



### Stewardship is...

For the past two Sundays (and the next two Sundays) we are focusing on the topic of "stewardship." Most often, the impression I get from people concerning stewardship is, "Now, I *gotta* do something. I *gotta* spend more time at church on some committee or helping with some function. I *gotta* serve in some official capacity church to fill the empty positions. I *gotta* give more money in my offering because the church is struggling." Those thoughts come because we usually think of and stress the three "T's" being the focus of stewardship. Stewardship is my Time, Talents, and Treasures. While those serve as a good summary, the goal of stewardship is really no different than our everyday focus here at PoP and that is Christ. The goal of stewardship is to see and reflect on what Jesus has done for you and me.

"But my schedule is already packed! There's no way I can fit more time into it to do something at church!" I have no doubt that is true. But I wonder...have you overlooked how abundantly Christ has blessed you, your life, and your family to make *it* so packed? Is your focus your business at work; deadlines to be met; never ending tasks? Have you overlooked how gracious your Lord is to bless you with the ability to find and occupy a job in a day and age when so many cannot? Is your focus on the chaos of your family life: raising; providing for; taking to and from athletic practices, plays and performances; homework; school functions; doctor's appointment; etc? Have you perhaps overlooked the awesome gift and privilege He has given you in being a father or mother? Not everyone has been given that great privilege. Is your focus on how tight the money is right now and how there never seems to be enough? Have you overlooked how many blessings—you might consider necessities—your God has given you in this life? Try this once: Sit down in your living room, family room, or garage and look around for five minutes. Then honestly ask yourself... "What do I really need in this life that my God has not already given me?"

It's easy for our focus to get out of whack and it's easy for us to turn stewardship into something God never intended it to be: "I *gotta* do something." Rather stewardship is, "Look at everything my God has done for me – both spiritually and physically! And now on top of that He blesses me with the opportunity to reflect His love with those and to those around me. What an awesome God! What an awesome privilege!"

With that in mind, you've probably heard about the upcoming stewardship cottage meetings that we will be conducting throughout the valley at members' homes during the month of October. Be honest, your first thought was..... "Great, something else I *gotta* do!" Rather, I would encourage you to see these as opportunities to rejoice over and reflect upon everything Christ has done for you with your fellow brothers and sisters. Our hope is that everyone would have this desire and look forward to attending. The schedule of homes, dates, and times are posted on the following page and will be posted/distributed on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please take a look at it and utilize this wonderful opportunity. Sure, it may seem to be another thing you *gotta* cram into your busy schedule, but Jesus is worth it. I personally am so excited to dig into this topic via God's Word with all of you and I trust the excitement is mutual! As an added bonus it will be yet another chance for you to get to know one another better which is always a blast! God's richest blessings to you, fellow stewards of God's grace.

In Christ,

*Pastor Baten*





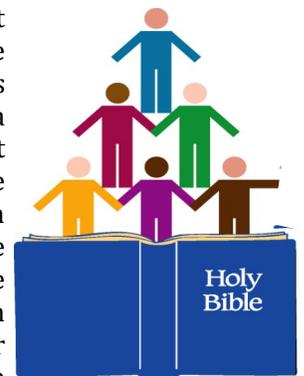
## Sign up at church for a small group Bible Study at a convenient day, time & location!

- **Sunday, October 17 at 3PM**  
Hosts: Brad & Kris Gollon  
Location: Sandy
- **Sunday, October 17 at 7PM** *(kids ok)*  
Hosts: Jeff & Sarah Sell  
Location: West Jordan
- **Monday, October 18th at 7PM** *(kids ok)*  
Hosts: Ned & Rachel Heitz  
Location: Riverton
- **Monday, October 18th at 7PM**  
Hosts: Alan & Nicole Vollmer  
Location: Murray
- **Tuesday, October 19 at 7PM** *(kids ok)*  
Hosts: Rob & Chantel Johnson  
Location: Daybreak
- **Saturday, October 23 at 10AM** *(kids ok)*  
Hosts: Nancy Ah Chong  
Location: Taylorsville
- **Saturday, October 23 at 3PM**  
Hosts: Katie Spaude  
Location: East Salt Lake
- **Sunday, October 24 at 7PM** *(kids ok)*  
Hosts: Pastor & Cheryl Micheel  
Location: West Valley
- **Monday, October 25 at 7PM**  
Hosts: Kevin & Marianne Fenn  
Location: Taylorsville
- **Tuesday, October 26 at 7PM**  
Hosts: Deric & Elisabeth Rust  
Location: Bountiful
- **Saturday, October 30 at 5PM**  
Hosts: Kenny & Donna Carter  
Location: Taylorsville
- **Sunday, October 31 at 7PM**  
Hosts: Tom & Robyn Smith  
Jamie & Josiah Schultz  
Location: East Salt Lake

## Congregational President

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have just two separate points I want to emphasize in this edition. The first is encouragement: "Stay in the Word." While I have not had a specific conversation with the staff, that certainly seems to be the message. I am forty years old and have been in the WELS my entire life. I have attended WELS schools and have been a member of great congregations. Because of that, many times I have taken for granted the gifts God's Word affords me. As I sit in meetings, Bible studies or listen to a sermon, the message of Staying in the Word keeps coming through. For those new to Christianity or Prince of Peace, it is what brought you to our community. For those who have been in the community for a long time, it is what keeps you here. For me, it is the simplicity of the message - God's grace through His Son gives me a spot in heaven. No matter what happens in this life, I will be there. The benefits of "Staying in the Word" are countless. The Word gives us strength to share the message, realize any issue in this life is trivial, manage our gifts, praise and give thanks to the Lord, and on and on.



So as a fellow member in this community, I ask you to encourage me and others to "Stay in the Word." Ask me where I was last Sunday, which Bible study(ies) I go to, what devotions I am reading, and what is happening in my life. I will try to do the same.

The second point is communication. As we get into the busy time of our church calendar, I realize that Leadership has not done a good job of communicating what is happening around the church and school. I apologize for that and commit to do a better job over the coming months. God has given us so many tools to stay in touch (mail, email, social media, voice, public gathering, face-to-face and more). I commit to use these channels so we can stay in better touch. Please reach out to me and let me know or the staff know what is your preferred method of communication. We have a great community at PoP. Let's stay connected.

Yours in Christ,

*Eric Myers, President*

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## Board for Spiritual Welfare

### Puppies, Gophers and Our Savior

When I was about ten years old, I had a puppy named Tubby. You would have loved him. He was a perfect pet, an irresistible cocker spaniel. His ears flopped down and he never grew tired of playing.

One day I went into the backyard to give him his dinner. I looked around and spotted him near the garage. He had cornered a gopher and was playfully yelping and jumping in the air. I watched him for a few minutes and then called to him, "Tubby, come here boy! It's time to eat." But instead of immediately scampering in my direction, he sat back on his haunches. Then he tilted his head back and forth from me to the small gopher. For the first time in his life he had to make a decision.

His "want to" longed to pursue the gopher while his "should" knew he was supposed to listen to his master.

And do you know what he did? He chased the gopher! Scurrying and barking, he ignored my call and chased that silly thing until it slipped under the garage door.

That is when the guilt hit. He turned reluctantly and walked back to encounter his owner. His head tucked as he regretfully trudged across the yard. He had violated his "should" and had given in to his "want."

Now I may be overdoing it a bit. I don't know if a dog can really feel guilt or not. But I do know a human can. And whether the sin is as slight as chasing a gopher or as serious as betraying another man's trust, the effects are the same.

Man by himself cannot deal with his own guilt. He must have help from the outside. In order to forgive himself, he must have forgiveness from the one he has offended.

This, then, is the whole reason for the cross. The cross does what sacrificing lambs could not do. It erases our sins, not for that one instant, but for eternity. The cross does what man cannot do. It grants us the right to talk with, love, and even live with God.

What my puppy needed was exactly what we need—a master who will extend his hands and say, "Come on, I forgive you."

*Gary Cain, Elder*



## Hey Girls!

Girl Pioneers is a group just for girls (1st grade and up)

Join us Tuesday,

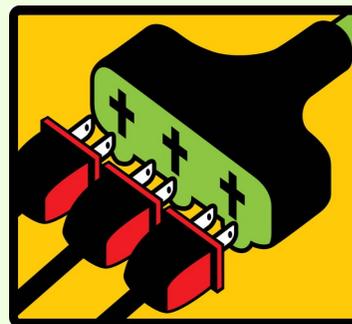
**October 5th**

**6:30-7:30PM**

We will be painting,  
so bring an oversized  
t-shirt or  
wear old clothes!



## Get re-connected!



### Early Morning Bible Study

**Tuesdays @ 6:30AM**

**The Coffee Club**

**(4879 S Redwood Road)**

### Evening Bible Studies

**Wednesdays @ 7:00PM**

**at Prince of Peace**

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

**9:15AM**

**at Prince of Peace**

### Did You Know?

1. Only about 30% of our eligible PoP families with school-aged children are currently sending their children to our school (about 20% if you remove the called worker children)
2. A taskforce was formed within the School Board to study why the above is true and also to assess things like:
  - What can we do to get more of our PoP families excited about the blessing that is right before our eyes?
  - What should our tuition levels be for next year if our goal is to increase the percentage of our families making use of our ministry arm?
  - Have we priced the cost of education at our school out of the reach of our members?
  - How can we get an accurate read from our families with children about their actual desire to have their children at our school if tuition were to change?
3. The school staff is saving over \$1,400 by forgoing their teachers' conference in Sioux Falls, SD. As a substitute, we will be attending the Utah Educators' Association conference here in Salt Lake in mid October. This change will allow us to send all our staff and not just the two full-time workers.
4. When the School Board came to the congregation in August with the idea of lowering tuition for the kindergarten class to \$25/week, we had 4 children enrolled. We now have 10 kindergarteners making use of our school and learning about their Savior!
5. The best advertising we have for our church and school is YOU!
6. Miss Spaude's classroom has a total of 12 students in grades 1-3.
7. Mr. Sell's room has a total of 11 students in grades 4-8.
8. Trunk-or-Treat is October 29 from 6:30-8:30PM. Last year we had approximately 600 people visit our church. Who knows how many people were impacted by that simple contact. Please, consider volunteering at the event this year, having a trunk or supporting this outreach event financially. Doing an event like this will not put faith in someone's heart. It is only the Word of God that can be shared with them after the event when the connections and contacts are made. Have you ever wanted to be an active member of an outreach committee but never thought you could do it? This is your opportunity. ☺ Come and help spread the News!
9. We have 70 people who "Like" us on Facebook. We are not a member of Facebook to be popular. Rather, we are there to keep connected with you as well as reach out to our valley and the world. The more people that "Like" us, the more other people may come to our "wall" and then our website and eventually join us for a worship service. Don't "Like" us yet? Go to our website and click on the "Like" button on the right side of the homepage.
10. To help all our new members with names and faces, we would like to have a picture directory put together for our church members by the end of October. If you have not updated your picture within the last year or two, please look for Mr. Sell the next few Sunday mornings. If you happen to be someone who is bashful, or uneasy about having your picture taken, think about all the people who would benefit from connecting your face with your name. Who knows? You may even make a friend who is just as shy as you are. ☺
11. By the end of this school year, the grade school children will have had about 350 devotions, learned and reviewed about 78 Bible lessons and will likely pray together around 700 times. To God be the praise for the privilege of having a Lutheran school in which to train our youth!

**Bulletin Art** – Last year, adult members and children were given the opportunity to use their God-given artistic ability by drawing or sketching a bulletin cover. If this is something that interests you, watch for another list of Sundays to be posted on the south bulletin board across from the office. There are guidelines on the table under the bulletin board that you can take with you as well as the pieces of paper on which you need to do the art. Please sign up on the list of Sundays, once it is posted, or send Mr. Sell an email if you would like to do a cover. [jeff.sell@popslc.org](mailto:jeff.sell@popslc.org)