

## Where to Find Stewardship Resources

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This fall we will take a slightly modified approach to making stewardship resources available to congregations.

Three of the synod's conferences will be asked to host a meeting and invite rostered leaders, church council members, folks concerned with stewardship and anyone else who wants to attend. Bishop Steven Ullestad and I will attend these meetings to hear about life in the congregations, facilitate dialog between neighbors, and share stewardship resources.

I hope for invitations to the regular meetings of the remaining six conferences to share stewardship resources with the rostered leaders. If you feel your church council would benefit from a personal visit, please contact me.

Over the summer, our communications intern from Wartburg College, Nichole Lyons, has created two excellent videos that I believe congregations will find very useful:

**What is Mission Support** explains how a portion of gifts to the congregation become mission

support.

**How Mission Support Impacts Synod Ministries**

explains what types of ministries are funded by mission support from congregations. Both videos can be found on the Northeastern Iowa Synod's YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1k-lpf\\_a7V5ihP-s6CZgczg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1k-lpf_a7V5ihP-s6CZgczg).

On the synod's website is a page devoted to stewardship, where you can find resources such as Bible studies, handouts and more.

The ELCA's website has a vast collection of stewardship resources at [www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship](http://www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship), most of which are free downloads.

Of course, I am available to consult with you or any group in your congregation.

To download this article or other stewardship resources, visit [www.neiasynod.org/stewardship](http://www.neiasynod.org/stewardship).



## Register for Fall Leadership Event

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014**  
**8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
 Redeemer Lutheran, Waverly

Those planning to attend the Fall Leadership Event should register by Thursday, Sept. 4, by calling the synod office at **319-352-1414** or sending an email to [boltec@neiasynod.org](mailto:boltec@neiasynod.org). The event is free and includes lunch.

The Fall Leadership Event is an opportunity for lay and rostered members to join a synod network and connect with other network members.

To learn more about this event, visit [www.neiasynod.org/event/#Leadership](http://www.neiasynod.org/event/#Leadership).

## Safeguarding Events

Two free sessions of the "Safeguarding God's Children" training program will be offered this fall. The training provides information to help church staff and volunteers learn how to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve.

**Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014**

Luther College, Decorah  
 2 - 5 p.m.

Call the Office for College Ministries, 563-387-1040, to register.

**Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014**

St. Paul's Lutheran, Waverly  
 2 - 5 p.m.

Call 319-352-3850 to register.

the need to paint the exterior every eight to 10 years, and the new siding and energy-efficient doors and windows will reduce the amount of energy students use to heat and cool their residences," Assmus said.

Two more work weeks are scheduled for the weeks of Sept. 8 and Sept. 22. Funds and volunteers are

still needed to complete the final two houses.

To volunteer or to learn more about the project, contact Hank Wellnitz at 319-961-2288 or email [wellnitz.consulting@gmail.com](mailto:wellnitz.consulting@gmail.com). Donations should be directed to the Northeastern Iowa Synod office or call Pastor Mark Anderson, 319-352-1414 or email [andersonm@neiasynod.org](mailto:andersonm@neiasynod.org).