

Sunday morning services

I really think the churches are missing the boat. (No pun intended.) They should have a Sunday service on the water. To demonstrate how the wandering mind of a fisherman works, I have to admit that I've had thoughts of starting my own denomination that would consist only of fishermen and their families.

How does the name St. Louis Unorthodox Church of the Holy Walleye sound to you? Our motto could be "a congregation of fishers of men and walleyes". I can picture it now. Every Sunday morning, early of course, we could meet at the river, say a little prayer thanking the Lord for the bounty with which he is about to bless us. Pass the collection plate among the anglers. Then we would head out to our favorite spots and proceed to fish.

There are some real possibilities here. As the minister of course, I would get to decide where the money from the collection plate was distributed. Most of it would go to a take a kid fishing program, which could be done during the week because they would be out of school. This would mean that I, and some of the deacons would have to take off work in order to facilitate the program.

I'm not positive, but perhaps my new boat and motor could be tax deductible because it would be church property. Of course you would have to provide new rods and reels for the children to fish with. This also would be church property.

Occasionally a trip to the Gunflint Trail could be scheduled as a church outing. I am sure that could all be deducted. After all, it is for the church. Oh, I forgot the new truck you would need to tow the church's boat. I think a Suburban would do nicely. No fishing trip would be complete without good tackle and maybe even a guide to show you where the hot spots are.

Am I wrong folks? What better way to insure attendance than to combine it with a fishing trip? I know it would work. In my opinion, and of course you remember I am the world's foremost authority on that, God would be served, mankind would be served, and the kid's would learn the wonder of one of God's greatest creations. The walleye.

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