



Our Steward for

November 2010—

John Rech, Sr.

Continuing to express our appreciation to members of St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church (SSM)—those who go above and beyond, the “Steward of the Month” program for November 2010, recognizes, **John Rech, Sr.**

Again, we thank all who nominated John. Each one listed John’s enthusiastic leadership and genuine concern for others.

We thank John for his forty years of dedicated service that includes:

Organizing and twenty-years in leading the Greeter Program; twenty years serving on the Evangelism Committee that included two community Health Fairs; co-chair of the capital fund raising expansion project; inspiration as a lay reader; a Men’s Bible Study participant; and, his dedication as an usher, an offerings counter, and past stewardship committee member.

Many nominating John expressed their gratitude for his compassionate visits giving comfort and strength during times of illness or when dealing with a family member’s death.

Recently, John completed his second term on the Endowment Committee.

Moreover, all who nominated John stated his dedication to the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Project. John started ringing bells on his own in 1988. Later, he encouraged members of the Men’s Bible Study group to join him. Participation now averages eighty SSM members who collected over \$10,500 in the past five years. John’s leadership in this important outreach resulted in numerous awards and recognition of our congregation’s community stewardship. All are grateful to John for leading the way to extend our hand of stewardship beyond the walls of our church.

One of many who nominated John, stated, ***“John is deserving of this recognition not only because of his many dedicated years to SSM, but because of the way in which he welcomes members, old and new, to become involved in church activities and responsibilities.”***

“John sets an example for all of us in what it means to be a steward. He is the best example I know of someone who uses his time, attention, energy, and talents to encourage others to grow in their faith.”

“As a very new member of SSM I was gung ho to become active at something within the church. Coincidentally, the Evangelism team was coordinating neighborhood visits and was in need of volunteers to knock on doors, to talk about our church and to encourage folks to visit us for church services. I was lucky enough to be partnered with John Rech that day. I quickly realized that I was witnessing a special man share his love of God with strangers. I have been the beneficiary of John's wisdom as he described for me the importance of being a disciple of Jesus in our daily lives. I learned that John is not afraid to do God's work and to share the blessings he has received from God. John's dedication to coordinating the annual fundraising effort for the Salvation Army is another example of John giving of his time and talents. I truly believe our congregation has such great participation in this effort because of our love and respect for John!”

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When John received word of his nomination as Steward of the Month, he reflected, *“I feel that a person who is a member of a church or organization should become more of a member with responsibility to contribute. A person cannot get enough out of it without being involved. God has given all of us talents and people should look within themselves and determine what talents they have and then use them for the betterment of others. Stewardship involves the use of talent, time, and treasure. We are simply the stewards of God’s gifts. It is a philosophy of what we do with what we have. Help others to be better, enjoy, and get the most out of church membership. We grow in our faith and try to help people grow. I always want to be involved with some aspect of church. Why else be a member?”*

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A sincere thank you to all who nominated John. Indeed, we hold John in high esteem as our Steward of the Month for November 2010. Please join us as we extend our hand of gratitude to him for his time and talent to St. Stephen the Martyr.

Thank you. - Your Stewardship Committee.

The Body of Christ (by S. Wesley Brown)

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One goal, one vision, To see You exalted. We are the body of Christ.

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How to Submit the Steward/s of the Month Nomination?

It's as easy as placing a one-page note/letter in the church mailbox or the Stewardship Chair, Jason Covert. Or, send your e-mail to jcovert1@wi.rr.com. In your nomination note/letter, list their accomplishments and how their hard work and dedication help us grow stronger in your faith. Thank you for your

