

**Holy Cross  
Episcopal Church  
Wisconsin Dells**

***October 2017 Newsletter***



My sisters and brothers in Christ,

As I am writing this I can look out the window and see the leaves on the trees beginning to turn. The calendar says that we are in the season of autumn, which has always been my favorite season. I can remember feeling excited, when I was a boy, at the changing colors of the trees, and the approaching opportunity to put on a flannel shirt, have acorn fights in the backyard with my friends and roll in the freshly raked leaf piles.

This is still my favorite season. I still enjoy the fresh, crisp chill of the air and the wonderfully colored trees that are filled with the beauty of God's creation. Autumn is also a sign of the approach of winter and although I still get a thrill at the first snow, I have to admit that I look forward to the approaching spring sooner than I used to.

These feelings and thoughts remind me of a wonderful passage from the scripture:

***“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted....”*** [Eccles. 3:1-2]

This is the third time that I have quoted this passage in a letter to you. The first time was when I began my ministry with you as pastor and priest in charge in the summer of 2015. The second time was when I wrote to you concerning my retirement at the end of this year. I quote it today as a reminder of a profound truth that God's creation is **always** changing and being renewed. Change can be hard for us but we all need to be reminded of this truth. Leaves falling from trees is a change but a change that signals a season of rest which will last through the winter and end in the spring with renewed life and energy that will result in the bursting forth of blooms and blossoms of every color under heaven.

So if you are looking out the physical window of your home or the spiritual window of your life and you are seeing a season of change that you may not be looking forward to, remember that ***“For everything there is a season....”*** Remember too another passage from the scriptures which is written in Isaiah: ***“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!”*** Whatever season we are in, God is there, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

In Christ's Love,

***Al***

Albert W. Majkrzak+  
Pastor and Priest in Charge



# The Kilbourn Book Worms

~ Submitted by Holly Pennington

## October 26, 2017 – The Whole Towns Talking by Fanny Flagg

Elmwood Springs, Missouri, is a small town like any other, but something strange is happening at the cemetery. Still Meadows, as it's called, is anything but still. Original, profound, *The Whole Town's Talking*, a novel in the tradition of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and Flagg's own *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*, tells the story of Lordor Nordstrom, his Swedish mail-order bride, Katrina, and their neighbors and descendants as they live, love, die, and carry on in mysterious and surprising ways.

Lordor Nordstrom created, in his wisdom, not only a lively town and a prosperous legacy for himself but also a beautiful final resting place for his family, friends, and neighbors yet to come. "Resting place" turns out to be a bit of a misnomer, however. Odd things begin to happen, and it starts the whole town talking.

## November 16, 2017 – Open Discussion

## December 7, 2017 – Year end meeting to choose selections for 2017

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### October Birthdays

Jacob Griffin 10/23

### October Anniversaries

10/07 Deacon Ken and Lucille Foster

10/22 Fr. Al and Karen Majkrzak

*Many Blessings and Joys to All!*

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## OCTOBER DONATIONS FOR

COMMUNITY ACTION: Kleenex/Tissues

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## Don't Miss These!!

### Season of Creation

Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 will be for us a Season of Creation, set apart to consider the ways that we are called, as stewards, to be thankful for, and to care for God's creation.

**On Saturday, October 7**, we will have a service of "**Blessing of Animals**" at 10 a.m. and you are invited to bring dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, fish or any other animal that has been entrusted to your care, and if you can't bring the animal, please bring a picture. These creatures are God's and we have a special bond with them and a special responsibility for them so on Saturday we will give thanks and pray for their welfare and the grace to care for them. This is a great time to invite any friends who have animals that they love and care for.

**Then on Sunday, October 8** we will have a special liturgy celebrating the beauty and diversity of God's creation. Our worship will include readings, special prayers, and music, and, weather permitting, will also include a procession to our labyrinth, where we can give thanks for the beauty of our grounds. Creation Sunday is part of a worldwide movement of prayer and action, now called a "Season of Creation", supported and encouraged by Anglicans, Roman Catholics and every denomination belonging to the World Council of Churches. This year Anglican Churches across the world will be marking this year's Season of Creation with services and times of worship that celebrate God's creation and serve as a reminder of humanity's duty to safeguard the earth.

***We hope that you will all be with us and it is a wonderful time to invite a friend, particularly someone that you know who is concerned with environmental care.***

