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Sometimes weekly, often late, but always...full of it.

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The purpose of this paper is to help folks understand what it takes to keep our Church buildings and grounds in service; to let you know what's happening and why, (if we can find out for you, which is sometimes like pulling teeth, or your leg, on occasion). As a matter of policy, the word "work" is forbidden on these pages, being replaced with "fun" or "joy", which mostly it is.

ANNUAL MEETING

Throughout the year at our church we tend as a congregation to be separated into traditional and contemporary groups by virtue of the services we habitually attend. Every so often however, we do get together for those occasions where we all unite and mix together, such as the annual outdoor service, picnic, Blue Jeans Sundays and Holiday blended services.

The most outstanding of these confluences is the Annual Congregational meeting, where there will be open discussion regarding the accomplishments of the past year and the future direction of St Paul's.

The most important issue confronting us is about the building program, and the expected growth we realistically expect to



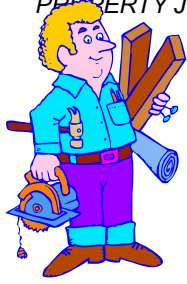
lay ahead. Apparently, one option, that of procuring the Crump road property has faded, and we must now regroup and make plans for dealing with a new building program and its costs.

It should be obvious to all that your personal input is needed. We are again at a crossroads. Consideration of a second Pastor to share the workload is a priority. The current buildings range from 175 to 30 years of age and have reached a level of needing almost continuous repair and upkeep as well. Most of all we must have financial pledges to support our needs and plans if St Paul's is to continue as we envision it.

Come to Church this week; enjoy a common service; share a meal; and express your opinion.

Don.

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.--Chinese Proverb



AMIGOS! ANTICS

This week's miscreants:
John Ward, Jim Lammey,
Jim McIlvaine, John Bousum,
Chris Frost, Joey Clark, Chet
Henricksen, and Don Mullings
 It was a misty January day, 39 F.

DOOR DAMAGE

In one of the upstairs hallways, we had an unexpected failure of a door closer on one of (several) fire doors. These doors are normally equipped with hydraulic closers (in the closed position) so that in the event of a fire, flames cannot readily spread from one area to another.

After more than 30 years of use, some parts of these doors are worn, and we will have to consider replacements in our future budgeting. They are special UL-labeled fire-retardant doors costing several times "normal" ones.

In this case, **John W** and **Chris** were able to reattach the closer with through-bolts where wood screws had been pulled out.



OTHER STUFF

Jim Mc obtained a pair of downspout adapters for the ramp systems and extended the tubes much further away from the building.

Jim L updated the Red Cross blood drive sign to reflect the new date of March first this year. He will be posting that out on the front lawn next week. With a month of advance notice, we are hoping for a good turnout of donors.

John B repainted the narthex wall where we had some tape damage, without any untoward incidents. The wall looks splendid in its' new paint. If you must post items on the walls, please use pushpins, not tape.

John W had a number of keys reproduced for the use of office staff and selected people who need access.

Several electrical problems have been addressed by our electrical contractor; replacing an emergency light fixture in the sanctuary, and a "cycling" ceiling light in the social room.

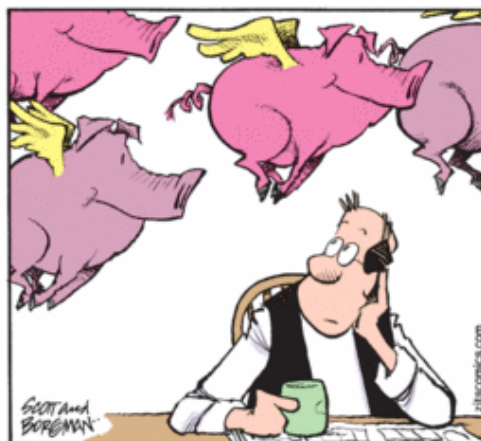
Chet took the waste office papers to the recycling facility.

Don replaced a hydraulic storm door closer at the parsonage that had leaked oil onto the entry threshold.

Joey and **Chris** performed Light bulb patrol duties... found five replacements were necessary.

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking". ~ General George S. Patton

ZITS by Scot and Borgman



LIGHT HEADED

Linda (a blonde) and Jill were chatting over coffee, and Linda said,

"I've been experiencing a strange and painful side effect from coffee.

I'm fine when I drink it black, but if I use

cream, or sugar, or both, I get a stabbing pain in one eye."

Linda took a sip of her coffee. "Owwwww!" she cried, "There it goes again!"

Jill said, "Linda... take the spoon out of the cup."

SPIRITUAL MATTERS

An engineer, a physicist, a mathematician, and a mystic were asked to name the greatest invention of all times.

The engineer chose fire, which gave humanity power over matter.

The physicist chose the wheel, which gave humanity the power over space.

The mathematician chose the alphabet, which gave humanity power over symbols.

The mystic chose the thermos bottle.

"Why a thermos bottle?" the others asked.

"Because the thermos keeps hot liquids hot in winter and cold liquids cold in summer."

"Yes -- so what?"

"Think about it." said the mystic reverently.

"That little bottle --

... how does it **know**?"

ARE YOUR WINDOWS CLEAN?

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning, while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees the neighbor hang up the wash outside. 'That laundry is not very clean,' she said, 'she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs another laundry soap.'

The husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang out the wash, the young woman would make the same

comment. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, 'Look! She has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?'

Her husband said, 'I got up early this morning and washed the windows.'

And so it is with life: What we see while watching others, depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

Anybody can become angry, that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and at the right time, and for the right purpose, and in the right way, that is not within everybody's power and is not easy. -- Aristotle

GRIZZWELL



A FORMULA FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

I have a friend who is a CPA. He lamented with me once about some of his wealthier clients – those with six and seven figure incomes. Some of these people, he said, even despite the obvious tax benefits, refused to give any of their money away. Some are spending more money on grooming their pets than on feeding hungry children. They simply have not discovered the importance and power of giving. And sadly, these wealthier clients are in a position to do something significant, but they choose to do nothing at all.

Author Kent Nerburn wrote a book titled *LETTERS TO MY SON: A Father's Wisdom on Manhood, Life, and Love*. In one letter, he teaches his son the value of generosity:

"Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance, and none can say why some fields will blossom and others

lay brown beneath the August sun. Care for those around you. Look past your differences. Their dreams are no less than yours, their choices in life no more easily made. And give.

Give in any way that you can, of whatever you possess. To give is to love. To withhold is to wither. Care less for your harvest than how it is shared, and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace."

How fortunate for one boy that his father is showing him how to truly live!

People who live well are experts at giving. They give their money; they give their time. They share their wisdom and their skills. They quickly say yes when asked to help.

For them, the formula is simple: to give is to love and to love is to live. It's a formula for a successful life.

- Steve Goodier

A HUGE HELPING OF GOOD NEWS

Have you had a large helping of good news lately?

A woman called her pastor. "We just won \$100 million in the lottery!" she exclaimed. "But I'm afraid to tell my husband. He has a weak heart and I'm afraid he may have a heart attack. Pastor, would you be able to tell him for me?" she asked.

The clergyman thought that perhaps he could, so he came right over and sat down with the man. "What would you do," he began, "if you were to win \$500,000 in the lottery?"

"My wife could quit her job and I could work less and relax more," the man said.

"What would you do if you were to win one million dollars in the lottery?" the pastor asked.

"If I were to win that much we could both retire," the man said. "Life would be good."

The pastor forged on. "Well, what would you do if you were to win five million dollars?"

"We could do anything we wanted!" he exclaimed. "We could travel, live anywhere in the world and enjoy a life we never dreamed we could live!"

Finally the clergyman got to it. "Tell me...what would you do if you won ten million dollars in the lottery?"

"Ten million dollars? Why, if I ever won that much, Pastor, I'd give half of it to you and the church!"

The pastor had a heart attack.

It might be dangerous to pass along too much good news all at once. But, on the other hand, I'd rather be exposed to a huge helping of good news than bad. And I'd rather dish out the good - even if it only comes in small bites. A day nibbling on bite-sized bits of encouragement and good will can fill a life so full that there is no room for that junk that only hurts us.

It's a diet for health and happiness.

~ Steve Goodier

**The Lord bless thee and keep thee...
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee,
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and... give... thee... Peace.**

