



New Jersey Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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CONGREGATION EDITION



August 2017

STEWARDSHIP SPARKLERS

Generosity Creates Community

48 HOURS OF GENEROSITY



As the Synod Stewardship Specialist, I will dedicate time in August and September to intentional stewardship conversations. This year's 48 Hours of Generosity seeks to put me in each Mission District for at least two days of conversations and visits. While I have numerous conversations and consultations scheduled, each Mission District has at least one event that lends itself to participation with a broader audience. These open conversations are listed below: Maybe you and your stewardship leaders will want to attend the conversation; or call or email 908-892-8299 sschantzenbach@njsynold.org to schedule a time of more focused attention to your congregation's specific stewardship needs.

Prince of Peace,	Marlton:	7:00 PM	August 23
Abiding Peace,	Budd Lake:	6:30 PM	August 28
Living Waters,	Ringoes:	7:30 PM	August 30
Messiah,	Oakland:	7:00 PM	September 6
St. Paul,	Teaneck:	7:00 PM	September 7
Good Shepherd,	Weehawken:	7:00 PM	September 12
Holy Cross,	Toms River:	7:00 PM	September 13

We plan to gather around tables and "Redefine Stewardship: Through New Vocabulary and New Questions". Bishop Bartholomew will be joining the conversations on August 23 and September 6 and 13. Our three-part presentation will include: 1) A general overview related to "Redefining Stewardship. 2) Referencing stewardship resources that might be of general interest. 3) Getting to the heart of your concerns related to your context.

All our sessions will introduce a "New Vocabulary" about stewardship, a copy of the "Generous Congregation Workbook" as well as a new fall stewardship resource entitled, "The Power of Sacred Story".

2018 MISSION SUPPORT GOALS ARE COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX

For most congregations, the fall is budget preparation time. Faithful congregations know generosity to be of part of their character and sharing Mission Support with the New Jersey Synod and ELCA Churchwide is a big part of generous sharing. Each year we suggest a goal for congregations. This goal will be coming your way in early September along with an interpretive page outlining how our Synod directs your gifts. Watch the mails for your personalized information!

PASTOR

CAN THE CONGREGATION STILL AFFORD FULL-TIME MINISTRY?

We have all contemplated this thought. Is it even the right question? Plan to join the EMU-Day event coming to your Mission District and we will discuss this and other provocative questions that shape our life together and the future shape of Synod,



congregation, and pastoral ministry. The agenda of these events is scheduled from 9:30-3:30 and include lunch and all materials. Locations are posted on line. Sign up online today!

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September 21	Delaware Mission District
September 28	Western Mission District
October 5	Middle Mission District
October 19	Northern Mission District
October 26	Gateway Mission District
November 2	Shore Mission District



ALL DRESSED UP WITH NO PLACE TO GO!

Contact Stewardship Specialist, Scott Schantzenbach, to schedule a preaching date or a stewardship consulting or coaching time in the weeks and months ahead. Preaching dates are still open this fall; don't miss your opportunity to get on the schedule. Contact Pastor Schantzenbach at: sschantzenbach@njsynod.org or call or text 908-892-8299.



STEWARDSHIP FOR SUPPLY PASTORS

Supply Pastors; hold the date of September 7 open on your calendar. Our Stewardship

Specialist, Scott Schantzenbach will host an event at which he will outline stewardship themes in the fall lectionary texts. Supply pastors are frequently called upon to preach at fall stewardship programs. Prepare yourself for that work by attending this gathering at 10:00 AM on the 7th of September. The Bishop will also be available to discuss the ever-changing issues and concerns surrounding your important work. We very much want to hear from you and support your critical work.

Sign up online: www.njsynod.org/stewardship