

STEWARDSHIP 2009

Theme-Keep it Simple

Nov. 1-All Saint's Day - 'Following Jesus'

We began with this acknowledgment that our calling is simply to 'follow Jesus'. We delighted in viewing pictures of the Saint of Christ Lutheran, past and present who follow Jesus. Thanks to the Archives work of Delores Grosenheider and George Fosselius these pictures are now available for viewing. To get a picture of where are saints are following Jesus in their daily life folks were encourage to mark the places they live and work on a map. Each day many are touched by the witness of our Saints.

Nov. 8 – 'Facing the Truth'-What it means to live a simple life.

We gathered following worship for a potluck. We viewed a segment of a couple living out a faithful, simple life in response to God's grace. Pat Cosgrove led us in a discussion of how we might simplify our lives and ministry in faithfulness to God. Commitment cards were explained and samples dispersed with encouragement to step up our giving.

Nov. 15-'Acting Together' What we can accomplish together supporting and encouraging one another. Leigh Robinson shared an inspiring message of what can be accomplished working together in mission. We saw a video of the joys of tithing. Commitment cards were handed out

Nov. 22-'Sharing Enough' –Do we operate out of scarcity or abundance? When we have enough can we share more? Commitments of time and resources were dedicated for Mission 2010.

Stewardship is not a program but a way of life. May we be found faithful in our daily lives following Jesus and living simply out of gratitude for all we have been given and called to share generously with others.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cosgrove
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