



SEPTEMBER - 2019

From the (Interim) Rector

Well, September is here and fall is just around the corner, with the arrival of the fall equinox on the 23rd. As September begins, the program year returns to full swing with Kick-off Sunday on the 8th. Sunday school, adult forum, and coffee hour resume and the church will again be a hopping place on Sunday mornings.

September is also a month of abundance, as gardens really begin to produce. Tomatoes are coming in faster than you can eat them. (And these are the ones that REALLY TASTE like tomatoes!) It reminds me of Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live
together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the
beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the
collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of
Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for
evermore.

In this time of abundance it is also a time when we harvest leaders as well. The Vestry is beginning to look for leaders for the coming year. They will be electing delegates to the Diocesan Convention, held on the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 22-23. They will also be looking for candidates to nominate at our own Annual Meeting for a three year term of service on the Vestry.

A vestryperson serves a three year term, and along with the rector and wardens shares in the leading of Emmanuel church with vision and grace. They attend monthly meetings, as well as supporting the mission

and ministry of the church by regular participation in the activities of the church. They are regular givers and enthusiastic leaders.

A delegate to Diocesan Convention (we need three) will represent us by voting to elect various diocesan officers, and to pass various resolutions presented to convention. They will attend various informational sessions about resolutions and other matters, as well worshipping with hundreds of other Episcopalians. To ease the financial burden, if necessary, the parish will reimburse delegates for mileage travelled and provide a room at the Lombard Westin, where the convention is being held.

If you think you may be called to either of these important ministries, or if you have any questions about them, please contact the Rector, Wardens, or Vestrypersons to let them know of your interest or questions.

See you in church!

Bill



Congratulations to Our College Graduate!

Bill and Tammy Schulz joined their daughter, Katie, at her graduation from Oxford University, UK, with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Classics this summer. Her thesis was titled "Recognizing Epiphany: Exploring the Theme of Epiphany in the Epics of Homer, Apollonius, and Vergil." Katie was very active in the Merton College Chapel during her time in Oxford, serving as sacristan and reader. She also participated in the first Anglican Evensong celebrated at the High Altar in St Peter's Cathedral at the Vatican. She is now a second year medical student at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.



Emmanuel Reads

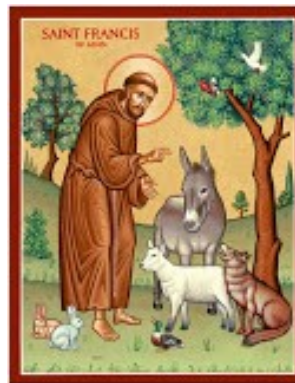


We are eliminating "Classics" from our name. We haven't read a classic for ten years. The books we've chosen for this fall deal with an educational theme in some way. Our book for September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at church

is *Educated* by Tara Westover which deals with a Mormon girl brought up in a survivalist family. We encourage anyone interested in a book we're reading to join us for that meeting or more. Call Mary S. Johnson, 815-226-1112, with questions.

St. Francis Pet Blessing

On Sunday, September 29 it's bring your pet to church day! Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with special blessings for our beloved animals at all three



services (8am, 9am and 10:30). There will be special treats for cats and dogs and a clean-up station will be available. Please be sure all animals are on leash or in appropriate carriers, aquariums or cages. We look forward to worshipping with all God's creatures!

September Birthdays

Nancy Sauer	09/01	Ruth Nicholas	09/17
Becky Pelley	09/05	Libby Oakes	09/17
Geri Cygnor	09/12	Audrey Hooks	09/19
Jesse Saenz	09/13	Mickey Swart	09/20
Ted Ross	09/16	Rachel Schmitt	09/22
Robert Parker	09/16	Roberta Venovic	09/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Norma & Tony Cameron	09/08
Kathy & John Torrence	09/12
Jean & John Frana	09/13
Jan & Ron Wanninger	09/15
Beverly & Bill Nesbit	09/22

Bear-Packer Food Raiser

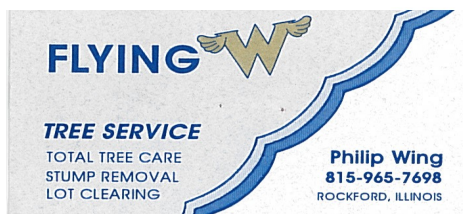
October 13, Sports Sunday at Emmanuel

This fall our annual Bear-Packer food raiser challenge will not coincide with the big game, but will end on Sunday, October 13. On September 22 the barrels will be out to collect non-perishable food items to benefit the Rock River Valley Food Pantry.

Since the Packer-Bear games are September 5 and December 15, too early and too late for our schedule, the Vestry and Emmanuel Guild members decided on a mid-point, October 13, to end the food raiser challenge.

Celebrate your favorite sport, or favorite team, by dressing in sports attire on October 13. ANY sport, ANY team! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, over-the-top dressed parishioners. And don't forget to bring food items for the Bear and Packer barrels for the food raiser.

Go Bears! Go Pack!



Shelter Care



Jeremiah Development

On September 14, we will host a "Movie in the Park" for the neighborhood. We will be showing Sandlot, since that is the weekend Penny Marshall and the Rockford Peaches will be honored in Rockford.



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September 2019

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Sat

1 8am -Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:00am - Child at Heart Serv. 10:30am - Sung Holy Euch. 5:00pm-Evensong	2 Parish Office Closed <i>Have a safe Labor Day</i> 	3 Parish Office Closed	4	5 7pm - Emmanuel Reads at Emmanuel	6	7
8 Kick Off Sunday 8am -Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:00am - Child at Heart Serv. 9:15am - Adult Forum 10:30am - Choral Holy Euch.	9 Parish Office Closed	10	11	12 5pm - Aspire Meeting	13	14 4:30pm - 6:30pm Parent's Night Out Jeremiah Dev. Presents movie in the park showing Sandlot
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22 8am -Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:00am - Child at Heart Serv. 9:15am - Adult Forum 10:30am - Choral Holy Euch. Bear-Packer Food Raiser Start	23 Parish Office Closed	24 Women's Spirituality Group	25 5:30pm - Shelter Care Board at 7th St.	26	27	28
29 Pet Blessing 8am -Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Child at Heart Serv 10:30am - Choral Holy Euch.	30 Parish Office Closed					


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