



Stewardship Meets Mission

Our ministry focus for the month of October is a stewardship theme that calls us to consider the church's mission to form faith in people of all ages. Earlier this year, we took a major step forward in this mission. We acted on our long-held desire to expand our staff to include a person dedicated to work with families and youth. We called Christine Shander as our

Christian Growth Coordinator. Her ministry dovetails with the larger mission of the church. We focus on forming faith, helping people encounter the love of God as it is known in and through Jesus, so that they may live out their faith in the world.

Our stewardship emphasis interacts with and points to our annual commemoration of the Lutheran Reformation on the last Sunday of the month. All month we will think about how our giving undergirds our ministry. Our theme, *(re)forming faith* reminds us that as we support the mission, God's reforming work is enabled.

Our leaders, acting on congregational directives, led us in a big leap of faith this year when they called Christine to serve among us. Now, we're asking everybody to jump with us—to step up in generosity so that we can actively support the ministry we know is important and valuable to us. We know that when we work together in the name of Christ, we form faith among people of all ages.



Sunday: October 4

We'll focus on faith formation as an ongoing work of reformation in our lives while celebrating Octoberfest, October 4. The theme of the reformation will be introduced in worship. Between services, Christine Shander will lead adult forum participants in discussion about the reformation, while sharing photos and information from her recent trip to Germany.



Sunday: October 11

We'll be thinking about how ministry partners help us form faith. Jeff Bluhm, from Lutherdale Bible Camp, will be our guest in worship and in the adult forum between services. We'll hear about the incredible ministry the camp does as an extension of the congregations it serves. Year after year our youth go to camp and are transformed by Lutherdale's ministry.



Sunday: October 18

This Sunday's focus is on faith formation in the home. We'll talk about Christian practices that all of us can use to help the Holy Spirit shape our faith: Share, read, talk, pray and bless. Between services, Christine will explore the "Faith Five" set of practices to get us to think further about faith formation in the home. This will be a cross generational event for kids and adults.



Sunday: October 25: Stewardship Sunday

Pastor Steve Jerbi of All Peoples Church in Milwaukee will preach, challenging us to give generously for the sake of Christ's mission. Youth will know Pastor Jerbi from this year's Youth Gathering. Stewardship Sunday will have only one service at 9:00 a.m. and will culminate in a meal and program featuring former Packer Don Beebe. Beebe was a member of 1996-1997 team that won Super Bowl XXXI.