

PREACHING PERSPECTIVES



Kindling Faith
Center for Sabbath
Rest and Formation

Join Pastor Rob Blezard for a delightful day of exploring stewardship themes in our lectionary texts.

April 25, 2023, 9:30
am – 3:30 pm

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Stewardship Preaching in Ordinary Time, Year A

Stewardship is best approached as a year-round ministry, not just an emphasis for a few weeks in the fall. Pastors will gather to examine the Revised Common Lectionary lessons for Ordinary Time, Year A, and develop ideas and themes for preaching on holistic stewardship during this summer and fall. How do we teach, inspire and equip God's people to become stewards of all that God has entrusted to them? The RCL readings offer many opportunities.

Workshop Presenter

Pastor Rob Blezard is *passionate* about stewardship, which he sees as a key element of our walk as disciples of Christ. God has entrusted us with so much – our time, our health, our relationships, our intelligence, our faith, our family, our environment, our world, our money, and so much more. Stewardship involves using ALL these gifts wisely and for God's purposes. Practicing wise and faithful stewardship, we become the people that God wants us to be, we have the lives that God wants us to have, and we accomplish the mission God wants us to accomplish.

The sessions will look at all aspects of stewardship, but particularly at what the lessons say about wealth. Of all that God entrusts to us, money is the one that presents the biggest stumbling block on our path of discipleship, as the Bible makes clear. It's a stumbling block because our culture teaches us to love wealth above all else – to cling to it, to see it as a source of power and security, and to hoard it. This is in direct opposition to our faith, which tells us to love God above all else, trusting in God's power and security.

In his work as parish pastor, a former assistant to the bishop, writer and workshop leader, Pastor Blezard works to help God's people to understand the connection between stewardship and discipleship. Being faithful stewards helps us love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbors as ourselves.

Since 2003, Blezard has worked as a writer and web content editor for the [Stewardship of Life Institute](#), an ELCA-affiliated nonprofit headquartered at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. He serves as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, Md., and is a former assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

