



Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Cup Overflows

October 2011

Stewardship News

*“You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.”*

Psalm 23:5



Pastor Baumgartner

Imagine eating a rich banquet in front of your enemies. I can't think of anything that would make me lose my appetite faster than doing that. However, that is the image the psalmist presents to us. That is, God will have us sit down at a table in front of our enemies. God has arranged for that oil for anointing our head, an ancient sign of hospitality and blessing. On this table there is not only tasty food, but God also pours an excellent

wine into a stemmed cup to the point that it flows over the brim. You could say that the overflowing cup is a symbol of enjoying great prosperity even in the face of great adversity in life.

Compared to the struggle and privations experienced by many peoples in the world, most of us can truthfully say that “our cup overflows.” We have access to material goods and a standard of living unimaginable for many, if not most, people in the world. This is true even for those going through a tough time right now because of unemployment or under-employment, home foreclosure, or lack of health insurance. We don't want to trivialize those challenges. There are people in the Galilee

community who are struggling with these issues, and we give them all of the support that we are able to give.

On the other hand, the blessings we have received go far beyond material possessions. Our family, our friends, our country, and our church are all blessings that we enjoy. Furthermore, the greatest blessing we have received is the blessing of knowing Jesus Christ, God's only Son and our Savior. All of us—rich and poor alike—can say in this light, “my cup overflows.” Thank you for responding to the blessings you have received with your offerings to the mission of the church.



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Stewardship Highlights

Stewardship will be the focus from October 9 to 23.

Read the stewardship materials and complete your pledge card. Your pledge card may be placed in the special offering on October 9, 16 or 23 (or you may mail it to the church).

Enjoy adult fellowship at the progressive Fall Harvest Social on October 15.

You are invited to the Stewardship Brunch on October 23 following the worship service.

If you have questions about the stewardship focus, contact any Stewardship Committee member:

Pastor Baumgartner
Steve Groebner
Annette Haukebo
Lorrie Hayne
Mary Lanoux
Carl Nelson
Sue Nelson
Miriam Peterson



NEW

Galilee Capital Campaign

The Council, with input from the Finance Committee and Property & Grounds Committee, addressed some very important issues early in 2011.

- In 2006 Galilee accepted a four-year, interest-free loan from a congregation member to retire our mortgage with Aid Association for Lutherans and challenged the congregation to retire this loan. However, at the end of 2010, there was still a balance owed of approximately \$4,000.
- In the Fall of 2010, the Property & Grounds Committee determined that the shingles on the roof over the sanctuary needed to be replaced. A favorable bid was received to do this work, and in June of 2011 this project was completed.
- The Property & Grounds Committee also reported that one of our three furnaces needed to be replaced.

That improvement was also completed in June of this year.

- The Finance Committee met to consider options to finance the costs of these repairs and to retire the 2006 loan. A member of Galilee came forward with an offer of a \$7,100 interest-free loan to pay the roofing contractor. The Finance Committee then proposed that the funds in the Long-Term Maintenance Fund be used to retire the 2006 loan and to pay for the furnace replacement, with the caveat that a capital campaign be included in the Fall Stewardship Focus to replenish the Long-Term Maintenance Fund *and* to repay the 2011 interest-free loan.

Therefore, we are asking members of the congregation to prayerfully consider pledging at least \$10,000 to repay the \$7,100 loan and to set aside the remainder for future property and grounds maintenance.

DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER

*I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way I'm reaping better than I sowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.*

*Haven't got a lot of riches and sometimes the going's tough,
But I've got loving ones around me and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings and the mercies He's bestowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I remember times when things went wrong
My faith wore somewhat thin,
But all at once the dark clouds broke and the sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.*

*If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy to help others bear their loads,
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.*

John Paul Moore

Simply Giving® (Automated Giving Program)

The Stewardship Committee invites you to consider a new regular giving option that is available to us. The Simply Giving® Program is an automated giving program that has been developed to assist congregations and their members. The Finance Committee has examined the program and thinks it may be a good option for our members who regularly use automatic

withdrawals from their bank accounts.

The program can benefit both members and our church.

- *For participants* - withdrawing a specified amount from their bank accounts is truly giving the biblical “first fruits.” It also eliminates having to write checks or the possibility of forgetting the checkbook.

- *For the church* - the program helps to provide a consistent, predictable income stream. The seasonal fluctuations in giving patterns are reduced.

If you would like to learn more about this program, please check the box on your pledge card.

If there is enough interest, we will pursue this option and hope to have it in place before January 2012.

Stewardship Brunch

The stewardship focus will conclude on October 23 with a stewardship brunch following the worship service. The menu will feature egg bake dishes. Please sign up in the kiosk if you plan to dine with us.

Goodwill offerings will be accepted with the proceeds being split between the ELCA Malaria Campaign and Galilee’s Capital Campaign.



ELCA Malaria Campaign

When Ron Peterson returned from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August, he reported that the group approved support for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. He requested the church council to consider ways that we could support this effort.

For a long time, the ELCA has been supporting clinics and programs in Africa to provide health care. Through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, we are joining hands with eleven Lutheran church bodies in Africa and becoming part of an historic global movement to say, “No child, no person, should die of a disease that is both preventable and treatable.” The ELCA Malaria Campaign has committed to raise \$15 million to help prevent, treat and educate communities in Africa about malaria and eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

The ELCA Malaria Campaign funds programs of our companion churches that:

- provide life-saving health care—including medicine to treat malaria
- train health care providers and church volunteers to diagnose and treat malaria
- teach people how to protect themselves from the mosquitoes that spread malaria, recognize symptoms and seek treatment

- distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets and provide training on their use
- provide preventative medication to protect pregnant women and their babies
- encourage governments to provide adequate health care and malaria prevention activities
- support water treatment projects to control the environments where mosquitoes breed

At Galilee, we will support this effort through our Outreach Committee, and will also provide designated giving envelopes for people to use when placing cash offerings in the Youth Mission Globe if they wish to have us record their contribution.

Malaria Facts

- Almost 9 out of 10 of the 800,000 people who die from malaria each year live in Africa.
- An African child has on average between 1.6 and 5.4 episodes of malaria each year.
- In countries with high rates of malaria, the disease accounts for up to 60 percent of health clinic visits and 50 percent of hospital stays.

WEEKLY Giving Guide

INCOME		Lower Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Higher Range Giving			Tithe	
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%		
Annual	Monthly	Weekly										
\$ 12,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 231	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 23.00
\$ 16,000	\$ 1,333	\$ 308	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00
\$ 20,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 385	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.00
\$ 25,000	\$ 2,083	\$ 481	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 48.00
\$ 30,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 577	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 58.00
\$ 35,000	\$ 2,917	\$ 673	\$ 7.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 67.00
\$ 40,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 769	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 77.00
\$ 45,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 865	\$ 9.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 87.00
\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 962	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 96.00
\$ 60,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,154	\$ 12.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 115.00
\$ 75,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 1,442	\$ 14.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 144.00
\$ 100,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 1,923	\$ 19.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 192.00
\$ 125,000	\$ 10,417	\$ 2,404	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 240.00
\$ 150,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,885	\$ 29.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 202.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 288.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (both 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 Pledge Card.