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What do we own in this life? God's Word reminds us that we own nothing. God is the Owner of all things: *"The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein"* (Psalm 24:1). We are managers, or stewards of all He has given. God's teaching on our stewardship reminds us that we owe ourselves, our lives, and that all we have, to serving Him. When we see His goodness and salvation in the name of Jesus, this is our wish – to use all His gifts to His glory and for the good of our neighbor.

Let us begin with our own lives. God owns us. He is our Creator to whom we owe our very being, body and soul. As the psalmists says: *"Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people"* (Psalm 100:3).

But we could not be called *"His people"* unless our Creator was also our Redeemer. For by our sin, we had severed our relationship with God. As such, we used His gifts of time, money, possessions, and abilities finally to serve ourselves, our sinful desires. So what Isaiah said was true of us: *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God"* (Isaiah 59:2).

But in His mercy, God chose to redeem us for Himself. He said: *"It shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' there they shall be called sons of the living God"* (Romans 9:26). He accomplished this by sending His Son to live a perfect life of love and service to God and neighbor – that perfect life which God now counts to us. In addition, Jesus bore all our sins to the cross, to win our forgiveness and restore us to life with God.

Therefore God's Word reminds us: *"You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot"* (1 Peter 1:8-19).

In bringing us to baptism and faith in Christ, as His redeemed children, God put His mark of ownership on us, by His Spirit: *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Therefore, we give all thanks to God for our body and soul, temporal and eternal life, and that all we have! For He is our loving Creator and gracious Redeemer! *"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This puts new perspective on our life as stewards of all He gives. When we are tempted to use the time, money, possessions, and abilities He entrust to us for selfish ends, now we can respond as His new creation: *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20). *"For the love of Christ compels us... He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again"* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Christ's all-giving love compels us to use all He gives in service for His glory and the good of our neighbor:

- As those who have eternal joys before us, we can use our time in this world as those who are spiritually minded – making a priority of being in God's Word, growing in faith, sharing His Gospel of salvation in Christ with the precious souls He puts around us.
- As those who have been given everlasting treasures in heaven, we can show our thankfulness by the way we offer our money to support the work of the Gospel, that others may come to know their Savior, as well as to help others who are in need.
- As those whom our Savior has served with eternal life, we can use our abilities to serve in our daily callings in the home, in the church, in the workplace, in the school, and to serve all as serving our Savior Himself (Matt. 25:40).

The love of Christ compels us to pray with the hymn:

Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
That every word and deed and thought
May work a work for Thee. Amen.

In His eternal love and daily care,
Pastor Smith



LMSG is a national, non-profit, lay-led organization that provides Christ-centered support to military service members, veterans and their families. Formed in 2015, its members are from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

Honoring Our Veterans

On November 11, we commemorate Veterans Day! On this special day, we honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This year has presented many challenges, including the ongoing repercussions of COVID-19. Additionally, the difficult withdrawal from Afghanistan around the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks has been challenging for many veterans -- particularly those who served in Vietnam and Afghanistan. With grateful hearts, we remember that our powerful and loving God never forgets his people.

As the work in our local congregations continues, so also does the work of LMSG. So far in 2021, we used your gracious and generous gifts to sustain the work of providing Christ-centered support to military service members, veterans and their families. Your gifts have supported the National Chaplain's Office, Armed Forces Network Lutheran worship services, and scholarships for veterans currently in called worker training at seminaries and colleges of the ELS and WELS. Some dollars were returned in the form of congregational grants for activities supporting service members and veterans in our congregations and communities. Request grants at <https://lutheranmilitary.org/morale-welfare-and-relief/> or by e-mailing info.lutheranmilitary@gmail.com.

One special achievement we are excited to share is a new initiative called Operation Friendship. LMSG partnered with Hymns in my Heart (<https://hymnsinmyheart.com/>) to design cards specifically for Armed Forces Day. Then, LMSG paired volunteer congregations with WELS/ELS military service members deployed or serving overseas. Twenty-nine congregations sent cards to 56 service members.

It is because of these activities and our future expansion of Gospel ministry to our service members, veterans and their families, that we humbly request your continued support of our "Ammo Can" campaign. I encourage you to visit our website at www.lutheranmilitary.org where you will find an assortment of materials, information and resources for veterans and others.

We at LMSG wish to extend our profound thanks for your continued support through your prayers, gifts, and continued encouragement.

In His Service,

Heather D. H. Rovey
Chair, LMSG

To learn about LMSG or to donate, visit
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 <i>Election Day</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Happy Birthday Gerry Hasskamp</i>
7 <i>Last Judgment Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> Radio Program 8:30 AM (KAGO 1150 AM) Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM	8	9 <i>Happy Birthday Bobbie Hauck</i>	10 <i>Martin Luther's Birthday</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 <i>Happy Birthday Susan Eberlein</i>	13
14 <i>Saints Triumphant</i> Radio Program 8:30 AM (KAGO 1150 AM) Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday JoAnn Teigland</i>	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Christ the King</i> Radio Program 8:30 AM (KAGO 1150 AM) Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM <i>Happy Birthday Jacob Krause</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Thanksgiving Service 9:30 AM	26	27
28 <i>Advent 1</i> Radio Program 8:30 AM (KAGO 1150 AM) Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM <i>Happy Anniversary Virgil & JoAnn Teigland</i>	29	30 <i>Happy Birthday Gayle Adams</i>	<p>O give <i>thanks</i> unto the LORD, for he is good; <i>for his mercy endures forever.</i> Pslam 107:1 (KJV)</p>			

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*“Every good and every perfect gift is from above,
and comes down from the Father of lights, with
whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”*
(James 1:17)

Happy Thanksgiving!

*We thank God for providing every good gift of life –
from the family and friends by which He warms our
hearts, to the food by which He satisfies our hunger,
to the clothing and shelter by which He comforts our
bodies, to the first responders and medical caregivers by
which He protects us and blesses our health...*

*We thank God for every good and perfect gift –
especially the gift He has given in His Son, our Savior.
Through the innocent life and death of Jesus for us,
God has satisfied our souls with His greatest gift of
forgiveness, salvation, and everlasting life!*

*We welcome you to join us for a Thanksgiving service,
Thursday, November 25th at 9:30 AM
Sunday worship weekly at 9:30 AM*

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