

Messenger

Saved to Share Called to Care

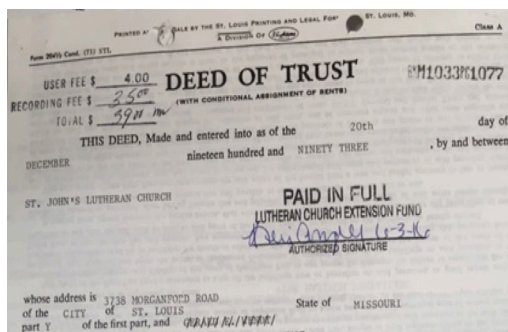
October 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Debts Paid in Full!

One of the many moments of celebration come when a debt is paid off. Whether it is a car or home or any other financial obligation. It's as though a huge weight has been taken off your shoulders. All four of my boys feel the weight of their student loans, not being able to live by what is reflected in their paychecks but according to their debts. Some have waited several years from starting a family, buying a house or moving closer to family. I still remember when I paid off my car, the payment was taken out of my account automatically, so when I got the notice I almost forgot I had a monthly debt, I was free or some of money was freed up to do other things with it.

Well, we here at St. Johns Lutheran Church have received notice that our debt has been paid in full. You may not know that every month since 2006 we were paying \$1,193.96. for a loan that we originally took out in December, 1993 for \$312,090.00. Some leaders had the foresight of making some changes for the future of our congregation. Both for the comfort and safety of the members, children in school, and visitors. I can't find in our records all that was done, with the loan and grants but a few of the items we still enjoy today are a renovated fellowship hall, air-conditioning, heating, an elevator, restrooms, nursery, repairs, painting, maintenance, preservation and



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OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 2
10:00am Special Voters

Sunday, October 9
9:00am Restoration Loan
Burning during Worship

Saturday, October 15
6:00pm WOW Trivia Night

Sunday, October 16
9:00am LHSS Wind Symphony

Saturday, October 22
9:00am Servant Event
with Abiding Savior
11:00am-4:00pm Usher's BBQ

Saturday, October 29
8:00am Men's Breakfast



Hosted by St. Johns Ushers
Saturday, October 29
8:00am
Fellowship Hall

Compass Volunteers Needed:

Roles Available:

Snack Helper - 40min./day

Monday-Thursday

Duties: Portion out various foods for each group to eat when they rotate snack station.

Homework Helper -

3:30-6:00pm Monday-Thursday,

1:00-3:00pm Friday

Duties: Assist various ages of children with homework assignments. Assist group mentor in monitoring behavior of a small group of children.

Front Desk Assistant -

3:00-6:00pm Monday-Wednesday,

1:00-6:00pm Friday

Duties: Opening door for parents, monitoring the sign in-out procedure, usage of walkie-talkies.

Sports Assistant- 4:30-5:30pm various days and Saturdays.

Duties: Helping coach to carry out drills and teach skills at practice, launder jerseys, etc, as needed.

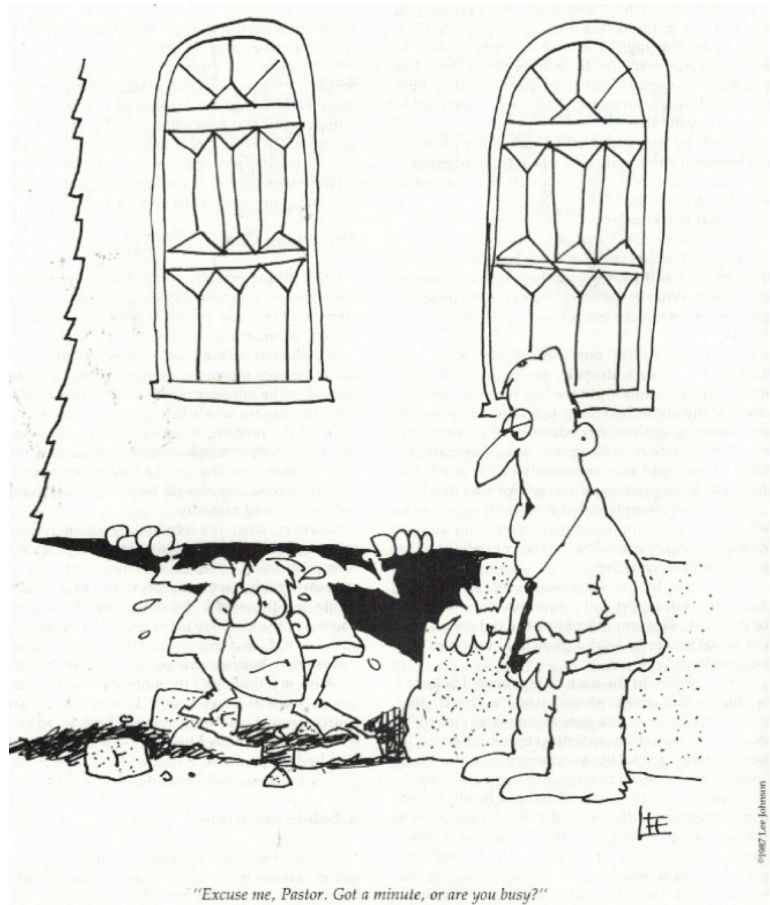
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beautification. We thank the people involved for their hard work in the planning, proposals, and writing of grants and contracts. We give thanks to all the people who pledged and committed to pay back the loan long after all restoration had been done. On October 9th, during the worship service we will take some time to thank the Lord and burn the Loan agreement papers we had with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

We can't help but give thanks for the blessings we have received from our Lord and Savior. We are reminded of the great debt of sin that was paid in full by Jesus Christ at the cross. Hence we have reason to celebrate every Sunday, that the weight of sin is so freely taken off our shoulders free to serve and love our neighbor. Free to share the joy and praise our heavenly Father.

If worship is just one thing we do, everything becomes mundane. If worship is the one thing we do, everything takes on eternal significance.

Timothy J. Christenson



Social Ministry

Food pantry receives an abundant of food from "Orphan Grain", and they now have to find a new warehouse to relocate. We ask for prayers that a new home will be found for them soon, so that we again can receive our designated supply of food from them.

"Faith wallet cards" will be ordered as soon as they are available to give to our clients for encouragement in their faith. Similar wallet cards have been given out the last two weeks and clients seem quite interested in carrying these cards for keeping God with them through trials.

Clothes are still needed, especially men's. Blankets were received from "Orphan Grain". They will certainly be needed for the cold weather approaching.

Number of clients served weekly varies between 40-50. However, one week we served 92 families in September.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

*Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you
nor forsake you."*

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).

Who knows – you might just learn something!



JOIN US FOR A NEW BIBLE STUDY
Sunday mornings beginning in
October

Nearly 4,000 churches close every
year.

Why - and can it be stopped?

Evangelism

1Thessalonians 5:16,17,18 NIV

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



Since the beginning of our Evangelism Ministry, prayer has been an essential part of all aspects of what we're about.

Two important outreach opportunities are based upon prayer--Prayer Warriors and the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors are folks who pray (in their homes) for requests, which are mailed to them once each month. If you are unable to attend worship at church, this is an excellent way for you or anyone to join fellow members in praying for special needs.

The Prayer Chain is comprised of members who are willing and available on a daily basis to receive prayer requests and pass them on to the next person on their chain. They are asked to pray for the specific prayers that they receive and then continue the "chain" by sending the requests on. (Prayers are not sent every day, but as needed.)



If you have an interest in serving in either of these areas of ministry or have questions, please call Melba Fanger at [314-892-8384](tel:314-892-8384) or contact me in person.

Regular prayer is a spiritual exercise that gives muscle to our faith!

Lutheran South High School Wind Symphony

Conducted by John W.
Miller and Matthew C.
Janssen will be performing
in our 9:00am Worship,
Sunday, October 16



Stewardship

Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. If you believe this gospel, if you stand upon it, and cling to it, you are saved. Trust in this is the dividing line. It defines, either positively or negatively, all men. It separates and divides Cain from Abel, Job from his so-called friends, Abraham from Abimelech, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, David from Saul, Daniel from Belshazzar, Joseph from Herod, Lazarus from the rich man, and the tax collector from the Pharisee. What defines men is not whether they are good or bad, but whether or not they believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

The problem with man is his heart. Our hearts are fallen and predisposed to think that we can impress God. We think that if we do all the right things God will reward us, and we will escape evil. We think that God will be impressed with our gifts, that our prosperity and goodness is evidence that God loves us or that it should motivate God to love us.

But we know better because God has blessed us with the faith of Abel, Job, and Abraham. We know that God's grace in Christ saves us, not our works.

We know that God is not impressed with our giving. He is not impressed when we give him that which is already his. God doesn't benefit from our giving and He doesn't need it. But our neighbor does need it. And God delights in us growing more and more like Him. He blesses us, and He invites us to bless one another with our giving: so that the Gospel may be proclaimed, so that the poor may be fed, so that all God's work through the Church may be done.

So consider God's priorities in comparison to your own. And be honest. Reevaluate where you are and where God has called you to be. Look into your own bank statement. Would any accountant think that the Church was your priority? He would see a spreadsheet filled with where your money actually goes: into house and clothing and cars, into eating out and beauty supplies and entertainment. Indeed, much of it wasted on frivolous things. But would he find great percentages going to the church? Figure up the percentage. Put it in relation to the proportion of your income. What percentage of your income do you give for the mission of the church: the preaching and teaching, the baptizing and communing, the help for the weak and poor brothers of Christ? Is it even enough for a deduction when you file your income taxes? The widow gave all she had and thought nothing of it. She was glad to do it. The rich man gave what to him was meaningless, trifling amount and desired a plaque in his honor. Why is it that the less we give the prouder we are and the more credit we expect?

All your works, even your monetary gifts, done in faith please God now for Christ's sake. No matter how great or small, frequent or infrequent. They are all washed and cleansed by grace through faith on account of Christ. Whatever you do from faith in God pleases him for the sake of the Son. So reevaluate your generosity in the light of the grace of Christ. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Sunday, October 9
9:00am Worship**



**PAID
IN FULL**

**The Deed Of Trust for the Restoration Loan will be burned.
In 1993 a loan was provided from Lutheran Church Extension Fund to
complete restorations to the Church and Fellowship Hall. On June 3,
2016 the loan was paid in full with funds from the Endowment Fund.**

Parish Health

Flu (Influenza)/ Vaccine

THE FLU IS A SERIOUS DISEASE. Fortunately, there's something you can do to help protect yourself and your loved ones—ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider if a flu vaccine is right for you and your family.

WHAT IS THE FLU VACCINE?

The flu vaccine helps to protect you from the flu by introducing your immune system to the killed or weakened flu viruses that are predicted to be most common in a given year. The viruses that are selected for the flu vaccine each year are chosen depending on which strains are circulating, how they are spreading, and how well current vaccine strains help to protect against newly identified strains. What you may not know is that for the 2016-2017 season you have a choice when it comes to getting a flu vaccine: a 3-strain flu vaccine or a 4-strain vaccine (adult vaccine). The 3 strain vaccine covers two type-A viruses and one type-B virus. The 4 strain vaccine may offer broader coverage from the flu by covering two type-A viruses and two type-B viruses. **ASK YOUR PHARMACIST OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF A 4 STRAIN FLU VACCINE IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

You cannot catch the flu from the flu vaccine. The flu vaccines that are given by needle are made with viruses that are killed or virus proteins that are artificially made.

Some people experience mild side effects after getting the flu vaccine, which may include: soreness or redness, or swelling where the vaccine was given; fever (low grade); aches and nausea.

Those who shouldn't get the vaccine include: children younger than 6 months of age or children younger than the age for which the vaccine is approved. (Approved age ranges vary by vaccine); people who have had a severe allergic reaction to a flu vaccine in the past or people with egg allergies.

Influenza can occur at any time, but most influenza occurs from October through May. Getting the vaccine as soon as it is available can help protect you in the event flu season comes early in a particular year. Once you get vaccinated, it takes about two weeks for protection to develop. The CDC recommends that you get a flu vaccine every year.

If you have any medical problems or question call the church office or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266.



Psalm 139:14 – “I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

St. Johns Lutheran Church



Saturday, October 22, 2016

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Menu will include

1 Piece Hot Dog Sandwich	\$3.00
1 Piece Bratwurst Sandwich	\$3.50
2 Piece Bratwurst Dinner	\$7.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ Pork Steak Sandwich	\$5.50
Pork Steak Dinner	\$8.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ Chicken Sandwich	\$5.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Chicken Dinner	\$8.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Rack of Ribs Dinner	\$10.00
Rack of Ribs Dinner	\$19.00



Dinners Include Dessert, Bread and a choice of two sides
(Potato Salad, Slaw or Beans).

Delivery Available For Four Or More Orders

Any questions or Advance orders call Craig @314 302-4771 or the church office 314-773-0126

Email orders to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com by October 21, 2016

To order on the day of the barbecue call (314) 773-0126

Sponsored by the members of St. Johns Lutheran Church Ushers.



September 9, 2016

St. Johns Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends of Compass,

As you may have heard, Educational Enterprises, Inc. is now Open Sky Education. Our new name reflects the big goals we have, the innovating thinking we apply, and the optimism we feel about the opportunities ahead for us and for each individual we have the privilege to serve.

Open Sky Education is an entrepreneurial, not-for-profit organization in tireless pursuit of a full and lasting education for all children. We support and manage a growing network of learning environments nationally. Here in St. Louis, that includes EAGLE College Preparatory Schools, Compass Educational Programs, and the Character Formation Project.

We are excited to provide you with updates on the work we're doing in St. Louis. Specifically, we want to report to you the impact your giving has had on Compass Educational Programs. We're so very grateful for your gifts and your passion for the work that Compass is doing as we remain focused on our vision of providing high-quality learning in a safe and loving Christian environment.

Your gifts have made a huge difference and we never take that for granted. So far in 2016, God has blessed us with incredible growth. Only a few months into the new school year we are already serving between 30 and 50 children at each campus. By mid-school year we expect to be serving between 60 and 80 children at all three of our before- and after- school care sites.

We are also in the planning stages of launching a fourth EAGLE school which will include a Compass Before- and After- School Care site in the Fall of 2017. We are excited to be replicating and expanding our efforts into yet another neighborhood in St. Louis. I've placed more detail below in this report to help you catch a glimpse of the special difference you have been making through your partnership with Compass.

Our Growing Impact

Our Team – We are thrilled to have brought on a new Preschool Director this year, Ms. Laura Lee Bausell, as she brings a background in education and a passion for sharing the Word of God with children. Additionally, we now have three before- and after- school care Site Directors who are helping to execute the programs at each of our campuses. Pastor A.J. Espinosa and Ms. Hannah Brown are returning with us for a second year and we are excited to welcome Ms. Megan Schultz to the team, as well.

Our New Initiatives – Our Before- and After- School Care program is partnering with Code Red to offer coding programs for our 4–6 graders. They'll receive an introduction to computer programming and coding as they refine their problem solving skills and develop new ways of thinking. We'll also offer after-school language classes through Duolingo for both our lower and upper elementary grades.

CompassEdPrograms.org

Testimonials – Here's a look at what parents have to say about Compass:

"Compass is a wonderful program. Most days my son is very happy, and even asks me not to pick him up on time so he can stay longer."

The Next Steps

As exciting as this past year has been I am even more excited about what is coming in the months ahead. Here's just a brief list of some of the projects you will be hearing more about in the near future:

- Expansion of the Christian Character Formation Project to a digital platform that can be offered to schools and after-care programs across the country.
- Growth of Compass Before- and After- School Care programs into a 4+ campus in 2017.
- Improved training and professional development for our Compass mentors.
- A new Sponsor-a-Scholar program that will allow us to serve even more children in our school communities.

As you can see God is on the move and we are excited about the future of Compass Educational Programs and especially the huge impact we will have in St. Louis and across the nation.

Thanks again for your generous support of this work! We are grateful and we look forward to a long and fruitful partnership together as we advance forward toward our vision.

With hope,



Rev. Dr. Matt Hoehner, Executive Director
Compass Educational Programs, St. Louis



*St. John's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your ongoing support of
Compass. It is amazing to see our Lord
working in the lives of so many.
Thank you for sharing your faith, hope, &
love with our kids.*

In Christ,

Matt

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09/16/16
Accrual Basis**Balance Sheet**
As of September 16, 2016

	Sep 16, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1-Assets	
11 - Checking Accounts	
11000 - Operating Fund	
12000 - Restricted Funds	
12001 - Restricted Fund-Organ	1,790.70
12002 - Restricted Fund-Repairs	15,497.50
12003 - Restricted Fund-Seever's Teacher	812.00
12005 - Restricted Funds-Social Ministr	997.00
12006 - Restricted Funds-Mission	946.64
12007 - Restricted Funds-Parish Nurse	96.00
12008 - Restricted Funds-Youth	62.84
12009 - Restricted-Wedbush Money	3,524.58
12010 - Restricted-Soda Account	1,052.20
12011 - Restricted-Food Pantry	9,638.52
12012 - Restricted Fund-Missouri Synod	3,416.21
12013 - Restricted-Altar Guild	290.00
Total 12000 - Restricted Funds	38,124.19
11000 - Operating Fund - Other	-889.24
Total 11000 - Operating Fund	37,234.95
11003 - Missouri Synod-Commerce 6623	62.94
11004 - Youth Chcking-Vantage	863.14
11005 - Altar Guild Checking-PNC 1178	3,438.09
11010 - WOW Checking	
11011 - Memorial Garden Funds	142.35
11010 - WOW Checking - Other	6,177.26
Total 11010 - WOW Checking	6,319.61
11012 - Food Pantry	185.28
11015 - Petty Cash	0.44
11 - Checking Accounts - Other	59.00
Total 11 - Checking Accounts	48,163.45
15 - Savings & Investment Accounts	
15001 - Wedbush	138,381.88
15004 - Youth Savings-Vantage	5.00
15005 - Altar Guild Savings	3,217.21
Total 15 - Savings & Investment Accounts	141,604.09
Total 1-Assets	189,767.54
Total Checking/Savings	189,767.54
Total Current Assets	189,767.54
TOTAL ASSETS	189,767.54
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 - Accounts Payable	4,800.00
Total Accounts Payable	4,800.00
Other Current Liabilities	
24 - Payroll Liabilities	
24004 - City Earnings Tax	104.42
24005 - State Withholding	247.00
24006 - Federal Unemployment	14.49
Total 24 - Payroll Liabilities	365.91
Total Other Current Liabilities	365.91
Total Current Liabilities	5,165.91
Total Liabilities	5,165.91

09/16/16	
Accrual Basis	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 16, 2016	
	Sep 16, 16
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	203,101.57
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-14,474.91
Net Income	-4,025.03
Total Equity	184,601.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	189,767.54



October 1 Jessica Goskie
 October 2 Alexis Bohannon
 Steve Gentz
 October 3 Jonathan Schmidt
 October 4 Amy Holdenreid
 October 7 Marsha Jackson
 October 16 Doris Seevers
 October 26 Gretchen Meyer
 October 27 George Turner
 October 28 Gerry Engert

2016 Meetings Voters

Special Meeting October 2
 immediately following 9:00 am worship
 November 20
 December 18

Executive Council

October 16
 December 18

The office will no longer be purchasing Shop & Save cards. There are a few \$25 cards remaining. If interested call Cheryl 314-773-0126 or ask Karl after Sunday worship.

**George Turner
 Eden Village
 400 S. Station Rd. RM 502
 Glen Carbon, IL 62034**

October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30am Social Minstry 8:30am Food Pantry
2 9:00am Worship 10:00am Special Voters 10:30am Bible Class	3 3:00pm Compass 7:00pm Elders	4 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:00pm Compass	5 8:00am Eagle Coffee & Conversation 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10:00am Confirmation 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm ESOL	6 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study at Bohannons Home	7 Eagle Fall! Break No School 8:00am Bible Study	8 8:30am Food Pantry
9 9:00am Worship w/ Communion Circuit Visitor Restoration Loan Burning 10:30am Bible Class	10 Eagle Fall Break No School 7:00pm WOW	11 Pastor CFNA Golf Benefit 3:00pm Compass	12 10:30am Avalon Bible Study 9:30am Preschool Chapel 1:00pm Confirmation 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm ESOL	13 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:00pm Compass	14 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass 1pm LHSS Band Set Up	15 8:30am Food Pantry 6:00pm WOW! Trivia Night
16 9:00am Worship with LHSS Wind Symphony 10:15am Blood Pressure 10:30am Bible Class 11:30am Executive Council	17 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Evangelism	18 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:00pm Compass	19 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10:00am Confirmation 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm ESOL	20 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:00pm Compass	21 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass Ushers Set Up BBQ	22 8:30am Food Pantry 9:00am Servant Event with Abiding Savior 11:00am-4:00pm Ushers BBQ
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30 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class MO District Pastor's Conference	31 3:00pm Compass MO District Pastor's Conference					