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Stewardship News

One of the most common complaints that I hear all the time is that people don't have enough time to get everything done that they want to get done. There are so many demands made upon our time by our families, work, school, community, and yes, by our church. Our lament is, "How can I do all of this? I'm going crazy!" Indeed, I see people feeling pushed and pulled in all directions, feeling frustrated, and perhaps even angry. How can we get control of our lives?

I am both challenged and reassured by our theme, **More Than Enough**, for our stewardship emphasis at Galilee this fall. I am challenged because like everyone else, I constantly feel like I don't have enough hours in the day to get done everything on my To Do list. The truth is we probably don't have enough time to do all of those things. We tend to be ambitious and over-estimate our capabilities. We can't do it all despite our best

efforts. Hence, we have to set priorities and be satisfied with that. I know that is easier said than done.

On the other hand, I am reassured by the knowledge that we have More Than Enough time to do what we consider to be most important. The Apostle Paul wrote, "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that *by always having enough of everything*, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8). Paul was writing about the offering of money gathered by the Corinthian congregation for the poor Christians in Jerusalem, but his words also apply to our use of time. Let us not neglect our relationship with God in our busy lives.

Starting in the month of October, we are embarking on an emphasis on prayer here at Galilee. One way to grow spiritually is to grow in our prayer life. To do that, frankly, we need to dedicate

some of that valuable time that we have available each day. Prayer needs to become a priority, because prayer is a way we experience the reality of God in our lives each day. Therefore, this becomes a stewardship challenge. We need to make decisions about how we use our time just as we make decisions about how we use however much money we have available to support the mission of the church. While we will never have all the time we want to do all of the things we want to do, God gives us More Than Enough time to do the main things. I can promise you this: if you have a vital prayer life, you will feel whole in spirit, more relaxed and more at peace because you'll know that God is with you. We have More Than Enough time in our lives to do that. If you haven't been doing that, how about beginning today?

Blessings!

Pastor Ralph

Stewardship at Galilee

The apostle Paul tells us to be in the world but not of the world, but the world is constantly pulling at us, trying to draw us in and make us part of it. Galilee provides a place to draw away from this constant pull, to worship the God we love and who loves us, to come together with others to create a fellowship that is greater than humanly possible. It gives us a place to renew our relationship with God and recall God's promise of eternal life. This community holds priceless value for each of us.

This stewardship season is a chance for us to show how we can support this community of faith by offering our pledges.

Filling out a pledge card gives us many things. It lets us evaluate why Galilee is important to us and what our role is in supporting our church, not just with money, but with attendance on Sunday mornings and participation in the groups that keep the church going. It gives each family time to reflect and discuss what their contributions

can and should be. Having given prayerful consideration to our pledges and deciding what they will be, we do not have to rethink our commitment every Sunday as the offering plate is passed. It frees us from making that decision over and over again.

Committing to share our gifts means standing together with our family of faith in ministry and mission for a purpose beyond ourselves...*a purpose with hope.*

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that *by always having enough of everything*, you may share abundantly in every good work"

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Get Involved!

Volunteers, committee members and participants are needed for all of Galilee's ministries. Sign-up sheets for the following committees or groups will be available in the narthex in October during the stewardship focus.

- ✦ Altar Guild
- ✦ Bay Lake Camp Coordinator
- ✦ Bell Choir
- ✦ Choir
- ✦ Church Council
- ✦ Education & Youth
- ✦ Fall Cleanup
- ✦ 50th Anniversary Reciprocity Committee

- ✦ GLOW
- ✦ Kitchen Organization
- ✦ Lectors
- ✦ Lefse Making/Bake Sale
- ✦ Loaves & Fishes
- ✦ Newsletter Editing
- ✦ Office Volunteers
- ✦ Outreach
- ✦ Project Home
- ✦ Property and Grounds
- ✦ Refreshment Hosts
- ✦ Sunday School Registration
- ✦ TLC (Time for Listening and Caring)
- ✦ Ushers
- ✦ Web site maintenance
- ✦ Worship & Music
- ✦ Worship Service Audio Recording

Capital Campaign Update

2009 marked the end of our four year capital campaign. This campaign was initiated to repay an interest-free loan that we received to retire our mortgage. Due to a difference in the amount pledged and the amount received there was a balance of \$ 4,334.64 remaining at the end of 2009. Through August 2010, an additional \$1,083.50 of designated offering has been received, leaving a loan balance of \$3,251.14.

The church council will be discussing a plan to retire this loan during its 2011 budget process this fall.

Stewardship Brunch

The stewardship focus will conclude on October 24 with a stewardship brunch following the worship service. The menu will feature egg bake dishes. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to bring an egg dish or help with serving and cleanup. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Haukebo.



More than Enough

The Stewardship theme "More than Enough" is based on a portion of the apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he reminds them about the principles of Christian giving. Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 are both challenging and reassuring. God has given each of us many gifts that we are encouraged to grow and share. We are praying that every member of Galilee will make a commitment to share his/her gifts with our community of faith in both ministry and mission and answer God's call to be His steward.

A Weekly Giving Guide is printed on the back of this page that may help you consider your weekly offering based on your income. Please place your Pledge Card in the offering **by Sunday, October 24.**

Thank you to Barb Strenge, Miriam Peterson, Annette Haukebo, Lorrie Hayne, Sue Nelson and Pastor Ralph for serving on the Stewardship Committee this year.

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\$_____ per week for Regular Giving

I understand that I may adjust this plan for giving if necessary.

Keep this portion of the card with your offering envelopes as a reminder of your Pledge.

2011 Pledge Card

Committing to share our gifts means standing together with our family of faith in ministry and mission for a purpose beyond ourselves.

Believing that God is using the ministry of Galilee to spread the Good News I/we plan to give:

\$_____ per week for Regular Giving

Name _____

Address _____

Please place this portion of card in the offering by 10/24/2010

WEEKLY Giving Guide

INCOME			Lower Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Higher Range	
Annual	Monthly	Weekly	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%
\$ 12,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 231	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00
\$ 16,000	\$ 1,333	\$ 308	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.00
\$ 20,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 385	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.00
\$ 25,000	\$ 2,083	\$ 481	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 38.00
\$ 30,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 577	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 46.00
\$ 35,000	\$ 2,917	\$ 673	\$ 7.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 54.00
\$ 40,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 769	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 62.00
\$ 45,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 865	\$ 9.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 69.00
\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 962	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 77.00
\$ 60,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,154	\$ 12.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 92.00
\$ 75,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 1,442	\$ 14.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 115.00
\$ 100,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 1,923	\$ 19.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 154.00
\$ 125,000	\$ 10,417	\$ 2,404	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 192.00
\$ 150,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,885	\$ 29.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 202.00	\$ 231.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income and giving).
2. Move one block to the right to determine what GROW ONE PERCENT would be for you.
3. Will you GROW ONE PERCENT this year?
4. Write the Weekly Giving amount on your Plan for Giving Card.