



decoding the words

HERE'S HELP DECODING CHURCH LINGO...

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship, in a nutshell, is about taking care of what God has given us.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: During the fall when you hear us talk about stewardship, it most likely pertains to financial stewardship. Financial stewardship is the money management side of the whole stewardship picture. This includes creating and funding a budget to resource our church's ministry of spreading love and hope to communities close by and far away.

PLEDGE (also called a COMMITMENT): Think of a pledge as a promise to give a certain amount of money to the church on a regular basis for one year. It's really great because it helps the church plan its budget.

PLEDGE CARD: A pledge card is what we fill out to show how much we're planning to give to the church over the period of a year. We have paper pledge cards that you can fill out and place in the offering plate or mail, or you can fill out a [pledge card online](#). We recognize that financial circumstances can change. Please know you are able to adjust your pledge at any time should the need arise.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: It's our special day to show our support and make our pledge for what we'll give to the church in the coming year. This year it's on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

TITHING: Tithing is a pledge based on giving 10% of what we earn to support the church's work. It's an old tradition based on biblical text. Make things fun and challenge yourself to increase your giving each year towards a tithe (if you're not already there).

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: It's how we take care of all God has given us and look to the future where we'll watch our gifts multiply, spreading his love far and wide.