

# Messenger

Saved to Share Called to Care

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *Prayer*

Some say it can change your life. The last few months we have closely look at what each petition of the Lord's Prayer means to us and how to pray it for our lives.

I came across a webinar by Ryan Frank I thought I would share with you. It's called 7 sentences to change you ministry, but it could easily be titled: Seven prayers to change your life, see if it doesn't resonate with you the same way it did for me. This month instead of me just sharing the information why not make it into a devotion or bible study and you fill in the blanks.



*(I'll give hints to fill in the spaces from Bible verses).*

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give**thanks**

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thursday, November 24  
9:00am



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**1. Lord, help me \_\_\_\_\_  
people the way you  
\_\_\_\_\_ them.**

Hint: 1 John 3:14

Success hinges on your ability to relate to others. See people through the eyes of Jesus. Be a life long encourager.

**2. Lord, lead me as I set  
\_\_\_\_\_ for my day.**

Hint: Colossians 4:5

You live by what is urgent, what is important, we can't do everything, so we pray direct our steps Lord, for what is critical for the day to be successful.

**3. Lord, help me not to treat my vocation  
like a job but as a \_\_\_\_\_ from  
you.**

Hint: Matthew 22:14

Whenever our vocation becomes a job, you'll quickly find burnout will be close behind. God doesn't call us to a 9-5 job, but to a lifetime of living a call from Him.

**4. Lord, help me to \_\_\_\_\_ well  
those you have asked me to guide.**

Hint: Colossians 3:23

Make a commitment to excellence, work hard, empower others.

**5. Lord, help me see things and hear things  
that other aren't because they are looking  
and listening in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ places.**

Hint: 2 Corinthians 4:18

A secret to overcoming barriers in life is to ask the right questions.

**6. Lord, bring the \_\_\_\_\_  
people into my life at the right time.**

Hint: 1 Corinthians 10:12

You need relationships in your life.

**7. Lord, help me to never get so  
comfortable that I stop  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

Hint: Philippians 3:12-13

Happy people never stop developing, learning and maturing.

*Answers are on page 6*

***To be a Christian without prayer is no more  
possible than to be alive without breathing.***

***Martin Luther***



## Social Ministry



Members are encouraged to bring a grocery bag of food on Thanksgiving, Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>, or on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to benefit the food pantry. There will be a table in front of church to place your purchased groceries. On Thanksgiving we are reminded that God has provided us with our daily needs. May we show our thankfulness by sharing our gifts of food with those less fortunate.

The Giving Tree will be in the narthex of the church on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please take an ornament off the tree with a suggested gift to buy. After buying the gift, place the tag on the gift and return by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Psalm 107:1, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."*

Food pantry will be closed Saturday, November the 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Parish Health

### SEVEN WARNING SIGNS OF CANCER:

1. Change in bowel or bladder habits.
2. A sore that does not heal.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Thickening or lumps in breast or elsewhere.
5. Indigestion or difficulty swallowing.
6. Obvious changes in wart or mole.
7. Nagging cough or hoarseness.

If you have any of these symptoms, it does not necessarily mean you have cancer. Please consult your Dr. for a thorough diagnosis.

If you have any medical questions or problems please contact the church office or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266.



*"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock". Isaiah 26:4*

# Evangelism

## The First Thanksgiving Dinner

After the successful hunt, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate. Although this may have been initially alarming to the colonists, who numbered about 50, the groups socialized peacefully over the next few days. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast and joined the Pilgrims for activities like shooting guns, running races and drinking liquor. The end result of the rather disorderly party was a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Philip's War in 1675.

## Thanksgiving Day Poem

Near the end of November in the USA  
Is our national Thanksgiving Day.  
We close stores, schools, and banks  
And give to God our special thanks.

It is a time for us to celebrate  
From coast to coast and state to state.  
We think of when the Pilgrims came  
To these shores in freedom's name.

The first Thanksgiving was long ago.  
This bit of history we all know.  
A time for thanking their God above  
Was set aside to show their love.

When blessings came, they had a feast.  
They were not sorry in the least  
For coming to this vast, barren land.  
For freedom to worship, they did stand.

From that first Thanksgiving Day  
Until the present one we can say,  
"Thank you, God, for blessings great!

Margaret Cagle



*Volunteers needed to donate soup and a coordinator to oversee the suppers and dates that volunteers will be bringing soup. The soup suppers will be at 6:00pm before advent service on Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, December 14 (Compass Christmas Program) and December 21. If you are interested, please contact the church office, 314-773-0126*



*Do you like computers? St. Johns is looking for volunteers to manage the worship screen during services. Please call the church office or speak to Pastor Tanney if interested.*



# Stewardship

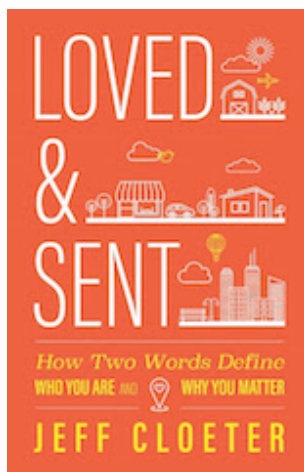
The love of the Lord does endure forever because the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. He was crucified for our transgressions, but He is raised and lives forever for our justification. We are acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.

This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.



Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.



## ***Book Signing Event for Compass***

Let's help Compass serve more kids. Join the book release party for Compass on Friday, November 18 at 6:00pm in our Fellowship Hall.

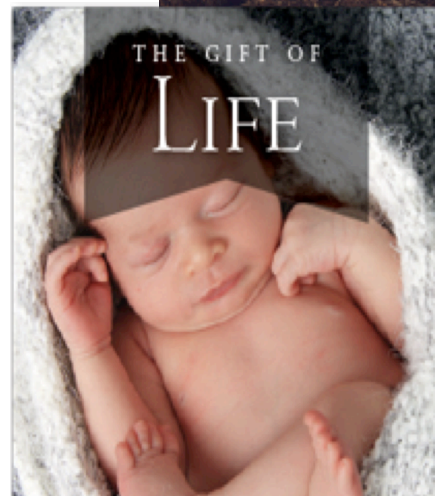
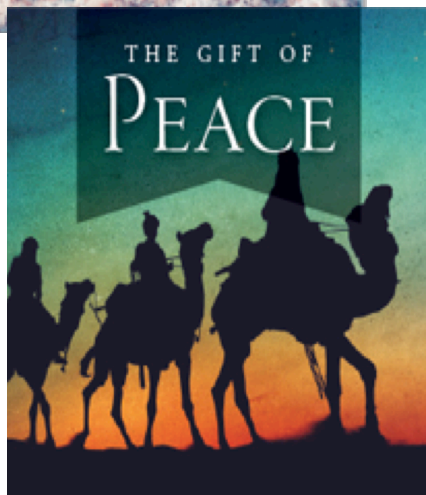
Pastor Jeff Cloeter, parent of Eagle College Prep Scholars and pastor of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church recently released a book and will donate 100% of the book sales from this event directly to Compass Programs in St. Louis.

To learn more about his book go to  
[amazon.com](https://amazon.com) or [cmstl.org](https://cmstl.org)

# ADVENT 2016



Join us for as we “unwrap”  
the gifts of hope, peace,  
love, life, joy and glory that  
our Savior brings during this  
advent season.



## *Wednesdays*

**November 30**

**December 7**

**December 14**

*Special Compass Christmas  
Program*

**December 21**

10:00am & 7:00pm  
Soup Supper 6:00pm

*Christmas Eve Cantata*

**December 24**  
**5:00pm**

*Christmas Day*  
**9:00am**



**November 3** *Ray Gluesenkamp*  
**November 5** *Krystal Gvero*  
**November 7** *Steve Bain*  
**November 9** *Michael Foster*

## 2016 Meetings

### Voters

November 20  
December 18

### Executive Council

December 18

- Answers to bible study:
1. Love
  2. Priorities
  3. Calling
  4. Lead
  5. Wrong
  6. Right
  7. Growing

## November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00am Eagle Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10:00am Confirmation 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm ESOL	<b>3</b> 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study at Bohannon's	<b>4</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	<b>5</b> 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
<b>6</b> Daylight Savings Time 9:00am Worship Commemoration of Martin Luther's Birth 10:30am Bible Class 4:00pm Reformation Service at Concordia Seminary	<b>7</b> 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Elders	<b>8</b> Election Day 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	<b>9</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10:30am Avalon Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm ESOL	<b>10</b> 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study at Bohannon's	<b>11</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass	<b>12</b> 8:30am Food Pantry
<b>13</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Communion Veterans Recognition 10:30am Bible Class	<b>14</b> 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm WOW 6:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	<b>16</b> 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10:00am Confirmation 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESOL	<b>17</b> 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study at Bohannon's	<b>18</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass 6:00pm Book Signing to Benefit Compass	<b>19</b> 8:30am Food Pantry
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<b>27</b> 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Class	<b>28</b> 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	<b>30</b> 10:00AM Advent Worship 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Advent Worship			