



“Lifetime Plan for Giving” Seminar Series

Matthew MinistriesSM Mentors- a Matthew Ministries mentor training program will be provided as the field experience for the Christian Stewardship Associate. You will be provided resources and processes learn how to function as a congregational team in a program that consecrates and commissions stewardship mentors as encouragers, advocates and mentors for financial leadership for individual stewards and as leaders of the corporate steward. Get equipped to encourage the “Grace of Giving” at the congregational level in partnership with LCMS Foundation, LCMS Stewardship Ministries, LCEF, CMGS, CPS and other LCMS ministries. Mentors will learn to use five bible study series and toolkits to help them serve people in the congregation and community. These small group, thought leader and Bible studies are:

- 1) **“Become Money Wise.”** and specially designed toolkits to inform and care for personal financial management in homes and the lives of people of all ages according to their situations guided by God’s wisdom.
- 2) **The Joy of Giving Comes by Seeing God’s Grace in Generosity.** God has placed His giving heart in His baptismal people. Learn new insights for what this means for our lives under the Cross, in our homes and in our communities.
- 3) **Transfer the Blessings of Inheritance.** This five part Bible Study to help Christians look at the source of the Biblical concept of Inheritance and how God’s people have transferred the Blessing of faithfulness through time. Grow deeper in the spiritual and economic and provisions God has ordained for His people throughout the generations.
- 4) **Seven Requests for Senior Adults.** There are many things in life that are out of our hands. These requests deal with end of life issues such as a living will and advanced directive decisions that considers your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as you medical and financial desires. What does God’s Word say about these issues? How can you relieve the stress of being vulnerable?
The Seven Requests are for:
 1. The Person(s) I want to make care decisions for me when I can’t
 2. The kind of medical treatment I would like or don’t want
 3. How comfortable I hope to be kept if in a terminal condition
 4. How I hope people handle and treat me if I can’t take care of myself
 5. What I want my loved ones to know and what do I wish to be remembered for
 6. My hope that my funeral reflects the spiritual relationship I have with Christ for a comforting witness
 7. The Inheritance I leave behind, hoping it blesses, not curses future generations by giving Christ.
- 5) **A Clear View of the Promise-** Servant leaders, who work with the Pastoral Office to steward the corporate person, will help the body of Christ function more effectively as they discover how to share their faith in engaging ways with others. This book, in a thought leader study guide format helps disciples look at the opportunity to consider our impact on others as the promise of our own faith and our congregation’s mission relates to others in terms of the way it relates with others.

Working with LCMS Stewardship leaders, these Biblical based study programs will provide resources and support for governance and administration leaders at the local level that will enhance economic and spiritual vitality for your people and your mission.