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WHO NEEDS THE CRYSTAL BALL? (OR THE YELLOW NOTEBOOK?)

This month I've seen a few of those "Back to School" commercials on TV that used to make me so mad, back when I was in my "watch *The Smurfs* on Saturday morning" and "read every *Choose Your Own Adventure* book on the shelf" stage, around the fourth grade. By the way, if you're not in your late twenties or early thirties, you may have missed out on these cultural delicacies of the 1980's. So I suggest watching an episode of the show on the cartoon network or picking up a paperback copy of the book from the library. Your quality of life will instantly skyrocket. But I digress. Back to School. That's what we were talking about. (Sorry kids.)

It's easy for me to go into reminiscing mode around this time of year. In the spirit, I tried to find a certain tattered yellow notebook of mine from about twenty years ago that said "Composition" on the cover. In it, was an article I wanted to share with you. But, alas, the notebook has either gotten lost in the quagmire of high school book reports, letters, photographs, *Skybox* basketball cards, and Latin vocab. flash cards in the grey tote in the corner of the basement which serves as the time capsule of my childhood, or else I left it behind in our attic in Racine. So instead, a sketch from memory of that particular composition, scribbled zealously in blue ink toward the middle of that yellow notebook, will have to suffice. We are talking about a writing assignment about which every youngster at some point is forced to write. "Describe your career when you grow up." Well, the subject I chose to tackle reveals a hefty dose of the ridiculous ambition and fertile, yet bizarre, imagination so typical of a nine-year-old. At least I hope it was typical, or maybe I was simply a weird kid.

The article was titled something like "Greg the Super Packer". According to my sincerely naïve, two-page, stapled, prophecy, I had grown up to be a powerhouse linebacker/running back for the Green Bay Packers, AND a Lutheran pastor. I would do the church service for my congregation on Sunday morning, and then hustle to the stadium to suit up just in time for kick-off. It took a little tweaking of the schedule, but I pulled it off. Once on the field, I was a superhuman force on both sides of the ball. I intercepted for a touchdown every pass the opposing quarterback threw; and I ran for a touchdown every hand-off our quarterback gave me. Something like a hundred points a game I scored, every game.

I can still remember being mentally burdened as I wrote this composition and thought about the future. Would playing in the NFL get boring after a while, as I stomped over opposing teams like they were ants? Would the Packer fans eventually get sick of our over-predictable hundred-plus point victories, and stop coming to our games and watching us on TV? And how would I get to the stadium in time after church, when we played an away game?

Needless to say, once the pixie dust of my childhood dreamland dissolved, so did those fanciful dilemmas. A much more true-to-life, mundane predicament emerged to muddy my career path. I found that my lazy genes were going to settle on leaving me a 5'8" adult, with the speed of an offensive lineman, albeit eight inches too short and a hundred pounds too light to even think about the NFL. And so I ended up altering my fourth-grade vision statement a bit. Yes, being a Packer and a pastor would have been nice. But you know what? Just being a pastor is pretty nice too. And so I think about us Christians and the careers we pursue, and I remember something my favorite college professor once told us in class.

He said that some Christians feel bad, that they don't think they're in the right career in which to serve the Lord. But, the professor said, that is a needless guilt-trip. When Christians decide on a career, it's not a matter of trying to read God's mind (which is impossible) and choose the right one among many wrong ones. In reality, the Lord has given us a whole host of potential jobs that are all pleasing in his sight. So, as you compare this job to that as a way to serve him, you're choosing between a right and a right. You can't lose, whatever job you choose, and settle on. Being a waitress is good. Working in a business office is good. Being a teacher is good. Being a farmer is good. Being a laborer is good. Being a pastor is good. And so on. They're all ways to serve the kingdom. For the gracious God who has reconciled the world to himself through his Son, has given, **“. . . different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men” (I Cor. 12:6).**

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Message From The President

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Our country is based upon a constitution that gives us many freedoms. There is a responsibility with those freedoms. We need to pay taxes to support the infrastructure that provides us necessities like roads and maintains those necessities. We need to vote for our representatives in government that we feel will take our concerns to the government. We need to support the elected government. We are taught this in the Bible.

Where am I going with this? Our (**your**) congregation works like our country. We have a constitution and bylaws that governs how we handle the congregations business. We don't have pew fees (taxes) but support the congregation out of our love for our Savior with our contributions. Those contributions are needed to keep the congregation going. We hold quarterly voter's meeting at which the business of the congregation is conducted. It is the responsibility of all adult male members to become voters and attend these meetings. Important items do get discussed and acted on at these meetings. Though women are not permitted to vote, the meetings have always been open to them and they have been allowed to voice their opinion. You need to support you congregation.

At the July (Annual) voter's meeting during the Board for Education report on the tuition fee at St. John's for the 2006/07 school year a question was raise. There was discussion of the question, a motion was presented and seconded, the motion was discussed further, and finally voted upon. The outcome of that vote has caused some concern in our congregation. Were you there to support **your** congregation?

As members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church you have many freedoms, but also responsibilities. Support of the congregation is one of those responsibilities. Support is financial, physical, and spiritual in nature. I think we all understand the financial. Physical is being at church for worship services, coming to meetings, and being involved in any aspect of the congregation. Spiritual is praying for the members, the workers, the volunteers, and the pastor.

If you don't know what vote I am talking about, it was the one that decided the families with children at St. John's would now pay the fees the congregation has been paying for them. The voters have ratified paying those fees at every annual meeting since we closed our school. It is presented at this meeting because it is the meeting at which we discuss the expense for the new fiscal year. This is the time we also get the definitive tuition and fee cost from St. John's. The negative part of this action was the timing. This was overlooked in the discussion. Action is being taken to rectify that.

On August 14th at 7:30 we will have a special voter's meeting to amend the motion to state that this will go into effect for the 2007/08 school year. The primary and second on the motion agree to this amendment. This will mean, though, that the fees part of the support by the congregation to those families will be set for the next two years.

Remember this is **your** congregation, not just my congregation (as one gentleman called the congregation when he left me a message). Will you support **your** congregation?

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING SYNOPSIS

The following items were acted upon at the Annual voter's meeting July 25, 2006:

- Received into membership were Michael & Sarah Hackmann, Mark, Rachael, Shayna, & Ethan Monka, Lori Richter, & the confirmands; Alex Kasten, A J Kenneke, Julie Lietzau, Stephen Propson, & Matthew Schrieber.
- The voters approved the Board of Ed recommendation for a commitment to MLHS of \$15,960.
- The voters decided not to continue to pay the book, technology and other fees for the students attending St. John's, Newtonburg against the recommendation of the Board for Education. The congregation continues to pay the tuition cost.
- The congregational work plan for 2006/07 is to study & implement an alternate worship service, complete the constitution review, establish a Board for Evangelism, refinish pews, establish church secretary and pastor offices along with meeting room in the teacherage.
- Continue with Motor Propane supplying the congregation, but try to negotiate a rate closer to the lowest bid.
- Keep pastor's salary and compensation at 100% of Synod Code.
- Proceed with the new lighting at front of church using the funds specified by the Council.
- Proceed with the proposal 1 from Chris Feiereisen for the organ upon receipt of monies to cover the proposal. Total cost of \$34,000.00. \$22,000.00 is already available.
- Change Saturday night communion distribution to be like Sunday morning distribution. Distribution to be below stairs in front of pews.
- Reimburse the congregational representative(s) to district and synodical conferences & conventions for travel & lodging for the calendar year of 2006 and every year hereafter.

John Smith, Congregational President

Announcements

Thank You!

We thank everyone that helped put together & and help out at the past few events this summer including: Church Picnic, Brewer Game, and Vacation Bible School. Without everyone's help they would not have been as successful as they were!

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- *Eunice Barnes who is hospitalized at Holy Family after being kicked by a horse.
- *The family of Harold Behnke who departed to be with the Lord on Friday July 28th .
- * Edna Glaeser, who is at River's Bend and is very ill.
- *David & Tara Mellstrom's infant daughter who is in Madison recovering from surgery.
- *Lucille Teesch who is hospitalized at Aurora, Two Rivers and is very ill.
- *Fred Wehausen who is recovering from back surgery.

Trinity Fair Booth Sign- Up Sheet

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the Trinity Fair Booth. The Fair booth will be on Sunday August 27th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Mark Knutson @ 682-4429.

MLHS Fast Facts

- The 15th Annual Lancer Golf Classic is fast approaching – Saturday, August 12th at Autumn Ridge Golf Course in Valders! Register by Tuesday, August 8th for this fun-filled best-ball tournament and dinner. As a bonus this year, all golfers will receive a coupon for a free graphite driver! Registration forms are in the church office, on the MLHS website, or available by calling Scott Reinhard at 682-0215. Grab a friend and plan for some fun!
- ➤ MLHS has available two Everett Console pianos, available on a first-come basis through August 22nd. Please contact Joel Ungemach at 682-0215 x.178.
- ➤ MLHS still has openings in its Beginner Band program. Registration forms can be obtained by calling Mrs. Renee Schmill at 920-684-2807 ext. 176. Beginner Band Night will be held on August 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the MLHS commons. Musician's Repair and Supply from Green Bay will be there to assist with acquiring an instrument, and much information will be presented about the band program.

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Church Attendance for July



Saturday/Sunday = Total

July 2004

Week 1: 36 / 116 = 152

Week 2: 33 / 109 = 142

Week 3: 32 / 89 = 121

Week 4: 36 / 113 = 149

Week 5: 57 / 86 = 143

Monthly Total= 707

Monthly Average: 141

July 2005

Week 1: 34 / 76 = 110

Week 2: 40 / 104 = 144

Week 3: 32 / 103 = 135

Week 4: 33 / 102 = 135

Week 5: 39 / 128 = 167

Monthly Total = 651

Monthly Average: 131

July 2006

Week 1: 0 / 87 = 87

Week 2: 29 / 93 = 122

Week 3: 29 / 113 = 142

Week 4: 47 / 81 = 128

Week 5: 41 / 100 = 141

Monthly Total = 620

Monthly Average: 124



A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...

8/3 Jacob Krim	8/15 Kalie Knutson
8/3 Darlene Schnell	8/19 Kayla Kasten
8/5 Charles Lovell, Jr.	***8/22 Reuben Gass
8/7 Al Bonfigt	8/22 Desirae Kiesow
8/7 Walter Kiesow	8/27 Doris Wehausen
8/7 Dianne Schultz	8/29 Lucille Jaeger
8/8 Dean Luebke	8/29 Aaron Wallander
8/9 Lauren Petersen	8/30 Heidi Bratz
8/10 Amanda Knutson	8/31 Lisa Kiesow
8/10 Uriah Matznick	8/31 Tyler Teesch
***8/10 Harold Schnell	8/31 Robert Vetting
8/13 Andrew Kiesow	
8/14 Makenna Krim	
8/15 Amy Hochkammer	

*****Our Members 80 Years Young or over...**

8/10 Harold Schnell -84 Years Young!!
8/22 Reuben Gass – 91 Years Young!!



Happy Anniversary To...

8/4 Michael & Marilyn Kaufmann – 33 years!
8/6 David & Dianne Schultz – 40 years!
8/9 Mark & Darlene Kiesow – 26 years!
8/18 Kermit & Mabel Liermann – 52 years!
8/24 Harold & Lucille Jaeger – 60 years!
8/31 Jeff & Sherri Kasten – 16 years!

*If you have an August birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!



Date: _____ Ushers on Schedule: _____

August 5th Len Arnold, Earl Glaeser, Fritz Wehausen, Elwood Free, Jeff Knutson

August 12th Al Bonfigt (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Mark Kiesow
August 13th Warren Lutze (Server), Brad Liermann (Server), Derrick Krey,
James Ott, Alex Kasten

August 19th James Glaeser, Chris Mangin
August 20th Gary Vetter, Wayne Otto, Keith Petersen, Dan Knutson, Mike Enders

August 26th Harold Bratz (Server), David Schultz (Server), Jim Liermann
August 27th John Smith (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Bob Lietzau,
Jesse Lietzau, Dean Luebke

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser
@ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Altar Guild Schedule

Group 4: Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow, Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott

Our Greeters For August

August 6th Earl & Lois Glaeser

August 13th Harold & Lucille Jaeger

August 20th David & Dianne Schultz

August 27th Orabelle Fisher

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “ROOTS, FRUITS, LEAVES, FLOWERS”

1. The following are two of the types of fruit that the spies sent by Moses brought back out of the land of Canaan:
 - a. Apples, Pomegranates
 - b. Pomegranates, Olives
 - c. Olives, Grapes
 - d. Grapes, Figs

2. Proverbs tell us that he who tends a fig tree will:
 - a. Become weary
 - b. Eat its fruit
 - c. Grow strong in faith
 - d. Gain wisdom

3. According to Paul, in 1 Timothy, what is a root of all kinds of evil?
 - a. Adultery
 - b. Lying tongue
 - c. Love of money
 - d. Deceitful heart

4. This man is the first recorded to have planted a vineyard (and then got drunk on the wine he made from it):
 - a. Adam
 - b. Cain
 - c. Noah
 - d. Jacob

5. Jotham tells an interesting parable where the trees of the forest seek a king. Which of the following accepts the offer:
 - a. The Olive tree
 - b. The Fig tree
 - c. The Vine
 - d. The Thornbush

Word Search
Vacation Bible School



R	E	V	O	L	A	R	A	P	E
E	U	S	C	O	U	N	T	R	Y
A	L	N	C	L	E	I	N	A	D
C	B	L	O	O	H	C	S	I	U
I	E	L	B	I	B	A	O	S	M
R	A	I	E	R	T	L	R	E	G
E	J	O	G	S	S	A	R	E	O
M	N	N	N	T	S	P	C	O	D
A	E	T	I	H	W	G	B	A	T
B	D	A	S	Z	S	N	O	W	V

(UP / DOWN/ DIAGONAL / BACKWARDS)

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| 1. Vacation | 5. Bless | 9. Blue | 13. Love |
| 2. Bible | 6. America | 10. Country | 14. Daniel |
| 3. School | 7. Red | 11. Sing | 15. Lion |
| 4. God | 8. White | 12. Praise | 16. Den |

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her, through
the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God Bless America, my home sweet home.
God Bless America, my home sweet home.

