

All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. ~ 1
Chronicles 29: 14

Being good stewards of creation is a task set to all people from the very start of Genesis. Our children deserve to be included fully in the life of the church, receiving and giving. Incorporating stewardship education for every member of the congregation, from the very youngest through teens and young adults, is an important way to instill a lifelong approach to giving, one that comes from a deep sense of community.

Tell Me, I Forget; Show Me I Remember; Involve Me and I Learn

At St. Paul's we emphasize stewardship during faith formation at the same time of year as our stewardship campaign. In keeping with our faith at home programming, children are sent home with a letter explaining what they were taught. This letter includes talking points to further discuss the Christian concepts of stewardship and service saving, as well as ideas to spark sharing and spending their money and their talents.

You can find a copy of our letter by clicking [here](#).

Stewardship and Service Beyond the Church Door

This letter also asks families to sit down together, in the week before "Giving Sunday" when we ask for pledges to be brought forward, and talk about what giving of time and money means to all members of the family.

During our service on Stewardship Sunday we ask our children and youth to fill out their stewardship pledges. As a community, we bring our pledges forward together.

We provide a drawing-based template for younger children. They can circle the pictures of the actions they will take to share their gifts and talents.



Stewardship pledge sheet, younger children

The upper elementary/teens' version offers options for them to think about and discuss how they will share their time, talent, and treasure.



My Stewardship Card

Stewardship means helping to take care of the church and the world on behalf of God. Please check the ways you are able to help others and the church for the coming year.

I promise to be a steward by:

- Helping those around me who need help; parents/siblings/classmates/neighbors
- Be a part of our church service projects; S.O.S. Days, 5th Wednesdays, Giving Tree at Christmas, mission projects, etc.
- Helping at church:
 - help at festivals
 - serve as an acolyte
 - serve as an usher
 - serve as a lector
 - host coffee hour (can do it with your friends)
 - join Joyful Noise, adult choir, brass choir, bell choir or play an instrument
 - serve on Youth Leadership Team
 - help with Music and Movement for young children
 - be a faith guide for Kids/Word
- Bringing an offering of money to church
- Praying for those who are sick, lonely or in need or our prayers
- Saving some of the money I receive as allowance or gifts to give to those in need
- think of other ways you can help; write it here _____

Name: _____

Stewardship pledge sheet, older children

It's More Than Money!

Finally, it's important to our congregation to emphasize that giving means more than money. Stewardship Sunday is also one of our S.O.S. days, when everyone engages in service projects (Serving Others Sunday).

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