



## The Business of being the Church

by Russ Ponstingle

### Who's the CEO?

If in fact, we accept the premise that the Church may better function if we approached the Church as a business.

Before you write me off as being mentally incompetent to even think this idea could be of value. To be honest, I wasn't sure either, not until, I started doing my research for this piece. My findings were astounding.

Let's start by looking at the structure of ASLC. We have a Chief Executive Officer. The Lord our God (pro se). We have also Staff, Council, Executive Committee and subcommittees.

Next, we need a vision as found in our mission statement and founded in Matt 28: 16-20. As I had alluded to in last week's article stating that in today's social/economic environment now, more than ever we need to look at the church as a business that is, our father's business of getting the gospels out in plain view for all, thru sharing love and compassion and with open arms welcoming all to

enjoy a deeper relationship with God thru our Lord Jesus the Christ. To Fulfill this **great command** and continue the family business, I give you the basic four points, as I view them, but not limited to these.

1. Prayer
2. Planning
3. Participation
4. Perseverance

Calling on my **business/engineering background I first searched for a Six Sigma approach to the idea of viewing the church as a business.**

**Wow, was I surprised to find an article in the "OUTREACH" magazine July 19,2017 by Tony Foglio. In his article, the writer discusses the 7 business principles that Lead to a Flourishing Church. Which are very similar to the four key points I listed above. The difference is in the expanded verbiage, not the intent nor function. I choose to simplify by accepting some basics as absolutes.**

**I prefer, not to rehash the article of last week in defining our four points of PRAYER, PLANNING,**

**PARTICIPATION, and PRESERVANCE. I thought rather I would start at the top of the ASLC business model with the CEO. Our Lord God almighty, our heavenly father creator of ALL things visible and invisible and in union with the holy spirit and Jesus the Christ as one is the CEO of our and All, God worshiping Churches. (this is an absolute)**

The next layer being composed of apostles, pastors, evangelizers and the faithful. All needing to communicate the Word, both inside the Church to the faithful but also to those lost and suffering souls outside of our walls.

**I will conclude at this point and assure you that we will explore more detail on the business objective of ASLC as they are formed.**

**I ask all of you that read this, would examine where your fit is in this plan; as we continue to come up with WAYS to grow and expand our church family.**

**Saturday** night turn your **clocks AHEAD** one hour for



the beginning of **Daylight Savings Time** – if you forget, you are an hour early for service.

## **All Saints financial status** by: Russ Ponstingle

At the January congregational meeting a unanimous vote to approve a budget of just shy of \$100,000.

The finance committee and council squeezed that into to a leaner working budget of \$96,370.00 a 3.67% reduction.

Whereas this means that to stay open the church needs a weekly income of \$2010.00 per week.

Offerings from **Congregation** - \$1,167.00  
**Wednesday Night** - \$21.00

for a total deposit of **\$1,188.00.** or **58.4%** of weekly need

Year to date we are running behind as January and February accounted for \$11,608 of a required \$16,080 or about **30% LESS THAN NEEDED.** We have shown a month over month Improvement, a very positive

sign. Thank you, Jesus, keep us moving forward.

**Once again**, it's not too late to turn in your pledge for 2018. Pledge what you believe you can do in 2018. In any event – thanks for continuing to support All Saints.

## **HELP with Backing our Dorcas Society**

Carol can use donations of clean, usable sheets for backing of the quilts. Sheets can be white, print, flannel or cotton.



## **Spiritual Direction**



??Are you feeling lost? Having a hard

time making sense of your journey to discover just who the Lord is? and what He has done for you and what blessings are promised to those who accept and believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ?

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with Our Lord and Savior?

Then Please contact Lynn Hantel at 440 823-8522 or [LynnHantel@gmail.com](mailto:LynnHantel@gmail.com)

Lynn is trained is in Spiritual Direction and is available to help as you journey into discovering a richer, closer walk with our Lord.

Lynn is available on the second Thursday of the month at ASLC from 10:00 am to 6 pm.

Other times available by agreement with Lynn.

## **Christian Community in Action**

The C.I.A. food pantry is always in need of non-perishable items. Help is always appreciated at Food Pantry on every Tuesday night from 6:00 to 8 pm.



## **Support our Outreach Ministries...**

LMM Men's Shelter feeds & sleeps almost 200-300 homeless men a night.

And Road to Hope House – both facilities need personal care items and paper products.

Please note that Volunteers are needed to help make the worship service run smoothly. If you have the

desire to help, contact Ron Kiessling or Mary Lee in the church office.

## **Our Weekly Events...**

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Wednesday Night Community Outreach Meal** – 6:00 p.m. except there will not be a meal the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

## **Wednesday night service...**

During this season of **LENT**, we will conduct a Wednesday night service at 6:30 pm. We would appreciate a good attendance at this mid-week Lenten service of prayer and contemplation. **It's good for your soul.**

## **“Sacred Rhythms by Ruth Haley Barton continues...**

This thought provoking study led by Pastor Eduardos, based on the book, Sundays after Sunday’s service. If you haven’t attended, it is easy to follow. See Lynn for more information and study guide

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## **SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS** listed below

***It’s that time of year*** – spring and Easter Sunday. Be prepared for both by ordering Easter flowers that will adorn our altar on Easter and your yards all spring and summer. It is a win-win [even if you are not a gardener.] Order forms are available in the narthex and can be returned [with your payment] to Adrienne Gardner, put in the collection plate or drop off in the office. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 18th

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## **Fearless Faith Woman’s Retreat Set to happen...**

**...May 18-20, 2018**

**SAVE THE DATE.....** for A Women’s Retreat “FEARLESS FAITH” being held at Camp McPherson – 21880 Shadley Valley Rd. – Danville, Ohio 43014 organized by a diverse group of Christian women who are passionate about serving Jesus Christ. ***Flyers in lobby.***

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## **...Coming in April to ASLC**

***SAVE the DATE:*** April 25<sup>th</sup> will be GAME NIGHT at All Saints.

Think about what games you would like to play. Come for fun and a Hot Dog, chips and a drink will be for sale. [More details later.](#)