

# Church Lingo:



What  
Does It  
Mean?



## Stewardship Edition

*Here's some help decoding some church lingo you'll be hearing:*

**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship, in a nutshell, is about taking care of what God has given us.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** During the fall when you hear us talk about stewardship, it most likely pertains to financial stewardship. Financial stewardship is the money management side of the whole stewardship picture. This includes creating and funding a budget to resource our church's ministry of spreading love and hope to communities close by and far away.

**PLEDGE (also called a COMMITMENT):** Think of a pledge as promising to give a certain amount of money to the church on a regular basis for one year. It's really great because it helps the church plan its budget.

**PLEDGE CARD:** A pledge card is what we fill out to show how much we're planning to give to the church over the period of a year. We have paper pledge cards that you can fill out and place in the offering plate or mail. We recognize that financial circumstances can change. Please know you are able to adjust your pledge at any time should the need arise.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:** It's our special day to show our support and make our pledge for what we'll give to the church in the coming year. This year it's on November 12.

**TITHING:** Tithing is a pledge based on giving 10% of what we earn to support the church's work. It's an old tradition based on biblical text. Make things fun and challenge yourself to increase your giving each year towards a tithe (if you're not already there).

**PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:** It's how we take care of all God has given us and look to the future where we'll watch our gifts multiply, spreading the good news of God's love far and wide.



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Be sure to read through Something to Shine Light in the World, our stewardship booklet that gives you a snapshot of the amazing ministry God is doing through Christ Lutheran Church and includes:

- What our current investment looks like
- How our ministry can grow and expand as we continue to commit to give our time, talent, and financial resources
- Ways to think about how much to give beyond percentages
- This year's pledge card

You can also visit [www.clcgtm.org/stewardship](http://www.clcgtm.org/stewardship) to view and download these resources plus find videos walking you through the Something to Shine Light in the World materials and videos from members that share stories of generosity.