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4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**The greatest of these**  
8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is

Dear Friends,

Just a quick note before I head off to Edinburgh for two weeks to visit my sainted mother. The Vestry Retreat was excellent and your Vestry is too. We are looking forward to a year of actively seeking to do and to be agents of God's love. What about you? It's almost time for Lenten disciplines/practices/rules of life. Doesn't hurt to think in advance of what spiritual practice to adopt in a month's time.

This Peanuts cartoon that I used in the Parish Annual Report (published without permission) has elicited some comment from several people.



Lucy has a valid point doesn't she? Until you realize that from her perspective everyone else falls into that group she calls "the others." There is no mutuality in Lucy, not even for her friend Charlie Brown.

One of the lines in our collect for mission calls us to "nurture the gifts and companions you give us on our way, to minister and grow together in the knowledge and love of [God]." This is the year for that, to find the others, realize they are us, and then do as Charlie Brown says.

I'll be back one week before Lent begins.

*Your friend in Christ,  
Michael*

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## Calendar

**MARCH 6** Ash Wednesday

**APRIL 10** Combined baby shower for Katie Parsons and Gloria Simon

**APRIL 18** Maundy Thursday Dinner

**APRIL 20** Easter Vigil

**APRIL 21** Easter Sunday

# Senior Warden's Report

I am spending my time being thankful for the many gifts I have been given. Last week we had a very productive Vestry Retreat. We have a solid group of leaders who love our little church very much. For this I am very grateful. As a Vestry we are planning many things for this year: some fun things, some hard work, and some fundraising. We need everyone's help when possible as many hands make light work.

Some of this hard work includes cleaning the church. In an effort to save money, we hope to divide up the tasks and keep St. Paul's clean without having to pay anyone. Every little bit counts, so if we all pitch in it won't be so bad. Look for sign-up sheets (also electronically) in the near future.

Another item of hard work is a memorial garden. There will be more information coming soon, but our goal is to have this planned and ready so that we can get to work in the spring and enjoy it all summer and fall. If you would like to help with this in any way, please talk to a Vestry member.

When we were kids, we learned a song at Bible school that my mother still sings to us when we need to help someone out. The tune is one of those that gets stuck in your head as well, so I will spare you that. The chorus goes like this:

*God loves a cheerful giver, give it all you've got.  
He loves to hear you laughing when you're in an awful spot.  
When the odds are up against you, it's time to stop and sing.  
"Praise God", to praise him is a joyous thing!*

Please contact a Vestry member if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

Peace and blessings to you and yours,

Gretchen

**There will be a Women's Meeting to  
plan Lenten Lunches on February 17  
immediately following the service.**

# Cleo's MEUsings

Well, don't know about you, but I am curled up in a patch of sun which has been pretty rare lately. We have had record cold, lots of snow and more coming and a little January thaw but no sign of spring.

Some news about St Paul's kids! Matt Deetz is back from a trip to South Africa for J-term. Heard it was good for the most part but returned via O'Hara and bad weather. And Sebastian Tippet is spending a whole semester in Cape Town before going on to an internship in Sidney! Aly Tippet has a new job in New York. She is assistant director at a company that contracts sending art instructors to schools. Guess that means she is staying in NYC!

Some news, too, about Marcus and Lucas Clemons. Lucas and his wife Hephzibah spent almost a month in India visiting her friends and relatives over Christmas. Hear they had a wonderful time. Hephzibah was also able to sing at several Christmas programs which Beth was able to watch thru the magic of YouTube. Hear she has a lovely voice! They are now back living in the Boston area. News about Mike and Beth's other son, Marcus, include wedding bells! Marcus met Tian Ying Tang in China when he was there studying eight years ago. Some of you may remember her visiting several years ago. She will be coming back about February 20th when they plan to have a small wedding ceremony soon after. Bigger celebrations will follow here and in China! Our very best wishes to them! Tang plans to apply for a green card and work here.

Haven't heard about too many travelers. Jack and Diane Spitzack were in Phoenix to visit relatives. Jim and Bobbie Otteson were in San Francisco to visit relatives also. Hear Jim was the favorite of one little two year old grandson. Ask Jim about his nickname! Hear a few others trips are in the works. Jackie Warehime was in New Orleans for a week. Jody Boisen spent a long weekend on the North Shore at a friend's cabin. Heard it was a lovely place.

Speaking of Boisons, heard about life saving surgery done by our special vet, Matt Boisen. Julie Conlin's granddaughter, Abby, had a sick puppy. Apparently he ate some item of Abby's clothing that he shouldn't have and needed emergency surgery. Trigger is going to be fine but needs some training on what not to eat. As you know, cats are much more discerning in what we eat!

Kris Warehime starts a new job as an Instructional Designer at Federated this coming week. But don't worry--she is still keeping her freelance business.

Have you been enjoying the choir lately? They sound lovely! See some new "old faces" are singing again and Zachery Deetz has directed a few times. Zachery clearly loves directing, and he also has a wonderful voice.

The new vestry has been elected, had their annual retreat and are ready to go! Watch for fun things ahead!

As always, along with good news, there is sad news. Please keep

Maggie Dixon in your prayers. She had not even recovered from kidney surgery when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She is scheduled to start chemo on Feb 8th. Our prayers and good wishes are with you, Maggie. Carol McKernan also has been under the weather and needs some extra love. Keep Nicki Swanum in your prayers as she undergoes some tests. Keep all our elderly and/or frail ones (and our able bodied ones too!) in your prayers as they are outand about on our snowy icy roads and sidewalks! Mary Levine is still recovering from a concussion she got just walking across an icy street to the mailbox before Christmas.

Stay warm and safe everyone; go south if you can; or stay inside in your jammies (the choice of my mistress!) if you want. More news in a month when daffodils are on the way!



## Vestry 2019

**The following members were elected to the vestry at the annual meeting in January:**

**Jody Boisen, 3-year term**  
**Judy Erck, 3-year term**  
**Andy Simon, 3-year term**  
**Mark Krug, 1-year term as Junior Warden.**

**The first vestry meeting of 2019 will be February 21.**

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Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.  
7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are no love, there are no prophecies;  
where there are no prophecies, there will be ceased; where there are no prophecies,  
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The greatest of these is Love

# 5 Reasons Why People Should Recycle

## 1. Recycling saves energy.

Recycling saves energy because the manufacturer doesn't have to produce something new from raw natural resources. By using recycled materials we save on energy consumption, which keeps production costs down.

## 2. Recycling reduces landfills.

Recycling reduces the need for more landfills. No one wants to live next to a landfill.

## 3. Recycling preserves our resources and protects wildlife.

By recycling, we reduce the need to destroy habitats for animals. Paper recycling alone saves millions of trees.

## 4. Recycling is good for the economy.

Recycling and purchasing recycled products creates a greater demand for more recycled goods. Goods made from recycled materials use less water, creates less pollution and uses less energy.

## 5. Recycling helps our climate problems.

Recycling produces considerably less carbon, which reduces the amount of unhealthy greenhouse gas emissions.

Hello everyone!

I am writing to tell you great news! This coming summer I will be the assistant chaplain for a week at the Episcopal Youth Quest Camp, a week-long camp for youth entering grades 6-12. No, I won't be doing the high/low ropes. However, I will be attending to relationships within the camping crew.

The work of a chaplain differs somewhat from that of a priest. A priest cares for the spiritual needs of a congregation while a chaplain cares for the needs of the secular world as well.

After nearly two decades working as a community pharmacy technician and substitute teacher, five years ago I started praying, pondering, and discerning where God was calling me to spend the next portion of my working career. The word chaplain kept coming to mind. There are chaplains and ministers in my family, so the profession is one with which I am familiar.

Currently I am in the process of visiting and applying to seminaries to pursue a Master of Divinity degree which is required to become a Board Certified Chaplain.

Laurice Anderson

# Lay Schedule

| Date   | Lay Reader | Lector | Chalice | Ushers             | Counter |
|--------|------------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Feb 17 | Mark       | Francy | Diane   | Steve and Sheryl   | Francy  |
| Feb 24 | Kristin    | Steve  | Francy  | Julie and Gayle    | Kristin |
| Mar 3  | Scott      | Matt   | Janet   | Gretchen and Marty | Julie   |
| Mar 10 | Nikki      | Mary   | Diane   | Terri and Mike W   | Mark    |
| Mar 17 | Jackie     | Francy | Francy  | Steve and Sheryl   | Francy  |
| Mar 24 | Mark       | Steve  | Janet   | Julie and Gayle    | Mark    |
| Mar 31 | Kristin    | Matt   | Diane   | Gretchen and Marty | Kristin |
| Apr 7  | Scott      | Mary   | Francy  | Steve and Sheryl   | Julie   |



If you make a schedule change,  
please leave a message on the church phone.

**February**

Myrtle Brittain  
Lisa Boutelle  
Judy Erck  
Sharol Tamburro  
Bobbi Otteson  
Sue Mahlman  
Joanne Peterson  
Jody Boisen

**March**

Gail Plathe  
Deb Carlson  
Janet Dixon  
Nan Gjerdahl  
Carol Peterson  
Jodie Ruehling  
Kristin Warehime  
Julianna Skluzacek

**February**

Joanne Peterson  
Janet Dixon  
Steve Judd

**March**

Deb Carlson  
Sharol Tamburro  
Betty Kristo

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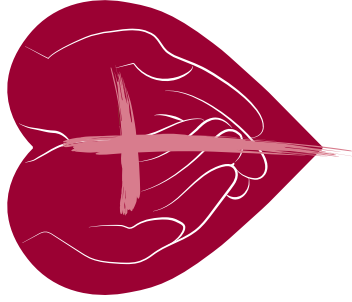
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