

Useful websites as you research and evaluate your congregation's stewardship ministry.

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1. **ELCA Stewardship Website**, Connection to ELCA staff including deployed staff and resources and programs of the ELCA Stewardship Team. Includes a monthly stewardship newsletter that can be downloaded and connections to mission interpreters and other resources. <http://www.elca.org/stewardship/>
2. **Stewardship of Life Institute**, is headquartered at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pa. The Institute's mission is to serve stewardship in the ELCA through its seminaries. Find great resources and a weekly stewardship reflection. Visit <http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/index.htm>
3. **Luther Seminary**, St. Paul, Minn., is the largest ELCA seminary. This site features helps for steward leaders, sermons and Bible studies and free e-mail newsletters. Visit <http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/>
4. **Augsburg Fortress Publishers** stocks stewardship resources for your congregation in their on-line store. Just type "Stewardship" in the search box and click "Go". Visit <http://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/>
5. **Simply Giving**, the electronic fund transfer program that enables members to deduct their offering automatically. Check it out: <http://www.thrivent.com/fraternal/churchcommunity/simplygiving.html>
6. **Ecumenical Stewardship Center** is home to "Giving Magazine" with accompanying stewardship materials. Visit <http://stewardshipresources.org/>
7. **Design for Ministry** features the on-line stewardship education newsletter "Depth Perception" written by Mark L. Vincent, whose mission is to help congregations work effectively for their intended purpose. Visit <http://www.DesignForMinistry.com>
8. **Good Sense Ministry** a stewardship ministry developed by Willow Creek Association provides small group, Biblically based, budgeting ministry. Helps people develop and sustain healthy financial habits as part of full life of service to God. Very usable materials. <http://www.goodsenseministry.com/>
9. **Women of the ELCA** offers its stewardship planning guide, information about designated gifts, stewardship reflections, and the current Thankoffering Service. Visit <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/whatwedo/stewardship.html>
10. **The Tithing Foundation** offers a variety of pamphlets and studies on Tithing and Giving. One resource is titled "Why Tithe?" by Mark P. Gravrock (item #240) <http://www.tithingfoundation.org>

11. **Share Save Spend** is a web site based on the work of Nathan Dungan author of "Prodigal Son, Material Girls: How Not to be Your Kids ATM." He focuses on contemporary issues and money related to youth and families.
<http://www.sharesavespend.com/index.php>
12. **ELCA Region 1 website**, currently under construction due to change in web host. Does have contacts to local people resources in Region 1 and connections to other stewardship sites.
<http://elcaregion1.org.xohost.com/stewardship/index.html>

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