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From the Pastor's Desk

NEW



**Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday
8:00am-3:30pm**

**Tuesday
11:00am-3:00pm**

**Friday
8:00am-11:00am**

Effective Teams and Working Together seemed to be the highlights of the conferences I attended this summer.

The summer sure went by fast for me. Many of us have had a vacation from our duties on committees and boards during this time. I hope all have been refreshed to get back to working together to accomplish the goals we have set for the year 2016. As some of you know I try to make it a point to attend



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conferences on leadership, which inspire and energize me for our next positive move toward a more effective way of doing ministry.

It seems to me that all successful organizations have certain principles that make the difference between an average company or church to a great one. Let me share a few of highlights.

- Review the mission and vision statements
- What is the next strategy to accomplish the vision?
- Where should our focus be for the up-coming months/years?

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Along with the task at hand many of the speakers shared what goes on at the meetings determines the failure or success of the church or organization.

Here were a few things that kept coming up?

- People have to develop trust, respect, listen and help each other

- Everyone needs to know the plan, the status and areas that need special attention
- All facts and data are available at each meeting so that all create accountability.

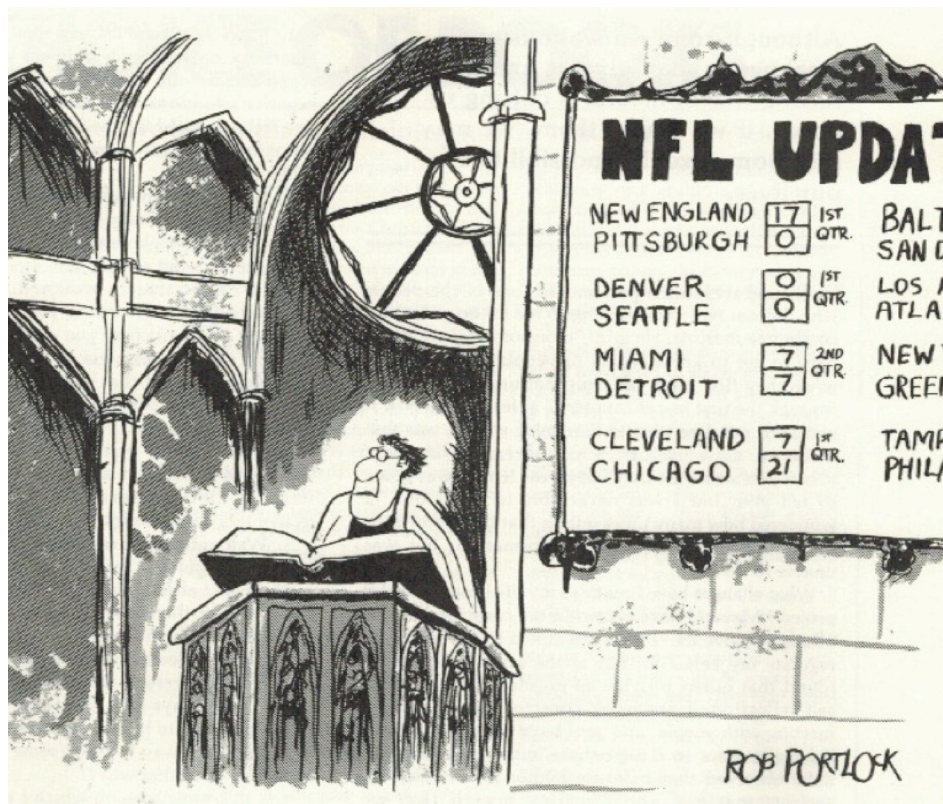
An ideal team player must have three virtues combined. Any guesses?

Humble, Hungry and Smart even if one is missing in a team member teamwork becomes significantly more difficult, and sometimes not possible.

(Hungry meant they are always looking for more to do, learn and are self-motivated.)

I hope to take some action on my virtues and hope you will too for team success, or should I say church success.

When you change your thinking from "What am I going to receive? To "What am I going to give?" your entire life begins to turn around.



WOW

TRIVIA NIGHT



The Women of the Word invite you to their annual Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the St. Louis Police Officers' Association Hall, located at 3710 Hampton Avenue (between Mardel and Tholozan). The doors will open at 6:00pm and trivia starts at 6:45pm. Donations are \$17.00 per person or \$120.00 for a table of eight. Your donation includes trivia, soda, cookies and light snacks. We will have attendance prizes and a silent auction, as well as some other games between rounds. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Alcohol and coolers may NOT be brought into the hall. For ticket or table information, contact Maureen (314-752-6266) or the church office (314-773-0126).

Mark your calendar and plan now to come and join the fun. Who knows – you might just learn something!

Parish Health

Heart

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IMPROVES YOUR HEART

For each hour of physical activity, you'll add about two hours of life expectancy-even if you don't start until middle age. Physical activity is anything in which you move your body and burn calories, such as climbing stairs, or playing sports. Aerobic exercises such as walking, jogging, swimming or biking benefit your heart. Strength and stretching exercises help overall stamina and flexibility.

AMERICAN HEART RECOMMENDATION

- * Do at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity at least five days per week OR---
- * At least 25 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity at least three days per week OR---
- * A combination of the two AND—
- * For additional benefits, do moderate -to high- intensity muscle strengthening activities two or more days per week.

WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT FOR 30 MINUTES?

Even if you have been sedentary for years, today you can make changes in your life. You can work up toward your overall goal of 30 minutes by increasing your time as you get stronger. Don't let "all-or nothing" thinking rob you of doing what you can do every day.



Evangelism

New School Year

Eagle College Prep had its first full day of school August 22. The school has 230 students this year with the addition of the sixth grade.

Since I have been a member of St. Johns, St. Johns Lutheran School closed in 2006. King of Glory came and closed in 2011. Now St. Johns has been blessed with Eagle. It has grown every year and will continue to grow until it adds eight grades.

St. Johns and Pastor Tanney are involved with the after school program, Compass. It is here that they learn about Jesus. As I was writing this I thought about when I started school some 75 years ago. My first three grades were in a one room country school with a potbelly stove for heat, one teacher and eight grades. At fourth grade I went to the Lutheran School in town, grades 4th through 8th, one teacher. Second story was the church and the bottom the school. The building is still there.



I am pro-Lutheran education, but I think even though this is a public charter school, we can help the children learn about Christ with the Compass Program. If you would like to volunteer or become a mentor Call Megan Schultz, Compass director, 314-376-3437.



Social Ministry

We are very grateful to end the summer months with sufficient funds to keep moving forward with the food pantry. Thanks to all of you who keep donating funds to the food pantry and especially to our Lord and Savior for providing for all of our needs, and being with us every step of the way.

Food pantry will be closed Saturday, September 3rd for Labor Day weekend.

Social Ministry meetings will resume on Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 A.M.

Stewardship

The devil, though defeated by the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, remains a very capable and clever foe. He is smarter than we are. He's been watching us and taking notes for a very long time. He knows what we want, and he knows how to lure us away. And he does this by telling us what we want to hear. That's what makes it so difficult.

To us who are greedy, he says: "You are not greedy. You are prudent. You are frugal. You are a good steward with your money. God doesn't want you not to have all the things you want. He wants you to be happy. He wants you to have the latest and greatest toys for both young and old." So if you consider yourself to be wise in the way of money and finances, beware of who just might be telling you these things.

Satan is a liar. He tells us what we want to hear. He lures us away from repentance and confession and faith, so that we harden our consciences and place our souls in peril. We must not underestimate the enemy. We have all taken his bait. We have all failed in this. None of us can say that we have fought this temptation to hold back with everything we have and won.

And we must repent. Yes, God wants us to be happy. But this happiness is never at the expense of faithfulness. We have a calling. We are a member of His family, the church. That relationship places a duty upon us: to give a generous proportion of the first fruits of the income He provides.

Only God is true to His Word.
Only God is true to His promises. His promises never fail. His Word endures forever. His mercies are new every morning. He is faithful. He provides everything that we need. He provides food and clothes, house and home, everything that we pray for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

There are a whole host of things that we have that we do not need. The question that we need to ask ourselves is whether these

have come at the expense of our faithful, generous proportion of the first fruits of our income. If they have, then we must repent, turning away from our selfishness to Him who is faithful by giving His Son into death so that we are reconciled to Him and justified in His sight.

The devil will always tell you what you want to hear. But God tells us and gives us what we need to hear. With law and gospel, he cuts us to the heart, so that we will repent and believe His Word and promises. He is faithful. He is good. He will not forsake you, or leave you destitute. So believe and trust in Him. And you will not only be happy. You will be blessed.





9/1 **Bob Rehmer**
 9/9 **Cheryl Darlington**
 9/12 **Gavin Schmidt**
 9/21 **Gerry Schmaltz**
 9/25 **Lillian Govero**

2016 Meetings Voters

September 18
 November 20
 December 18

Executive Council

October 16
 December 18

The office will no longer be purchasing Shop & Save cards. There are a few remaining. If interested call Cheryl 314-773-0126 or ask Karl after Sunday worship.

September 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 No Bible Study Church Office Closed	3 Food Pantry Closed
4 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	7 10:00am Confirmation 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESOL	8 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	9 8:00 am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	10 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
11 9:00am Worship w/Communion 10:30am Bible Class	12 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Elders 7:00pm Trustees 7:00pm WOW	13 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	14 10:30am Avalon Bible Study 1:00pm Confirmation 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESOL	15 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	16 8:00 am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	17 8:30am Food Pantry
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