

STEWARDSHIP

As a Community of Women created in the image of God,

we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts...

Preamble: Stewardship is an expression of our faith as we build our relationship with other people and organizations.

God's Work – Our Hands

Goal 1 – We are to teach others within our organization and community that Time – Talent – Treasure are vital to strengthen the foundation for the next generation.

Goal 2 – We are to serve others because we are called to do so as God's disciples.

Goal 3 – We are to use the resources available from Women of the ELCA in our community to accomplish our mission such as Thankofferings, scholarships, care of creation and the environment, and by supporting world hunger, missionary support, LWR, and global ministry.

Goal 4 – We are called to be faithful stewards by supporting our Mission and Ministry.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The commitment to Stewardship on the part of the Women of the ELCA goes back to the late 19th century when small boxes were used in the homes so that women could show their gratitude for the many blessings they experienced in everyday life. Today, through the use of envelopes, we continue to show our gratitude through our Thankoffering Services. Together, in gratitude for all that God has given us and with hope of doing even more, we give out of our abundance. Over the years these gifts have provided more than \$3.1 million in grants to domestic and international organizations and more than \$630,000 in scholarships to Lutheran women. Together we share our gifts and truly say, "Thank you."