

**GOD'S WORD LIGHTS THE WAY WITH IMMANUEL: Planning Our Personal Giving
Celebration Weekend November 1-2**

**Questions and Answers About
Our Stewardship Work Together**

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

It has been said that stewardship for the Christian is “everything he or she does after we say, ‘I believe.’” Stewardship for Christians is the faithful use of our resources: our time, our energy and our money to further God’s work.

WHY SHOULD WE GIVE TO GOD’S WORK?

The Bible is full of references to God’s people sharing the work of ministry. All of the baptized (that is you!) are workers in the community for God. Our offerings of time and money are a witness to our faith. God has given us as a gift of life here and forever. Our response is our stewardship.

WHY SHOULD WE SUPPORT THIS CONGREGATION AND OUR SYNOD?

Immanuel Lutheran Church would not exist were it not for the gifts of our members. If we want an effective and caring congregation, we must support it. Whether it is world and domestic mission through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or outreach and service to the Negaunee area, we are called to serve and to give.

WHAT IS AN ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORM?

Every Immanuel household is asked to complete the enclosed “Estimate of Giving.” This form has been sent to each household of our congregation. Please write in an estimate of your weekly or monthly giving for 2021 and bring it along to worship November 1-2. In this way we can be reminded to give faithfully and regularly to God’s work. Giving to God’s work is a joy. It is through this Estimate of Giving that we can hold ourselves accountable for our giving and participation. Added together, our congregational leaders will also have a better idea of the projected income for ministry planning in the coming year.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

That is a question that you must answer with God's help. Pray about it. Some Christians are tithers in terms of financial giving. A Biblical tithe is 10% of income. Others will want to work towards more generous giving. Plan on growing! We can all give more—even if that increase is a small amount!

WHAT IS AN OFFERING OF TIME & TALENT FORM?

Some of us are planners or leaders. Some like to usher or read lessons or teach Sunday School or are willing to serve on Council or pound a nail or work in the kitchen. Whatever your talents and abilities—share them with God's people at Immanuel. Sign up for ministries by completing the enclosed Offering of Time & Talent form and bring it along to worship November 1-2. Your gifts of enthusiasm, energy and a willingness to serve are appreciated by the whole congregation.

WHAT IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP WORK?

At worship on November 1 (9:30 a.m. Sunday) and November 2 (6:00 p.m. Monday) we will offer our Time & Talents and our Estimates of Giving for the year ahead. As we gather for worship we will place our promises before the altar, celebrating God's generosity.

The Estimate of Giving and the Offering of Time & Talent forms have been sent to members' homes and are also available at www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org. Additional forms will be available before worship on Consecration weekend.

Can you grow your giving? Can you increase your offering and your participation in our work? We all are being challenged to give more to God's work and to live in the promise that he is our "Immanuel." He is God with us!

Your Fellow Stewards in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee