



## Stewardship Resources and Materials (an incomplete compilation for tools and inspiration) Summer 2021

### Stewardship Websites and Resources

ELCA – [www.elca.org/resources](http://www.elca.org/resources) Choose the tab for either “Downloadable Resources” or “Items to order” and then choose “Stewardship.” Be sure to check out both sections for a variety of types of resources

StewardNet is an ELCA newsletter about stewardship and resources. Sign up by going to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org), scrolling to the bottom to the blue “Subscribe” button, and selecting the stewardship option (other topical newsletters are available as well)

Luther Seminary Stewardship <https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/> Sign up to receive a weekly e-mail about stewardship and find previous articles and blogposts (peruse or use the search bar for topics)

Rethinking Stewardship Conference (2018) – Videos of lectures are available <https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/rethinking-stewardship-videos/>

Stewardship of Life Institute [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org) (United Lutheran Seminary) Read links to articles, blog posts, reflections on the weekly lectionary texts and subscribe to an e-newsletter.

Ministry Links Online – this ELCA curated website has loads of resources for children’s and youth ministry. <https://www.ministrylinks.online/stewardship.html> (to navigate from the home page select “Education” then “Ministry” then “Stewardship”)

Stewardship Kaleidoscope <http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/> An annual fall conference hosted by the ELCA and the PCUSA. Some videos and powerpoint presentations from prior years are available on the website. (September 13-15, 2021 in Cincinnati or online)

Building Faith is a resource of Virginia Theological Seminary (a seminary of the Episcopal Church). This link compiles their stewardship resources. [www.buildfaith.org/?s=stewardship](http://www.buildfaith.org/?s=stewardship)

Resourceful Servants <https://resourcefulservants.org/congregations/> This site walks through five areas of best financial practices. These practices allow givers to feel confident in their congregation’s ability to practice good stewardship with what is entrusted to them for ministry.

### Stewardship Programs in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod in partnership with GSB

**Fundraising** – contact Pastor Elise Rothfusz for more information

Stewardship First Steps – January-May – this cohort-based program prepares ministers to be confident stewardship leaders through consideration of their own money stories, discovering and telling generosity stories, and learning how to make an ask (whether for volunteers, money, or something else)

Building a Culture of Generosity – August through November – this cohort-based program coaches congregational teams in best practices and a timeline for a fall stewardship appeal.

Stewardship for All Seasons – This two-year program leads congregation teams through various aspects of building a strong foundation of stewardship practices to grow a congregation’s ministry.

**Stewardship Materials Idea** – To prepare for an annual fall appeal, Chick Lane suggests getting these a few resources for your “Give Team” (stewardship team); have them review these resources in late spring/early summer, then pick one of them and get started no later than July. There are of course many other resources; these were three of his recommendations for a few different types of options with a low cost.

These two resources are available individually for \$10.00 each or as a bundle for \$15.00

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy

<https://resources.elca.org/Products-Stewardship.html>

“Walk with Jesus” by Charles Lane <https://resources.elca.org/Products-Stewardship.html>

“New Consecration Sunday” <https://www.cokesbury.com/new-consecration-sunday> Leader Guide \$31.49; team guide \$8.99

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**Contact Pastor Elise Rothfusz, Central/Southern Illinois Synod Director for Evangelical Mission, with questions, comments, sharing your favorite stewardship practices and resources, or to work with your stewardship team developing a plan for growing stewards of the kingdom of God.**

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