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## Stewardship – Joyful Giving

Recently one of our student's grandparents shared some wonderful advice on stewardship. The advice was to go to God's Word and read 2 Corinthians. I shared the verse below with our school students and asked them to consider the blessings they have and how they might use them to serve others.

Stewardship is something that children need to learn just as much as adults. Weekly chapel services become such a regular part of our routine that we forget about the offering.

**"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."** 2 Corinthians 9:7

In a *Focus on the Family* article by Carolyn MacInnes, the following Biblical reasons for giving are listed. I encourage you to take the time to get in the Word and see what the passages have to say. Share them with your children and grandchildren.

"Give.....regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2)

..... secretly (Matthew 6:1-2)

.....sacrificially (Luke 21:1-4)

.....based on your earnings (1 Corinthians 16:2)

.....purposefully (2 Corinthians 9:7)

.....cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)

.....with God's priorities in mind (Matthew 6:19-21)

.....generously (Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6)"

## Stewardship (Continued)

Don't forget that stewardship has to do with so much more than money. Help model stewardship to children by making wise use of your time, talents, skills, and health. Giving also includes service.

During National Lutheran Schools Week, we look forward to the opportunity we have to serve. Our school students will be visiting three area nursing homes to share Jesus' love through songs, smiles, and conversation with residents.

We praise God for the blessings He has given to us here at Immanuel Lutheran School!

## Crusader Athletics

Our young athletes are doing an outstanding job. Most recently the boys and girls won the championships at the Truman Invitational. We have several more games and tournaments for the teams to work together. Please take the time to congratulate them on their victories and to encourage them to continue to exhibit positive Christian sportsmanship in all of their games.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
1	BB – Conference Tournament
11	BB – Silo at Nodine
14-16	BB – RCLS Invitational
20	Parent Teacher Conferences (by request)
21	No School
21-23	BB – State Tournament