



## A PRIMER ON GODLY GIVING

*“For I testify that according to their ability,  
and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord.”*  
(2 Corinthians 8:3)

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Our Bible quote comes from St. Paul’s letter to the Christians in the Greek city of Corinth. In it he is asking them to take-up an offering for the suffering Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. St. Paul notes that other Christians in northern Greece (Macedonia) have already taken this offering. He is amazed at their generosity, because they gave “according to their ability and beyond their ability.” In other words, they gave from the blessings which God had supplied them and beyond!

Wow! These Christians not only gave the usual tithe of 10% required in the Old Testament (see Lev. 27:30-34), but even beyond that amount. These Christians truly believed in God’s promises and truly wanted to help their fellow man in need.

This brings me to October’s stewardship program and the subject of the church budget. Many people give to the budget! If they think that the budget can be met with little or no giving, then that’s what they do – “give little or nothing.” However, this is not what God has in mind when it comes to our Christian giving. Rather, healthy Christian giving begins with understanding that God gives to us, and then we dedicate and consecrate our “first fruits” back to the Lord. By doing so, we put the First Commandment (“THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GOD’S BEFORE ME.”) into practice in our lives. “First-Fruits-Giving” is God’s way of reminding us that He is first in our lives above everything. Since He is the supplier of all that we have, we not only offer Him ourselves completely, but we give to Him our “first-fruits” of time, talents, and treasure. “First-fruit-giving” says, “GOD – IN CHRIST, IS ALWAYS FIRST IN MY LIFE.”

Being a “Good Steward” is an often repeated theme by Jesus (i.e. Parable of the Talents, Matt. 25A:25, etc). It is not a teaching that we can neglect if we are to teach the whole council of God as Jesus commands in Matthew 28:18ff. We provide this thought only to remind you not to become so attached to “worldly wealth and worldly things,” that one places their very soul in jeopardy. Our stewardship month of October is a time for such teaching. Our relationship to God is everything and He doesn’t want us to forget our proper relationship to Him; HE IS ALWAYS FIRST!

Again, our BIBLICAL example for our stewardship is what Paul said about the Macedonian Christians, “...they gave according to their means and beyond (II Cor 8:3).” Prayerfully consider your relationship with God, and Who is the supplier of all good things in your life. Then do as the Macedonians did and give generously to Christ’s Church as the Spirit prompts you to do.

Yours In Christ,  
*Pastor Knapp*



## HYMN OF THE MONTH

## Our Heritage

Our hymn for this month is under “The Word of God” in Lutheran Service Book. The hymn, “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” (#582) was originally written in Danish by Nikolaj Frederik Severin Grundtvig, who was a Danish pastor, author, poet, philosopher, historian, teacher and politician. He was one of the most influential people in Danish history in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Nikolaj was born on September 8, 1783 to Pastor and Mrs. Johan O. Grundtvig . He was brought up in a very religious atmosphere, and schooled in the tradition of the European Enlightenment. He received his degree in theology from the University of Copenhagen in 1801 but was not allowed in the pulpit until 1810. In his first sermon in Copenhagen, he boldly denounced the clergy of the city. This called for action by the ecclesiastical authorities, and he was punished. He finally became the chaplain at his father’s parish, but upon the death

of his father in 1813, he applied to be the successor in the parish, but he was rejected.

In the following years his rate of publication was staggering: aside from a continuing stream of articles and poems, he wrote a number of books, including two outstanding histories, and was editor of a philosophical journal. He preached every Sunday in Vartov Denmark until a few days before his death on September 2, 1872

Nikolaj was married three times, the last time when he was 76 years old. He wrote or translated about 1500 hymns, including our hymn this month.;

The tune (Reuter) in our hymnbook, was not the original tune, but was written by Friedrich Reuter (1863-1974). It was originally sung to Martin Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress is our God” as the last stanza of that hymn.

God’s Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.



A heritage is passed down from our ancestors and will be with us forever It was commanded by our Lord Jesus to spread His word to all the world. God’s Word guides us and when we die, it will be with us still. The final 3 lines are a prayer to the Lord asking that with His help, the teachings in the Word may be kept pure now and through all the generations to follow.

*Valetha Smith*

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**“Here I Stand.”** Martin Luther stood firm on the Lord's Word of mercy and grace. By God's grace the Lutheran Church continues to stand firm in the preaching of law and Gospel. Join area congregations as we stand together to hear the love of Jesus for us sinners. The Denver area Reformation Service is a t 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church, Arvada, CO.

# Lutheran Women In Mission

Welcome to all women of the congregation!  
**MADE HOLY**

**“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”. – Galatians 3:27**

Lutheran Women in Mission is for all women. We focus on our mission o ‘assist each woman of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Once again this year we will be handing out grocery sacks to help the Jeffco Action Center. A list of current items needed is listed below and will be attached to each sack. Thank you for your support.

Each day hundreds of men, women and children come to Jeffco Action Center needing help. Many of these are families struggling to keep from falling further into a cycle of poverty while some are looking for help because they are in crisis, new to poverty and its effects. Every day, Jeffco Action Center is able to meet this need through the generous support of donations.



*Food items needed:*  
 tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, canned soup, canned vegetables spaghetti sauce, pasta, dried and canned beans, cereal, macaroni & cheese, baby food, baby formula.

**October 17<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday**  
 One Sunday of each month the LWML hosts coffee hour and makes available the large MITE BOX for the congregation’s donations in support of the various mission projects of our District and of the international organization.



\$88,000 for  
**THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
 IN TANZANIA**

The Republic of Tanania is one of the poorest countries in the world. LCMS World Mission began work in 2002 to help national churches train leaders to reach out to East African countries. By the grace of God these Tanzania churches have grown very quickly. This LWML grant will provided hope and needed help in building 10 chapels, purchase needed transportation for evangelists and pastors, and training for more pastors.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** - LWML will provide a Bible Study @ 2:00 p.m. for all women of the congregation.

**“To KNOW HIM  
 is to Love HIM”**

*“Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God”  
 John 17:3*

God has always wanted His people to know about Him. Even more, though, He has wanted us to *KNOW HIM*. From the beginning of time He has revealed Himself in the hearts of mankind. In our study together we will explore the difference between knowing *about* God and *knowing Him*.



During the month of October we will be collecting Paper Towels and other paper goods for the Good Shepherd Home. Donations may be placed in the ‘Treasure Chest’. Thank you for your support.



**NOTE** – The LWML will host a Cookie Walk for the Christmas Holidays. If you have nice holiday tins you would like to donate please put them in the kitchen.

**MONDAY PRAYERS**

On Monday’s at noon of each month LWML encourages everyone to take time for prayer. As you bow your head in prayer keep in mind the mission grants approved for both the national and Rocky Mountain District LWML. Find out more details of LWML @ [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

# Christian Education Board

*"All scripture is given by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"*  
2 Timothy 3:16

Based on this passage we have chosen The theme for the education year:

**"God's Word is the tool to teach His children."**



## MISSION OUTREACH

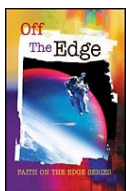
We will continue the offering collection for Haiti until our goal of \$1000 is reached. To date we have collected \$725.55. The Lord has blessed us with generous offerings from the Sunday school classes and the Adult classes.

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR 9:10 am

### Adult Bible Classes

The adults will follow a series of studies using a three round, four week class schedule. September 12 through November 28 the students will make a choice of one of three offerings for four weeks. The next four weeks they will attend a second of the three classes offered; and the last four weeks they will be enlightened on the third topic. Each student will have attended each topic during the three months time.

### Youth Study



High School Youth will be looking at specific post modern issues affecting science,

technology, or spirituality and examine it from a Biblical perspective. The study will use a series entitled "Faith on the Edge," a group of books which uses DVDs, activities and interactive discussion.

### Sunday School

Students in Preschool through Grade 8 will follow the Growing In Christ curriculum which is rich in God's Holy Word. Growing In Christ connects the Word of God to daily lives of the students, nurturing faith in our loving, forgiving Savior.



### Stephen Ministry-A Foretaste

The Stephen Series from Stephen Ministries is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. This class will introduce the congregation to the program, where did it start, why is it important, who can benefit, what are the dynamics of the program.

### Project FAITH

Members of Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church have been asked to provide spiritual questions gleaned from others, or questions which they themselves have. Our goal is to present our Savior, Jesus Christ, to the world as the only One who has the real answers to all of life's questions. This class will review and discuss some of the questions which have come to us.



### Christian Hospitality



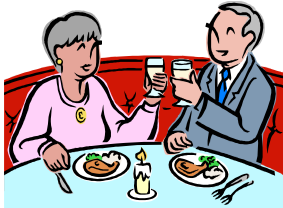
Under the theme "For the Love of Others" based on 1 Peter 4:9-10 the members of the class will be encouraged and directed in offering high levels of hospitality to visitors who come to worship. Attendees will also be given encouraging ideas for offering Christian hospitality in their individual lives.

Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless the Christian Education Board and programs.

## Seniors Of Wheat Ridge SOWRS

My face in the mirror  
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty,  
The cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely  
And so does my lawn.  
I think I might never  
Put my glasses back on.  
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Don't twiddle your thumbs,  
Fiddle your sticks with us  
at **Fiddlesticks**  
**Thursday**  
**September 21, 11:00am**



Sign up in the narthex  
At church

## Evangelism Board Meeting

**Sunday. October 3**

**11:45am**

Bring a sack lunch



## Youth – Active Christian Teens

In September the Youth Group did a servant project – working together with the lay ministers – we cleaned the sanctuary. We cleaned and oiled each pew and the wood panels and cleaned the altar area. Then we went straight to the Brunswick Zone for a couple of games of bowling – which most of us hope to forget soon.

We are excited for the fall, too. With many of us in high school sports and band we want to show support for each other by attending each other's events and cheering. We have people in band at Westminster: Jordan, Daniel and Noconas; in band at Ralston Valley: Bradley and Samantha; and in volleyball at Ralston Valley: Sandy and Sydney.



## Building the Kingdom

Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support with your contributions, the building/remodeling project. We are now moving into the new spaces which will be used to God's glory and service in ministry.

With new spaces and remodeled spaces it is good to give names to our rooms. Rather than call a room the "old kitchen" or the "store room" we have given spaces designated names.

PAST	PRESENT
Pastor Office	St. Paul
Secretary Office	St. Timothy
Library	Matthew
Middle Classroom #1	Mark
Middle Classroom #2	Luke
South Classroom	John
PS Director Office	Acts (Youth)
Kitchen	Choir/File Room
Storage/Stage	Mary/Martha

### NEW

Kitchen, Pastor Office, Secretary Office, Work Room, Meeting Room (St. James)

**COLORADO LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

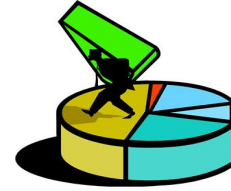
It is that time of year again..auction time!  
*Colorado Lutheran High School Association 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction* on Saturday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>** is going to be an amazing night to celebrate our schools.



We are looking for new or quality merchandise, gift certificates, vacation rentals, overnight stays, art, sport memorabilia or even cash donations. If you have an item to donate that cannot be easily delivered to one of our campuses please call Kristin Gehrke at 720-979-6179 to arrange for pick up. Donations deadline is November 8<sup>th</sup>.

This event serves as a great opportunity to share the ministries of our wonderful schools. Mark your calendars now and join us as we share an evening that promises to be a delightful one.

**North Jeffco Chapter  
THRIVENT FINANCIAL**  
Invites you to:  
**YOUR CHOICE....EASY AS PIE**



For an informational evening about Choice Dollars and Congregational advocates join us  
**OCTOBER 15, 2010**  
**6:00-8:00pm**  
**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
[9<sup>th</sup> and Kipling]  
Dessert and Beverages will be served.

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**ME, A PASTOR? ME A DEACONESS?**

If you have found yourself asking this question or have even considered studying to be a pastor, now is the time to do something about it. A representative from Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne will be St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Golden on Tuesday, October 5 10am-1pm.



Come and explore the possibility of entering the ministry. Women interested in the deaconess program are invited. Bring your families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not needed. If you have any questions call Rev. Zimmerman by phone at 800-481-2155 or by email at [tom.zimmerman@ctsfw.edu](mailto:tom.zimmerman@ctsfw.edu).

**When you do your fall cleaning please think of Lutheran Family Services**

Items needed are gently used pot and pans, bath towels, blankets (it's getting cold out there), twin and full size sheets, dressers, end tables and coffee tables..

For a more information or pickup call Chad Skupien, Donations Coordinator at 303.389.2348.

**Beautiful Junk Sale**

Twice each year thousands of people come to shop Jeffco Action Center's Beautiful Junk sale. The sale creates additional financial resources that provide food, clothing and shelter to those in need. This unique event fills the more than 10,500 square foot Exhibit Hall at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds - one of the largest bargain shopping sales in the area. Bargain shoppers will find it difficult to leave empty handed as they find thousands of items ranging from jewelry, collectables, vintage odds and ends and a vast array of household items donated by the community for this event only.

The sale will be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds at 15200 W 6<sup>th</sup> Ave in Golden on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:00pm. Admission is \$2.



Death of a Loved one

DIFFICULTIES

Serious Illness

Divorce

Job LOSS

Discouragement

Aging



When an event shakes up your world, you can either let it hurt you or help you. If you would like help in turning a life crisis into an opportunity of growth and faith, A STEPHEN MINISTER is ready to help you.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY



*“Christ Caring for People through People”*

To get help or for more information contact:

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