

## October Stewardship Notes: What's on the Radar?

Well it won't be long before we start to pay attention to the weather report and watching the radar for the next "Alberta Clipper" or some yet-to-be-named "Winter Storm." But we aren't giving much thought to that now; but the Stewardship Committee has some things on the "radar" that we wanted to tell you about.

As we began to plan for the upcoming Commitment Weekend on November 10 and 11, 2018, Pastor Jim talked about monetary giving as each person checking of their "heart condition." The more we thought about that we decided to have our 2018-2019 Stewardship Campaign more personal between our "heart" and God. Instead of sending out pledge cards to all members, we decided to send a "**Promissory Note to God**" for each of us to complete and bring to the altar on Commitment Weekend.

Along with the Promissory Note to God and letter, a simplified Time and Talent form will be enclosed for each person to complete and return on Commitment Weekend. The Time and Talent form is very important for filling all of the volunteer roles that we have to fill for each week's services and other church functions.

We pray that we all check our "heart condition" in regard to our monetary giving and our willingness to volunteer to serve in a capacity that we are comfortable with and that we each give back to God what our "heart" tells us would be right. Expect the letter in early October, which gives us about a month to pray about our "heart condition."

**Team Jesus** is another item on the Stewardship Committee's radar. We are off to a great start on the third Team Jesus project; the first one was the water wells in India and the second was the Habitat for Humanity project in Eastlake. Both were a tremendous success and our giving a little ended up meaning A LOT to those blessed by these projects. Project #3 is to benefit the Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center in Manistee. Not only are our coins adding up (watch the "thermometer" on the front bulletin board) but many items of clothing, supplies, and even furniture for babies and the new moms are accumulating on the table in the Narthex. Please keep the buckets rattling until mid-December when we will present the money and gifts to Lighthouse to help it with its ministries helping new mothers and babies.

Last on the radar is **Electronic Giving**. Yes, Good Shepherd is getting close to implementing a program to allow giving to be done through our website! Snowbirds rejoice; you can give with the click of your mouse all winter! And so can others that want to take advantage of the convenience of giving by secure electronic giving directly to Good Shepherd. The program was approved by Council at the September Council meeting and the goal is to have this operational by November 1, 2018. More information will be provided as the program is implemented.

Please pray for all of these important items on our radar screen and pray for your discernment of your "heart condition."

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