



November 3, 2008

Grace and peace to all members of Salem,

As we look forward to the Church year of 2009 it is fitting that we also look to God's help as we strive to do his work on earth.

Stewardship is how we act collectively to accomplish good things in the world. We have made significant strides in our gifts to the greater church and to our community. We have had many blessings this year and have much to be thankful for. But most of all we have shared our blessings with each other and our community.

Most people think of Stewardship as a simple act of contributing money to the church when the plate is passed at a worship service. But I would like to remind everyone that stewardship is also the total action of the church from Sunday school, summer bible school, Parish Nurse program, music, art, and building upkeep to contributions to new parish starts in our synod, gifts to the local food pantry, the blood plasma drives, donated labor and funds to Habitat for Humanity and many others.

To thank all of our members for the great things that they do that all add up to stewardship we have decided to invite every member, friends and family, to attend a performance of the stage play, Anne of Green Gables, at the Barn Theater in Moline on the evening of Thursday, November 13th. The doors open at 6 pm and Christmas shopping will be available in the Barn Theater Lobby until the show starts at 7:30pm. The tickets, coffee and soft drinks are free. We paid for all the seats in the theater that night. Our own church members are in the play and the story of Anne is also celebrating its' 100th anniversary. Come and join us in the great birthday celebration. See me or any one at the church office for tickets.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate together and also to remember our stewardship obligation this year by filling out the form below and returning it to the church by Sunday, November 16th. The church council has to begin the budget process in the beginning of December for the year of 2009. In May of 2009 we will ask about time and talents as gifts to be given in the fall and winter quarters starting the next September.

Thanks for everything you do, because you do it so well!

Steve Morford
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

PLAN FOR GIVING

I / WE plan to give to good works in the name of the Lord"

Weekly _____

Once every two weeks _____

Twice a month _____

Monthly _____

Annually _____

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