



Christian stewardship is a spiritual issue.

- ✝ It is about the relationship God has established with us in Jesus Christ.
- ✝ It is about the relationship we have with our neighbor.
- ✝ It is about growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- ✝ It is about the steward living out his or her identity as God's child.

Faith Aflame is a process that engages leaders of the congregation in an intentional stewardship focus. It does this by providing resources that help individuals and congregations examine their stewardship life in the light of God's Word. It also assists individuals and congregations in making changes consistent with God's Word. The goal is to elevate and enlarge stewardship in the local church so that God's mission is enhanced.



**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Stewardship Ministry**

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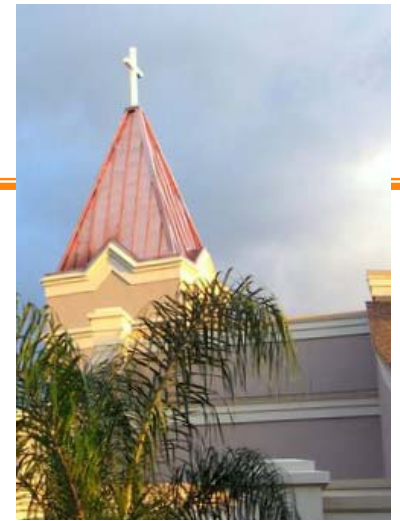


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Faith Aflame: 360 Degrees

A Congregational Process To Change the Stewardship Culture



THE BIBLICAL BASIS:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

✝ Titus 2:11-14

THE DEFINITION:

God's redeemed stewards, in partnership with and encouraged by fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

THE VISION:

That every member understands that he/she is God's steward by His grace, lives as His disciple, and manages the gifts He entrusts to him/her with joy and generosity—all so that His purposes are accomplished and His mission enhanced.



THE GOAL:

That stewardship is **enlarged** (seen as an all of life issue rather than just a financial issue) and **elevated** (seen as a spiritual issue rather than just an institutional issue) in every congregation.

THE MATERIALS:

Five components of **Faith Aflame** will be developed for intentional year-round stewardship education. (The first three are currently available.) Each component takes one year to complete. Congregations decide which component(s) best fit their needs. The five components:

- Living with God's Word (Biblical Basics)
- Living as God's Children (Getting Personal)

- Living as God's Family (Focusing on the Congregation)
- Living as a Leader (Leading in life and in God's family)
- Living as a Servant (Serving God and our neighbor)

THE PROCESS:

- A three-hour introductory workshop is conducted for each component.
- The congregation commits to the year-long process.
- The stewardship culture is assessed and adjusted where needed.
- A Stewardship Learning Community is initiated.

THE BASICS:

- God is the owner of everything and everyone.
- We are called to be Christian stewards by God's grace.
- We are responsible and accountable.

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