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STEWARDSHIP AND SQUEEZING JUICE OUT OF AN ORANGE



There was once a strongman who traveled with a circus. One of his most impressive stunts was to take an orange and squeeze every last drop of juice out of it. Then he would offer \$1,000 to anyone who could manage to squeeze as much as one additional drop from the orange. He went from town to town making his offer, but no one was able to win the \$1,000. Then one day he came to a small town in California and made his demonstration of juice-squeezing prowess and his challenge. A small, wizened, 98-pound weakling-type man came forward and said he'd like to take a try at the challenge. He took the crushed orange and proceeded to squeeze six more drops of juice from it. The strongman was amazed. He could hardly believe his eyes. He asked how the small man was possibly able to do this. The man shrugged and said, "Oh, I'm the treasurer down at the Baptist church, and we do this all the time!"

I smiled when I read this story because of its universal truth. By and large, this is how those who manage church finances approach the sacred task. As stewards of our collective finances, this is what we are called to do.

Then again, as stewards of our own households and resources (financial and otherwise), this is what we are *all* called to do. We are all called to faithfully manage what God has entrusted to us. This is what we mean when we use the word "stewardship." Many times, however, faithfully managing everything God has entrusted to us feels a lot like squeezing more juice out of an orange than a circus strongman ever could.

Some of us are better than others at "squeezing juice out of an orange," to continue the analogy. Some of us are more naturally geared toward a "citrus stronghold," some of us have learned by necessity, and some of us think paying attention to this sort of thing sucks all the fun out of life. Yet, the Scriptures often charge us to be faithful managers... or stewards...of our time, our attitudes, our aptitudes, and our material blessings.

I know this topic makes many people uncomfortable. Mentioning stewardship even once on a Sunday morning will elicit a whole host of emotion and a bit of squirming in the pews. Some of this is well taken; the church hasn't always done a good job of speaking plainly about such matters. On the other hand, silence is not a healthy solution either, particularly because generosity and faithful management (at church and at home) are spiritual matters...no matter how you slice them!

With that in mind, here are a few questions to gauge your stewardship proficiency:

1. What are the gifts (time, talents, attitudes, abilities, and material blessings) that God has entrusted to your care?
2. What are you managing well? In what way are you leaving "juice in the orange"?
3. How are you intentionally using what God has given you to "love and serve the world"?
4. How well are we, as a community of faith, using what God has given us to "love and serve the world"?

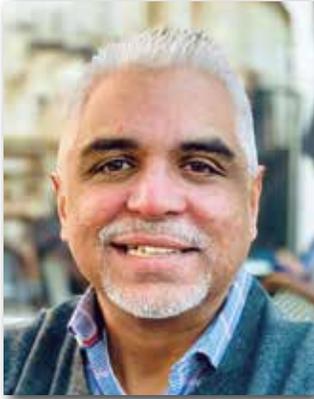
Let me know how it goes!

From one struggling steward (read "orange squeezer") to another,

Pastor Caroline

HAPPENING AT CtK

An Invitation to Action with Word & Table



Since its inception in early 2021, Word & Table has brought people in Michiana together to learn about issues of poverty in our community. From the beginning of our conversations, many of us asked, “What can I do to help?” In November, we’re ready to find the answer—together.

We are excited to welcome social innovator, teacher, humanitarian, and entrepreneur **Dhaval Patel, PhD**, to help us dream together as we plot our next steps forward. Dr. Patel will guide us as we generate ideas to address poverty in our community and **put our ideas into action**.

Dr. Patel taught at Texas A&M University before joining UNICEF. He has worked in over 90 countries to identify and alleviate the causes of poverty. Currently, he is proprietor of the Coffee Barrel in Beeville, Texas, where his community coffee shop contributes to efforts in sustainability, education, healthcare, and economic livelihood.

We are blessed to have Dr. Patel join us for a pair of gatherings this November as our Word & Table community moves from learning to action:

ZOOM KICKOFF GATHERING: November 7, 5:00–6:30 pm

Join us from the comfort of your own home as we meet with Dr. Patel to learn about his uncommon and fun approach to issues of social concern, and his vision of an action team inspired to make a small difference in our own community.

ACTION TEAM RETREAT: November 21, 2:00–6:30 pm

Our action team will gather with Dr. Patel for an in-person workshop as we make plans and determine next steps. The workshop will be held at CtK, and dinner and materials will be provided at no charge to participants.

If you’ve ever wanted to generate ideas that matter and put them into action, these events may be for you. To learn more and/or register, please visit www.ctluth.com/wordandtable, or contact **Pastor Caroline, Jill Harms, or Sarah Felde**.

Please join us. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Our Milestone Recipients!

October 31 was **Milestone Sunday**—a day to celebrate the children of our congregation as they grow in faith!

This year, we recognized four children as they celebrated their **First Communion**: Emilia Bruckert, Addison Elgas, Kate Felde, and William Schopmeyer.

We also awarded NRSV Bibles to 11 students who completed the **Bible Milestone** class series: Eden Bruckert, Tyler Elgas, Lucy Felde, Tyler Gregory, Alex Jedrzejewski, Matthew Jedrzejewski, Neve Kassen, Austin Markiewicz, Michael McGrath, Maggie Schopmeyer, and Ava Tack.

In addition, we distributed **Spark Story Bibles** to Sunday school students from age 2 through second grade. Although receipt of a story Bible is not a formal milestone, the CFF Committee felt it was a wonderful way to ensure every child in our congregation has access to age-appropriate religious resources in their home.

Blessings to all of these children and their families!



HAPPENING AT CtK

Join Us for “Your Theology in 66 Verses”

All are invited to “Your Theology in 66 Verses,” led by **Pastor Brad**, as we read our way through the Bible, one book at a time. As we finish each book, we’ll select one verse that best reflects the heart of our faith.

Meetings will be held via Zoom on the Sundays listed below, beginning at 12:30 pm. Meeting dates and corresponding books are as follows:

- **November 7:** Ezra
- **November 14:** Nehemiah
- **November 21:** Esther

Log in with meeting number **881 0686 0112** and passcode **66verses**.



Welcome, Kara!

Please join us in welcoming **Kara Clark** as CtK’s Youth Faith Formation Coordinator!

Families and youth may contact Kara via email at yffc@ctkluth.com or by phone/text at (574) 361-3545.

Follow CtK on YouTube

Please support CtK’s digital outreach by subscribing to our YouTube channel. Visit [YouTube.com/ctkluth](https://www.youtube.com/ctkluth), sign in with your YouTube or Google account, and click “Subscribe.” It’s free and easy—and a great way to stay connected with Worship on the Web and other CtK video content!



Upcoming Movie Club Selection: *About Time*

Do you love watching movies? Do you want to form meaningful relationships with other CtK members through relaxed conversation? If so, join the CtK Movie Club on **Saturday, November 20, at 10 am** to discuss **About Time**. We will meet in person at CtK, under the canopy if weather permits or in the narthex in case of rain.

Please reach out to **Josh Weinhold** or **Sarah Felde** for more information.



Save the Date: GriefShare— Surviving the Holidays Saturday, November 20, 10 am–1 pm

If you are grieving or know someone who has lost a loved one, please join us for our “Surviving the Holidays” GriefShare workshop. We’ll discuss how to navigate the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas and prepare you to get through

these holidays knowing that so much has changed. Lunch will be provided after the two-hour workshop. For more information or to register, please visit www.ctkluth.com/griefshare.

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2nd Half Adventurers

Wednesday, November 10, 11:30 am–1 pm

Our Second Half Adventurers invite YOU to the next gathering! Join us for lunch, fellowship, and a presentation from Aaron Nichols, executive director of the South Bend Civic Theatre. You may order a box lunch for \$10 or bring your own. Registration is required; the registration form can be found at www.ctkluth.com/events.

Rummage Sale Update

The storage units are at capacity; therefore, we will be accepting donations on a **limited basis**. If you have a donation that you think can be sold on Facebook Marketplace, please **do not** bring it to the church, but instead contact **Don Zerfas** or **Chuck Trundle**. Funds from Facebook Marketplace sales will be put toward the storage unit rental fees.

ShopWithScrip Fundraising for CtK Missions

The Community Missions Committee is launching a new program to help raise funds for local missions. Through the program, called ShopWithScrip, you may order gift cards to pay for your day-to-day purchases, as well as to give as presents. ShopWithScrip provides you the opportunity to shop the brands you love while helping CtK love and serve the world.

On the first and third Sundays of each month, a ShopWithScrip table will be set up in the narthex. Stop by to order any number of gift cards and pick up the cards you've ordered. All are welcome to join us on November 7 for an in-person training session on the ShopWithScrip program.

Dinner at Dismas House

Tuesday, November 30

Dismas House is a transitional home for individuals who are working toward independent living after jail or prison. CtK has committed to making dinner for residents at Dismas House, and we need your help! Please sign up to prepare and deliver a meal and eat in fellowship with the residents. The meal is self-serve/buffet style, and the residents do the clean up.

Our next date for dinner at Dismas House is November 30. Sign up on the narthex kiosk and/or contact **Bob Clausen** at (574) 485-7292 for more details. Dismas House is located at 521 S. St. Joseph Street in South Bend.



Angel Tree

On Sunday, November 7, our annual Angel Tree will be in the narthex with a variety of tags—some with specific gift requests, others more general. CtK is committed to donating 200 gifts to the residents and clients of 10 different agencies.

You can participate in two ways:

- Donate money online at the CtK website, and the Community Missions Team will shop for the gifts.
- Choose tags from the tree (the average price of the gifts is \$25–\$30), then buy the gifts and deliver them unwrapped to the church office by Sunday, November 21.

HAPPENING AT CtK

Seasons Counseling of Michiana Receives a \$2,500 Mission Grant

The mission of Seasons Counseling of Michiana is "to support mental health, through counseling and education, for every life we touch." Seasons' Client Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to individuals who are uninsured and/or unable to afford counseling services. In October, CtK awarded Seasons a \$2,500 mission grant to support their Client Assistance Fund. Thank you, Seasons, for the valuable service you provide to our community!

Mission Grant Fund

Did you know that CtK has a Mission Grant Fund available to our community? This fund was created by donations from the Into Campaign to support local and global organizations where CtK members are actively involved as volunteers. CtK members can apply for Mission Grants to support programs, projects, and capital needs of the organizations where they volunteer. To apply, go to www.ctluth.com/missionministry.

Hayride Recap

The weather could not have been nicer for the CtK Hayride at Bendix Woods on October 7. The families who attended were able to enjoy time at the park, a beautiful bonfire, a relaxing hayride, and most importantly, fellowship with one another. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for reserving the shelter and hayride. Fun was had by all!

Youth Crew

Youth Crew for grades 6–12 currently meets every Sunday from 10:30–11:15 am. Middle school students gather in Room 303 and high school students gather in the Youth Room. Some weeks we will meet as separate groups, and others we will combine into one big group! We have had great attendance so far this year! We always enjoy meeting new people and seeing new faces, so feel free to bring a friend and join us as we learn more about our faith, develop friendships, and have fun!

SNL 2021

We have had an awesome start to our Sunday Night Live program this year! It's great to be back together and meeting in person once again. On SNL nights, all youth in grades 6–12 meet from 5:00–5:30 pm as a large group to connect and have some fun. Then, from 5:30–6:30, youth in grades 6–8 meet for Confirmation class, while those in grades 9–12 gather in the Youth Room. Upcoming SNL dates are November 7 and 21 and December 12.

Rite of Confirmation

On October 31, seven of our youth participated in the rite of Affirmation of Baptism, also known as Confirmation. Congratulations to Owen Michael Johnston, Abigail Kate Layman, Caroline Jan Layman, Kiran Anish Nayee, Allison May Roggow, Elizabeth Bo Satre, and Molly Sueann Schuman. Please join us in celebrating with these young people and their families!

Upcoming Events

November 13 will be a Youth Service Day, where teams of youth and adults help CtK members who need a hand with yard work, as well as work on some cleanup and organization at church. This is a great opportunity for students to get some volunteer hours and feel good about serving others! We'll meet at CtK from 12:30–2:30 pm, and snacks will be provided. See you there!

CtK BUSINESS UPDATE

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Summary of Missional/Charitable Gifts	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
ELCA Mission Work	\$2,079	\$31,764
Community Mission	\$2,429	\$71,385
International Mission	\$33	\$14,544
INTO Mission Fund	–	\$1,811
Seminary Fund	–	\$1,910
CMG	–	\$10,145
Sunday School	\$35	\$400
Youth Activities	\$8	\$5,653
	<u>\$4,583</u>	<u>\$137,611</u>

Operating Outlook *(Monies used to pay benevolence to I/K Synod, utilities, staff salaries, and programming expenses)*

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$41,397	\$429,778
Expenditures	\$53,514	\$469,511
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$12,117)	(\$39,733)

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
Trust Memorial Fund	\$7,305
Trust Endowment Fund	\$131,532
Total	\$138,838

Loose Offering

Madison School	\$403
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"God's Work. Our Hands."*

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is part of every
Sunday morning worship service.
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Office Hours

9 am - 2 pm
Monday through Friday
Phone: (574) 272.4306

Seasons Counseling Center

(574) 277.0274

Executive Director

Alexandra Sobieski

Director of Operations

Deborah Campoli

Business Director

Don Zerfas

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*"Therefore **encourage** one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11



WEEKLY WORSHIP

In the sanctuary: Sundays at 8:15 am and 11:15 am

The 8:15 worship service is in the traditional format led by organ. Holy Communion is distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

While the 11:15 am worship service is also in the traditional format and primarily led by organ, Holy Communion is celebrated with pre-packaged elements.

Masks are mandatory for all at both indoor services.

Drive-in Worship: Sundays in the parking lot at 9:30 am

Contemporary worship led by Xalt!, including a Young Peoples' Message and in-vehicle Holy Communion. Masks are required for the Young Peoples' Message, but are otherwise optional.

Worship on the Web: Join us each Sunday at 11:15 am for the livestream, or access the recorded 11:15 am worship service any time during the week. Visit www.ckluth.com/worship to find a worship video, the worship folder for Sunday's service, Taking Faith Home questions for discussion, and an online donation link to continue your tradition of giving at worship.