



## Rasmussen's Nominated Stewards for September 2010

Every day, at St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church, many members go above and beyond to serve. The purpose of the "Steward of the Month" program is one way to recognize a youth or adult, couple, or family, who gives generously to our congregation, our community, and beyond.

A sincere thank you is sent to all who nominated Bob and Karen Rasmussen as our Stewards for September 2010 –the first of many to follow.

These nominations state, together and individually, the Rasmussens' time and talents reflect their Christian values. Currently organizing Karen's 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, both share a love of education as retired teachers from Bay View High School. Members of our congregation for past twenty-three years –Bob a little longer as a Charter Member, both currently serve as ushers -Bob as head usher; decorators of the sanctuary; lay readers; and counters. Additionally, Bob wears several hats as an organizer of the Easter Breakfast; can collector for charity; member of the Men's bible study; weekly nurturer of our plants; and alternates in delivering food to Bay View Pantry serving the area's needy population. Karen shares her many talents as choir member; Music and Worship committee and past chairperson; Women's Bible Study participant; altar set up; and alternates in washing altar linens. With a cheery smile and warm handshake, both extend their friendship to us in tandem with their countless hours of service to God through St. Stephen the Martyr.

Please join us as we extend our gratitude to Bob and Karen Rasmussen as we celebrate their gifts of time and talent as our first Stewards of the Month!

In response to being recognized, the Rasmussen's had the following reflections to share with our congregation. Bob stated that he is a charter member of SSM and considers volunteering for the church a great privilege. He is pleased to serve as a way of giving thanks for his survival after prostate cancer in 2000 and for the support of the church after the death of his first wife. Karen stated that volunteering at church is a big part of her family history. It is hard to remember not being very involved in a church. She regards serving SSM as a privilege, and it truly gives her a sense of belonging to the family of faith. She receives so much satisfaction from helping out.

Together, Bob and Karen are very honored to be named, "Stewards of the Month". They recommend that everyone find something that they can do for the church. There are many jobs, large and small...some can be done at home. Think about it.

### **How to Submit a Steward/s of the Month Nomination?**

It's as easy as placing a one-page note/letter in the church mailbox of our Stewardship Chair, Jason Covert. Or, send your e-mail nomination to [jcovert@wi.rr.com](mailto:jcovert@wi.rr.com). In your nomination note/letter, list the nominee's accomplishments and how their hard work and dedication helped you grow stronger in your faith.

Thank you for your participation.