the choirs, Sunday School and other programs are getting started. It's exciting; it is like a new beginning. It is a time for positive attitudes, renewed energy and creative ideas. We just had a great summer, our attendance was better than in previous years and even our finances have not dipped as low as expected.

Soon, Council will be sharing the information learned from the MAP survey and looking to make use of some of the learned information. In four years, this church will celebrate its 250th anniversary but that doesn't mean that we have to use only old ways in our ministry. We've lasted so long because we have ministered to the community sharing Jesus' love, as it was needed in each era.

Join me; let's get excited for St. Peter's ministry together.

- Pastor Wesemann

Failure **is** an option. You may be thinking that such a thing is a strange statement for me to make. In this country, the general mantra is "success at all costs". Many of our leaders are primarily concerned with winning. Success and winning are important, but all too often such a focus does not take into consideration the feelings, needs and concerns of others. Jesus did not send us out into the world to win converts, but rather to share his love and word to all. Converts come to us by the hand of the Lord, by the work of the Holy Spirit, maybe through our love and words, but not because of them.

In my years of ministry, I've experienced people of God "hell bent" on growing the church. They willed and worked for success. They steamrolled their plans through councils and organization boards and pushed aside those who disagreed with or opposed their plans. People got hurt; some left the church; some armed themselves for war; congregations, institutions and ministries suffered greatly. In succeeding and winning, sometimes we lose the very thing we purpose. Failure **is** an option!

A few years back it was proposed that we install solar panels in the field behind the church. Price estimates were obtained and a plan devised. It was voted down. At the time I felt that it was a mistake. The congregation, I believed, had failed to do the right thing. But perhaps those of us who supported the idea failed to prove our need for solar energy. I still think we should have done it, but if we had, we would not have had room for the picnic pavilion, we may have lost a few members and our finances may not be as good as they are now. Failure **is** an option! Solar technology is improving, there may yet come a day for solar power to come to St. Peter's.

For a number of years I believed that my former church's closing was a failure, mine, the congregations and the Synod's. But today, in the building that was my former church is now a new church, an Indian Roman Catholic Church and it is filled every Sunday (I am told). The love and word of Jesus is preached there every week. I still ache for the members of St. Paul's English who watched their church close and I still question my leaving, but it may be that our failure provided an opportunity for ministry to fill that church building. Failure **is** an option.

We need to remember that it is not about what we want but what the Lord wants. The prophets often failed to turn God's people from their sin. The apostles and disciples preached to many people without success. The church at the time of the reformation

failed to silence Martin Luther. Here and now, we can see the good that came from it. The church catholic (Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, etc.) has re-centered its mission and ministry around Jesus' love and word. Failure **was** an option and **is** still an option. It doesn't mean that we set out to fail, but that we consider the well-being of the people as we go and that we pray always that God will achieve his will through our victories as well as our failures. I don't like it; you may not like it, but failure **is** an option. As long as we continue to share Jesus' message of love in word and deed we are succeeding in doing what God wants of us.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Guinevere Michelle McNamee 8-13-17

Removed from Membership:

By Request of Family (moved out-of-state):
Grace Foster, Zoe Foster 8-17-17

Funeral:

Arthur Horan 8-26-17

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Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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| Dorothy Abrahamsen | Mulcahy Family |
| Esther Altmann | Anthony Napolitano |
| Julie Barker | Linda Patton |
| Pat Bodine | Sally Peirson |
| Peggy & Mike Burnley | Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager |
| Eileen Cannizzaro | Frank Riepen |
| Elizabeth Casperite | Family of Dr. Schlosser |
| Jill Clark | Schwartz family (Ethan, |
| Joyce Conant | Martrese, Eric & Julianna) |
| Harry Cornog | Lloyd Seavers |
| Kenneth Dobson | Floyd Segner |
| Henrietta Fitchner | Sister Charles Mary |
| Tom Grant | Amanda Smith |
| Rick Griffin & Family | Mary Lou Tate |
| Shirley Harp | Virginia Walter |
| Richard & Marjorie Kropp | Bernd Warner |
| Family of Larmann/LaCoff | Fred Wesemann |
| Linda Maser | Rita Wesler |
| Peter & Jean Marchianco | Jo Ann Willenbrock |
| Sodetou Mefire | Irene Williams |

Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office.

To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

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| Pastor Wesemann
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HOW DO WE DEAL WITH ACTS OF EVIL?

Some of us try to ignore the evil in the world; some of us get anxious; some of us speak out; some of us actively resist. In mid-August, there was a gathering of the KKK, white supremacists and neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, who protested the removal of the General Robert E. Lee statue. They also expressed a lot of hatred and were met by protesters who spoke against hate. There were small outbreaks of violence and then a 24-year-old man, white supremacist from Ohio, a member (I am told) of an ELCA Lutheran Church, drove his car into a crowd of people who were protesting against hate. As a result, he killed one woman and injured about 19 others. Over the next few days, fights continued to break out and those preaching hate increased the tone of their rhetoric.

I know one thing for certain. Jesus did not preach hate and violence. As Christians, we have a responsibility to love. How then do we deal with such evil? Sadly, we cannot sit quietly on the sidelines. We have a responsibility to speak out, offering love in place of hate. The "how" is always difficult.

That next week, a number of Lutheran clergy and other Lutherans joined an inter-religious and multi-ethnic rally in Philadelphia to speak for peace and against hate. Those of the KKK, white supremacists and the neo-Nazis need to hear the truth in love. They need to see that those who offer love are as strong as those who offer hate. Violence is not the answer. We should certainly call upon the justice system to arrest those who use violence. At the same time, comfort needs to be given to the victims. Protests are fine, letters to politicians can help. Even unrelated acts of love help. Ignoring the problem won't help.

- Pastor Wesemann

THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$

In August, we received \$227 from Thrivent for a total of \$829 to date. We thank Thrivent for their generosity and those who selected St. Peter's to be the recipient of their Choice Dollars. As a reminder, you need to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically.

Your designations to St. Peter's are very much appreciated. When you go to the Thrivent website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a hard time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help.

"HIDDEN FIGURES"



MOVIES & FAITH

Saturday

September 30, 2017

5 pm

Please bring sides to share.

Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided.

in Fellowship Hall

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

In a church there are many workers and many leaders. A problem that grows out of so many leaders is accumulation of junk (some good and some not). This accumulation happens because no one is completely sure what belongs to whom.



We made a rule in the kitchen that anything in the refrigerator or freezer is available for Fellowship Hour. That sort of takes care of the kitchen, but who looks in the closets and church balcony?

Thank you to Dottie Frey, Al Burk and Marilyn Burk for trying to sort out the piles of stuff. It was not a small job and some of it stills needs to be sorted out by different committees, but thank you for getting the clean-up started.

- Pastor Wesemann



Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" Fundraiser

In 2016, St. Peter's Lutheran Church again took part in Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising event. With your help, it was a success!

This year, with your help, we hope to do even better with proceeds designated for the Capital Campaign Fund. Remember, the church receives all the proceeds.

You will be given four \$5 shopping passes (total \$20) to use, gift or sell. These shopping passes can be used **ALL DAY** at any Bosco's location only on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**, for a 25% discount on any and all purchases.

St. Peter's Lutheran will receive the entire \$20. Please make your checks out to St. Peter's Lutheran Church and mark on the memo line, "Friends".

These coupons can be used for:

- A special purpose
- A gift for friend and/or relative
- A "thank you" to a service person (cleaner, hairdresser, barber, etc.)
- A treat to yourself
- A Christmas present (the holiday is not far off)

Only you can make this a success. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Additional passes will be available should you need them from Carmella Venezia and Charlotte Twaddell.

Johnny's mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see little Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church!"



Matthew 18:4-5

"Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."



NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER - DORIS STERNER

**You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." . . . You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that fliers by day.
Psalm 91: 1-2; 5**

Summer is nearly over. Fall is just around the corner and with it new routines. Businesses gearing up for new projects and end-of-year reports; kids starting back to school; "To Do" lists growing and kitchen calendars filling up. Everyday demands combine to create a climate in which stress has become a routine part of daily living. And we're paying for it; in everyday irritability, stress-related illness, depression, addictions, decreased energy and quality of our lives. It's a good idea to collect a variety of realistic, stress-relief tools, consistent with personal lifestyles and belief systems. Here are some quick tips for finding... and maintaining your equilibrium:

- ◆ Take a "well" day.
- ◆ Take off your watch and go for an aimless walk and look at the autumn leaves.
- ◆ Find six beautiful things and six things that make you laugh.
- ◆ Make time to be with good, trusted friends (. . .or make some).
- ◆ Try a "One Minute Whine": Find a friend, set a timer and take turns whining about everything you can fit into one minute. If you whine fast enough, you will end up laughing – the best stress-buster of all!
- ◆ Do something for someone else. Feed an expired meter, smile at a stranger. . .just because.
- ◆ Try a cup of Chamomile tea. Ginger tea for indigestion; peppermint for energy.
- ◆ Taking care of your body is a great way to combat stress. So try to schedule time to stand up, stretch, move around, and relax. Take a walk at lunch or after school.
- ◆ Get your happy Mojo on! Studies show that your mindset can have a huge impact on the way you handle stress. In a positive mode, your brain is 31% more productive than your brain at negative, neutral or stressed conditions. So think about what makes you happy and find ways to bring it into your day. Could be refreshing your office with new photos of family and friends, bookmarking that link to baby animal videos on YouTube or creating a few new playlists you can access are all great ways to get the good vibes going.
- ◆ Meditate – you can find some brief meditations to listen to online or come to do guided meditation at St. Peter's on Friday mornings at 9 am. Call Doris for information.
- ◆ Pray. Read a favorite Psalm or Bible passage or sing a hymn.



& VESPER SERVICE

Saturday

October 7, 2017


6 pm

**Bring your singing voices & light snacks & drinks to share.
Hot dogs & S'mores provided.**



picnic pavilion

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship - Communion 11:30 am Outreach Committee Music & Worship Committee	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Evangelism Committee Mutual Ministry Committee Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Grandparents Day	11 7:30 pm Property Committee Patriot Day	12	13 7:15 pm Adult Choir	14 6:00 pm Executive Committee	15	16
17 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship – Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 11:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	20 12:00 pm Bible Study/ Bagged Lunch 7:15 pm Adult Choir	21 6:30 pm Council Rosh Hashanah	 Autumn Begins	23
24 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee MAP Presentation/Coffee Hr Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Hand Bell Choir	25	26	27 7:15 pm Adult Choir	28	29 Yom Kippur	30 5:00 pm Movies & Faith “Hidden Figures”

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Al Burk	Trey Koon	David Sterner
Wyeth Casperite	Jacob Lauer	Doris Sterner
Linda Devereaux	Amy Nielsen	Gabriele Streit
Ginny Grant	Caden Reidy	Michael Streit
Timothy Hughes	James Rendi	Ted Weicheld
Joelle Koon	Mary Ann Seavers	Kim Wood

Anniversaries

Joseph & Christine Linderman	22
David & Charlene McArel	1
Matt & Jenna Sharpless	7

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

1	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
4	6:15 pm	Music & Worship
7	6:00 pm	Bonfire/Vesper Service
8	11:30 am	Evangelism Committee
9		Columbus Day. Office closed.
	7:30 pm	Property Committee
12	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
15	11:15 am	Blood Pressure Screening
16		National Boss Day
17		Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
	7:30 pm	Evening Bible Study
18	12:00 pm	Bible Study/Bagged Lunch
19	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
21	5:00 pm	Movies & Faith (The Shack)
22	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
29	11:30 am	Fellowship/Reformation Luncheon
31		500th Reformation Anniversary
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir Wednesdays
	9:15 am	Adult Choir Sundays
	11:30 am	Youth Choir Sundays
	12:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir Sundays

Sept 2017	Assistant Schedule			
	3	10	17	24
Greeters	Mike & Peggy Burnley	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Larry Smola	Charlotte Twaddell
Ushers	Doug Beck Carm Venezia	Joe & Karen Cannizzaro	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Bob Patton Steven Hartman
Lector	Robert Phillips	Doris Sterner	Elaine Stromberg	Charlotte Twaddell
Cantor	Debbie Phillips	Robert Phillips	Cheryl Smola	Doris Sterner
Communion Assistants	Joanna Sheffer Luanne Skurka	_____	Dave Sterner John Young	_____
Acolytes	Kira Young	Ethan Eckerdt	Caden Reidy	Kayla Reidy
Altar Flowers	Christine Reidy	Martha Burke	Robert & Debbie Phillips	Art & Janet Herling
Bulletins	Open	Robert & Debbie Phillips	Pastor & Cathy Wesemann	Open
Fellowship	Open	Open	Open	Open
Altar Team	Marilyn Burk	Betsy Burns		Marilyn Burk
Counters	Robert Phillips & Bruce Hartman			
Bread & Wine	Robert & Debbie Phillips			

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

*THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 TO JULY 31, 2017*

Total Income: \$91,688
 Total Expenses: \$99,166
 Total Surplus (Deficit): **\$7,478**

This lesson needs to be taught to children over and over again...
 No one should ever believe that it is acceptable to bully another person.
 Oh, if only adults would practice what they preach!

ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.

OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

Across

- 1. Hit lightly
- 4. Sack
- 7. Feline pet
- 10. ___ Maria
- 11. Baseball hitter's term
- 12. Inlet in a river
- 13. California wine makers
- 15. Here's partner
- 17. Small child
- 18. Thirteenth letter
- 19. ___ Relief
- 21. New Testament Book
- 26. Current option
- 27. Variation of 2-Down or 22-Down
- 28. Pausing syllable
- 29. Measured, as electric usage
- 32. Words said when you marry
- 33. Twelfth letter
- 34. Not bright, as a light
- 36. Office furniture (plural)
- 39. Data entry
- 42. It's surrounded by water (abbr.)
- 43. Poem honoring someone
- 45. Nineteenth letter
- 46. Narc's group (abbr.)
- 47. Past tense of "is"
- 48. Meadow

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Solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue

Down

- 1. Children's playground game
- 2. Ms. Gabor
- 3. Furs
- 4. Sister's sibling
- 5. Blood type
- 6. "Scram"
- 7. ___ de Menthe
- 8. Breathing material
- 9. Inventor from New Jersey (initials)
- 14. Behold's partner
- 16. Belonging to that lady
- 19. Emeril's trademark word
- 20. Air Force hero
- 22. Adam's wife
- 23. Villains
- 24. Marry
- 25. Designation of some high performance Fords
- 30. Electric car named after inventor of 26-Across
- 31. Very large deer
- 32. Cause to move
- 35. Are you ___ or out?
- 36. Past tense of "do"
- 37. Language suffix
- 38. "You reap what you ___"
- 40. Take advantage of
- 41. Airport screeners (abbr.)
- 44. County prosecutor (abbr.)

Solution to the August puzzle shown below

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YOU CAN SUPPORT TEXAS FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS

The eyes of the nation are riveted on the severe damage and worsening flooding unfolding in Southeastern Texas and parts of Louisiana due to Hurricane Harvey. Prayers and messages of support are valued, Gulf Coast Synod Bishop Michael Rinehart says in a blog post, but it is too soon for volunteers to come to the area. You can help with your financial donations to relief and recovery efforts.



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the online newsletter of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Options for giving:

- The Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Fund will be used for helping congregations and their people get back on their feet so they can serve their neighborhoods.
- Give online at <https://gulfcostsynod.org/about/donate/>. Click the donate button and give to "Hurricane Harvey."
- Mail your donation to: Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Fund, 12941 North Freeway, Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77060. (Memo line on check: *Hurricane Harvey*)
- Lutheran Disaster Response is a highly reputable ELCA organization that supports case management primarily, through local providers like Lutheran Social Services. They give by need and not by creed. Learn more about giving to LDR at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>. Mail your donation to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. (On memo line: *Hurricane Response, USA* or *Lutheran Disaster Response, USA*.)

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Steven Kleiman - electric & classical guitars Chris Macy - keyboards
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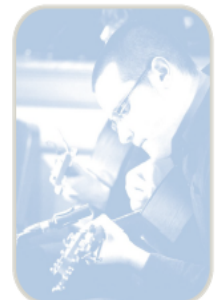
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FISHING FOR GOLD

Congratulations to our July winners for the Fishing for Gold drawing!

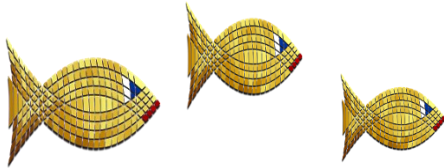
- 1st Place: Al & Marilyn Burk**
- 2nd Place: Orville March**
- 3rd Place: Linda Devereaux**

And cheers to those who won in the August drawing:

- 1st Place: Gabriele Streit**
- 2nd Place: Jessica Good**
- 3rd Place: Richard Weicheld**

The next drawing will take place on Sunday, September 24, and the winners will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter.

Please make sure you are paid up a week before the drawing so that you are eligible to win each month! Speak with Joanna Sheffer or Debbie Francis for more information or to make a payment.



ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Last month I put before you a challenge. I challenged you to find a way to help someone, maybe even get your hands dirty doing it. I would like to hear about the projects you undertook and I think some of the other members would like to hear about them as well. Please send your stories to pastor or Cheryl Smola so we can share them with the congregation.

- Pastor Wesemann

REAL LUTHER QUOTES?

"The summons of death comes to us all, and no one can die for another. Everyone must fight his own battle with death by himself, alone. We can shout into another's ears, but everyone must himself be prepared for the time of death, for I will not be with you then, nor you with me. Therefore, everyone must know and be armed with the chief things that concern a Christian," (True or False)

"How is it possible that you are not called? You are always in some sort of position. You have always been a husband or a wife or a son or a daughter or a servant. Imagine the lowest position – as a husband do you not have enough to do to watch over your spouse, children, workers and property so that all might be obedient to God and no harm comes to any of them? Indeed, even if you had four heads and ten hands you would scarcely have the energy for such a task." (True or False)

- Pastor Wesemann

DO YOU HAVE IT IN YOU?

Believe it or not, we all have at least one thing in common. It is our love of Jesus Christ. We wouldn't attend St. Peter's if that wasn't true. We all share this commonality and yet most of us are timid when it comes to talking about our faith with people outside of our church walls.

Even with all of the love we hold in our hearts, many of us aren't looking to readily volunteer to serve on the Evangelism Committee. The reasons may vary from "I'm not very out-going" to "I'm not one to go knocking on doors" to "I'm not really sure what that committee is about".

Why not agree just to sit in on a committee meeting and see if you have any ideas of how our little country church can get the Word of God to those outside this building, as well as those who attend. We don't go knocking on doors (unless, of course, you want to) but we can find new ways, both big and small, that might just reach someone who needs to feel God's love and blessings.

Talk to Erin Johnson or Pastor if you think you might be able to help.



GOD GIVES IN ABUNDANCE

God knows us deeply and has created each of us uniquely. God has entrusted us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources – time, talents, treasure and so much more. While our gifts may seem meager, put in the hands of God, these gifts can become so much more.

We just heard the parable of the loaves and fishes feeding thousands. Even in the midst of scarcity, God provides in abundance. God gives in abundance that we might share in abundance. We give joyfully, graciously and sacrificially because we know that our resources are not ours to keep but are God's to share.

Stewardship is the way that we use all of our resources to love God and our neighbor. Stewardship transforms God's commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" from a religious expression into a way of life.

- Doris Sterner





ASK ME ABOUT THE THRIVENT STORY

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A visiting priest was attending a men's breakfast out in the farming community. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began. "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the priest was overly worried. However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."

Just as the priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what You are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen."



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