

Christian Stewardship

A basic definition of stewardship is the task of taking care of something. **Christian stewardship** is *the task of taking care of that which has been given to you, your faith and the places and people who give you those things that strengthen you in your faith*. You will tend to take care of the things that you think are important. The question is if stewardship of your church and the things of God are not being done why is that the case?

How do you use what God has given you in order that God's mission is being carried out? Christian stewardship is not only about what you do for and at your local church but the place in which you receive the word and sacrament for the building up of your faith should be a priority when it comes to stewardship.

Stewardship is often broken down in two the 3 T's

Time – What time are you using for God? How are you giving time to advance His kingdom? What time are you using to care for your faith? What time are you giving in order to care for his church?

Colossians 3:23-24 ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Talent – What has God gifted you to do? How are you using those gifts to praise God and advance His kingdom?

Treasure – Money/resources are necessary for things to happen in this world.

Matthew 6:24-25 ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Peace Lutheran Church

Budgeted Expenses 2017 – \$428,074

Communicant Members 2017 – 480

Evenly broken down to communicant members: 891.82/Communicant Member