

Tuesday Work Day at Church

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.” Colossians 3:23

Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday we will be looking at the stewardship of TIME. I am always interested in how other people spend their time... In other words, how much do they work at their job or career, how much do they play, how much time do they volunteer for some good cause and how much time do they spend in “rest.” Many folks I talk with say they are just “too busy” and never have enough time to do all the things they would like to get accomplished.

When it comes to the church, I’m not sure many folks realize how many different people it takes in any one congregation, regardless of the size of the church, to “pull off” a worship service! Think about it, there is the preparation beforehand: writing liturgy, prayer seeking discernment, putting the sermon together, printing bulletins, choir rehearsal for the anthems and special music, opening the church on Sunday mornings, maybe making coffee, getting Christian Education classes ready etc., setting up the nursery, ... It takes a lot of people! How about the service itself: the greeters, the ushers, the choir, the person leading time for children, the liturgists, the preacher, the nursery caregivers etc...

Each week in the bulletin there is an invitation for folks to serve as liturgists (readers). Did you know that the word liturgy literally means “the work of the people?” In our Reformed tradition the congregation are active participants. All of us are working together to worship, and rightly so. The very first question in the Shorter Catechism is: “What is the chief end of man?” and the answer is “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.” In other words, we were created for worship, and worship requires that we ALL work together to give God our praise.

Tuesday we will be painting the furniture in the church nursery, moving some things in the storage room off the fellowship hall, and there is a list of things we hope to accomplish if enough folks show up. We will begin around 9:00am. Bring paint brushes etc.... Also, I am looking for someone who sews to make curtains and crib covers for the nursery.

I pray you have TIME to do all you hope to accomplish this week.

Blessings,
Mike