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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

DOES GOD ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

Mtr. Laurie and I were involved this summer at one of the Beaver Cross Camps. The theme of the week was Lifting Up Our Prayers, and during one of the sessions we discussed "does God answer our prayers?" The short answer is 'yes, God always answers our prayers', but it is not always the answer we most want. Let me explain how God answers our prayers with one of the illustrations Mtr. Laurie used - a set of traffic signals.

God's answer to some of our prayers is to get a "green light" – a "go" to move forward on something. Other times, we get a "red light" – a "no" to something we're praying about, whether due to God's will for our lives or something in this broken world in which we live. The third answer, a "yellow light", represents the "go slow".

Slow down and wait, keep praying, keep waiting for the answer, keep preparing.

Receiving a green light may be great, but there may also be challenges to face in going forward. A red light may be disappointing and discouraging for a us, but at least we have received a definitive answer. However, the most difficult answer to receive is probably a yellow light or go slow. In car racing the waving yellow flag is a signal to slow down the cars to a safer speed while an accident is cleared or bad weather passes. A "yellow light" in our prayers isn't a sign to stop moving forward. It simply means we slow down and drive under the caution flag for a time.

A yellow light answer might indicate the following:

- ✠ That we should refocus on our priorities.
- ✠ Dig deeper into God's word for his guidance.

Whatever a yellow light might mean for us it is important to continue to pray for the light to change.

Blessings

Fr. Alistair ✠

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Attention all students!!!

The first day of Joyful Journey will be on September 8th and there will also be a Backpack Blessing during the church service!

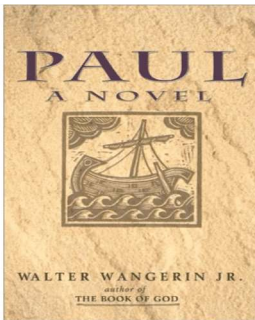
CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS!

BY DEACON DEBBIE

I am hoping to start a book club at Christ Church for the adults in September. We will read books which are biblical based historical fiction, inspiring, biographies, etc. We will meet twice a month during coffee to discuss the book. You can join the group for only the books you find personally interesting. At this time there will be a cost of \$12-14.00 for the book but I am continuing to explore the internet for the lowest price or you could choose to purchase the book on your own or for those with Kindles and iPads, you could purchase the book on your own.



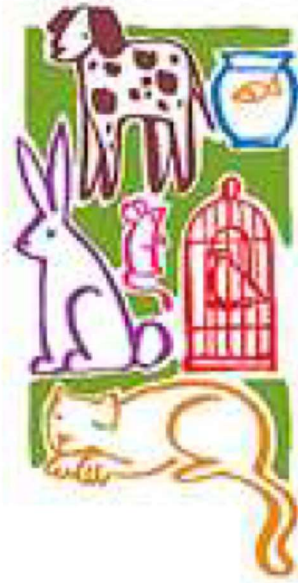
To get this going the first book will be "Paul – A Novel" by Walter Wangerin, Jr. Paul is "An intimate portrait of a complex individual through whom God was at work, turning the world upside down. With vivid imagination and scholarly depth, award-winning author Walter Wangerin Jr. weaves together the history of the early church with the life story of its greatest apostle--Paul. Wangerin begins to unfold Paul's incredible life by imagining the childhood and early family life of a boy then called "Saul." A fierce prosecutor of Christians before his conversion, Paul never lost his fiery dedication, boldness, and strong personality. After his shocking encounter with God on the road to Damascus, he applied his formidable strengths to spreading the gospel. Wangerin deftly reveals Paul's character through each stage of his life, and enables us to see Paul the person, living and complex, viewed through the eyes of his contemporaries: Barnabas, James, Prisca, Seneca, and Luke. Paul's rich interaction and brilliant dialogue with friends and foes, leaders and slaves, Jews and Greeks, creates a swift and intense historical drama around the man who spread the seed of the Gospel to the ends of the known world."



At the beginning of August, I will place a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Please join me for some time over coffee, tea and other refreshments which nourish our bodies and this book I hope will nourish our souls!

Blessing of the Animals



***Sun Sept. 29th,
1:00-2:30 pm***

***At the Esperance Hannaford
(Rtes. 20 & 30 Intersection)***

Sponsored by Christ Church, Duaneburg

STOP BY ...

All of God's creatures are welcome, large & small!

***For the safety of all those present, please have your pet
appropriately leashed, harnessed or in a carrier.***

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Lectors	Joyful Journey
08/04/2019	John Weiler	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Jayden Sayles & Cal Weyers	
08/11/2019	Sandra Weiler	Jane Weyers	Linda & Bart MacDougall	
08/18/2019	Sharon Mericle	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Marge Cummings & Kim Corcoran	
08/25/2019	Drew Palluti	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Bryan Salisbury & Bart MacDougall	
09/01/2019	Jayden Sayles	Jane Weyers	Sandra & John Weiler	
09/08/2019	CJ Palluti	Phil & Jenna Sayles	Steve & Sherry Schrade	Joyful Journey Starts
09/15/2019	Ian MacDougall	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday
09/22/2019	Nellie Kosier	Andrea & Bryan Salisbury	Elizabeth Iseman & Sharon Mericle	Teachers TBD
09/29/2019	Zach Sayles	Jane Weyers	Jayden Sayles & Cal Weyers	Teachers TBD

Date	Chalice	Altar Guild	DoK - Prayers of the People	Counters
08/04/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Linda MacDougall & Cheryl Lennox	Deacon Debbie	Sharon Mericle & Cindy Creasy
08/11/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Andrea Salisbury & John Weiler
08/18/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Elizabeth Iseman	Sharon Mericle	Steve Schrade & Nancy Palluti
08/25/2019	Elizabeth Iseman	Sandra Weiler	Deacon Debbie	Laura Lucia & Judy Breitenstein
09/01/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sandra Weiler	Deacon Debbie	Phil Sayles & Andrea Salisbury
09/08/2019	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Elizabeth Iseman	John Weiler & Nancy Palluti
09/15/2019	Sharon Mericle	Cindy Creasy & Marge Cummings	Sharon Mericle	Steve Schrade & Laura Lucia
09/22/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Deacon Debbie	Sharon Mericle & Judy Breitenstein
09/29/2019	Sharon Mericle	Sharon Mericle	Elizabeth Iseman	Phil Sayles & Cindy Creasy

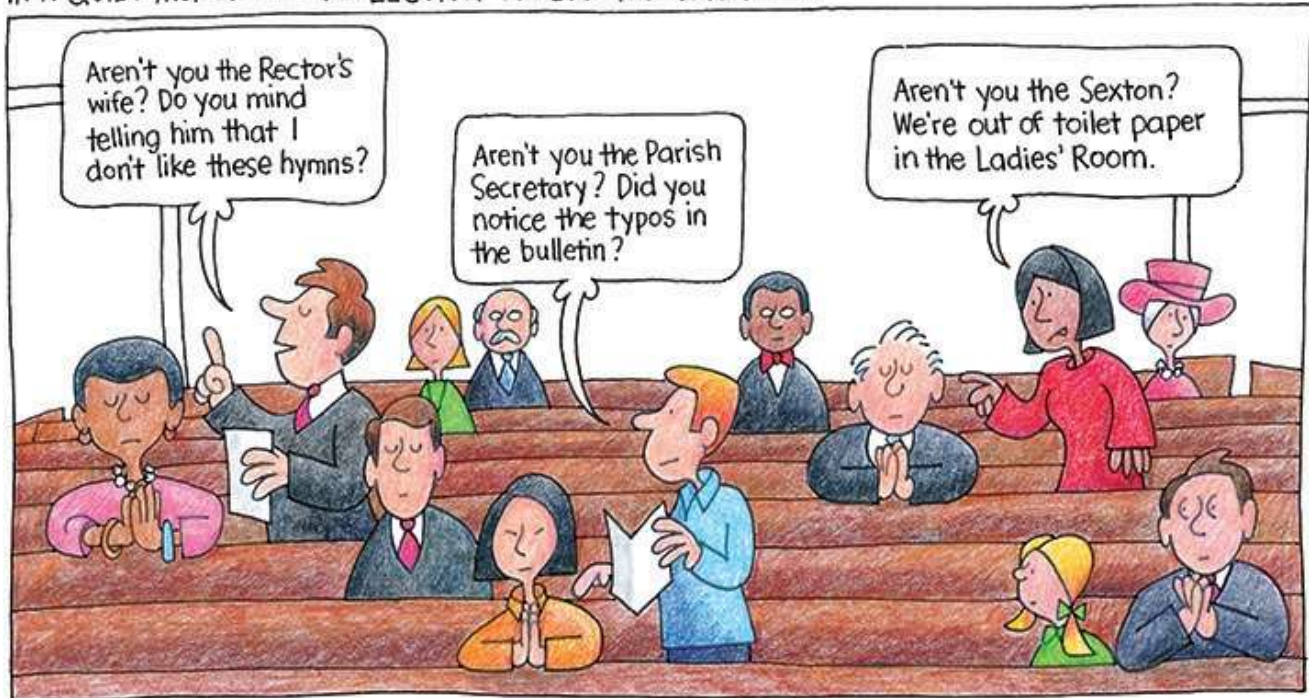
❖ AUGUST 2019 ❖
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Ed McKinley	2  Britt & Hector Elliott	3
4 PENTECOST 9 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	5	6	7  Bruce Smith	8  Emily Iseman Denny  Rick & Laura Lucia	9	10  Steve & Sherry Schrade
11 PENTECOST 10 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am  Kennedy Chandler	12  Mia Moses	13	14	15	16	17
18 PENTECOST 11 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	19  Brenda Warner	20	21 Vestry Mtg - 7pm  Olivia Munson	22  Curtis Rabideau  Bob & Cindy Skala	23	24
25 PENTECOST 12 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am  Theresa Munson	26	27	28	29  Laura Fischer	30	31

❖ SEPTEMBER 2019 ❖
 BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PENTECOST 13 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5  CJ Palluti	6  Len'a Dominy	7  Raul Bastiani, III, Zoe Gravina
8 PENTECOST 14 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	9  Emily Lenehan, Nathalie Lenehan	10  John & Sandra Weiler	11  Jordan Latter	12  Edna Taber	13  Edward & Stephanie McKinley	14
15 PENTECOST 15 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am	16  Joey Dominy, John David Iseman	17  April & Mike Kosier	18 Vestry Mtg - 7pm  Bob & Christine Chandler	19  Doug Fortman	20	21
22 PENTECOST 16 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am  Barbara Featherstonhaugh	23	24	25  Bryan Salisbury	26	27	28  Devin Fortman, Curtis White  Judith & Glen Doell
29 PENTECOST 17 Bible Study - 9am Holy Eucharist - 10am Joyful Journey - 10am Blessing of the Animals	30  Art Crandall, Paul Munson, III					

IN A QUIET MOMENT OF REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE...



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