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Dear Fellow Stewards of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we know and serve by the power of the Holy Spirit!

GIVE! GIVE! GIVE! From tele-evangelists to Christian pulpits to mass mailings to emailing -- from door to door callings to every member visits! For most Christians, the words: **GIVE! GIVE! GIVE!** (“*til it hurts*” . . . “*til it feels good*” . . . “*til you reach your fair share*” . . . “*til you tithe*”) is the **absolute summary** of Christian Stewardship. Yet from the Holy Scriptures, we find an invitation to **RECEIVE! RECEIVE! RECEIVE!** “*Now wait a second,*” you might be thinking! “*Stewardship is receiving?*”

Christian Stewardship is first and foremost receiving God’s good and gracious gifts with **THANKSGIVING!** God’s invitation to receive with thanksgiving is paramount to any encouragement to give. Stewardship is God’s call for us to open our lives in faith to receive His blessings: God in Christ Jesus has cleansed us from our sins. God the Spirit had called us by the Gospel, and set our lives on the paths of righteousness! “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ ...*” [2 Corinthians 5:17-18]

God’s righteousness is a gift which creates in us the ability to be **THANKFUL RECEIVERS** of God’s gifts. Now we who are **thankful receivers in faith** have a ministry which has as its purpose the enabling of others to experience God’s love. The thankful giving of our time, our talents and abilities, and our dollars becomes important as it allows others to experience **RECEIVING FROM GOD** - a receiving which elicits **THANKSGIVING TO GOD FROM ALL!** That is why we are chosen to bring the Good News to others by using all that God has given us: time, talents, abilities, gifts, dollars and possessions!

The mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church & School:
Love and obey the Savior – Equip believers for ministry – Share the Good News of Jesus

This **Sunday, October 28 – Reformation Sunday – is also Commitment Sunday**, and our Resurrection family of Christ-Followers will be given the opportunity to be **THANKFUL RECEIVERS and THANKFUL GIVERS**. During the service, worshipers will be given the opportunity to complete their **2019 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT** to the Lord through the Church. Please make every effort to attend, as we thank and praise God for His many gifts to us, and become grateful sharers of all His blessings.

Your Fellow Stewards in Christ our Lord,

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“God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that in all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every generous work.” [2 Corinthians 9:8]