



# 2024-2025 STEWARDSHIP AT FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Dear Friends,*

1 Corinthians 13:13 (MSG) *But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love*

## **TRUST STEADILY**

We are rooted in our trust in Jesus, a faith expressed beautifully in worship, a faith nourished by the water of Baptism and the sacrament of Holy Communion, a faith fed by the rich heritage of stories and songs that we call our own, all of it giving us strength for the journey. Faith is the reason for us to be here, to be a church. Stewardship is everything we do after we say, "I believe, I trust, I have faith."

## **HOPE UNSWERVINGLY**

We know that hope is so much more than optimism or wishful thinking because we have seen it made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ. Hope whispers in our ear that with God all things are possible, and encourages us to keep moving forward together, trusting that the path will appear. Generosity is a hopeful act of discipleship, made as a statement that God is still at work in the world and in our lives.

## **LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY**

Love as an expression of stewardship means that we consider all of God's abundant gifts and how we can make best use of these gifts so that we can love our neighbor, so that we can return our thanks and praise to God.

As those who receive FAITH, HOPE and LOVE from God, we become like God. We turn to those in despair becoming people whom they can trust; we become faithful toward them. As those who have been given hope, we share the story that has moved us. As those who have been so deeply loved, we become love for our neighbor. Those taken up into the life of our generous God will have the fruit of generosity alive in their life.

Enclosed is your pledge card. Please record your prayerful intentions, seal in the pledge envelope, and bring it to the church prior to the end of the year. The opportunity sheets should be filled out by EACH member of the church. Please return these forms to the church office, place them in the basket in the narthex or email them to Barbara at [secretary@firstenglish.net](mailto:secretary@firstenglish.net). If you need more copies for your family, pick them up in the narthex, see Barbara at the church office, or go to the church website and print copies.

Please review how you give financially to the church. Consider utilizing automatic giving so our offerings are more consistent. There are options for you to choose from on the church website or ask the treasurer or financial secretary for help.

*Prayerfully,*

The First English Lutheran Church Stewardship Board  
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## Education, Ministry, & Service Opportunities

<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Open to everyone	
<b>Church Council:</b>	Open to confirmed members	Currently held the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after church service. Please check our website for an up-to-date schedule.
➤ <b>Boards:</b>	Lay Ministry, Stewardship, Education, Evangelism, Church Properties, and Youth and Family Ministry	
<b>Confirmation:</b>	Grades 7-9	Wednesday nights 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 3:30pm; 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 4:30 pm
<b>Day of Love:</b>	Quilting & Fellowship	Tuesdays @ 8:30am
<b>Kids Club:</b>	Grades 1-6	Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 pm if we can get a leader or leaders for this group
<b>Faith Chests:</b>	Call church office for contact information	
<b>Flower Committee:</b>	Open to everyone	
<b>Greeter:</b>	Open to everyone	
<b>Lay Assistant:</b>	Open to everyone	Assist with distribution of Holy Communion
<b>Lector:</b>	Open to everyone	Read announcements and scriptures during worship – assist with communion
<b>Praise Team:</b>	Open to everyone	Perform 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Practice will be an hour before they perform
<b>Parish Nurses:</b>	Trained volunteers	Visitations
<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	Open to everyone	
<b>Take communion to shut-ins:</b>	Open to confirmed members	As needed—Speak to the Pastor
<b>Senior Choir:</b>	HS Students and older	Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm during school year
<b>Youth Group:</b>	Grades 7-12	Wednesdays 5:30 – 7:00 pm (supper included)
<b>Teaching</b>	Open to confirmed members	
➤ <b>Sunday School</b>		September through May
➤ <b>Vacation Bible School</b>		During the summer
<b>Usher:</b>	Open to everyone	
<b>Worship Service Tech Worker</b>	Open to everyone	Assist with sound control and switching screens for TV
<b>Youth Mentor</b>	Open to everyone	Mentoring a Confirmation student