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Dear Family & Friends of St. Francis ECC,

Here are some of the high points of what everyone is talking about around the church for this week:

- This Friday, September 23rd we will have our next night of Bingo and it is going to be a White Elephant Bingo. Please bring something from your home that you would like to give away, in good condition of course. The gift needs to be wrapped or in a bag. No monetary amount on the gift, just something that can be re-gifted. If you do not want to bring a gift, we will graciously accept your \$5 donation for bingo. We will have our celebrity bingo caller, John Warner, calling for us again. If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Velez.
- We will have our next monthly Healing Mass on Wednesday September 28th at 7:00PM.
- Check out the calendar on our website for further events. Remember it helps St. Francis each and every time you log onto our church website.
- Bill Schwartz has started the “Begin The Journey” Podcast and he has started recording interviews with some of our parishioners. For the benefit of those parishioners that are not in the area or those who may be “recording shy”, they can do the recordings on Skype. If you prefer to do it on Skype, just e-mail Bill and he will set up a day and time for your recording. The interview should be about 5 minutes or less in length. The 3 questions that will be asked are:
 - 1) Please tell us a little bit about your Religious Background.
 - 2) How did you hear about St. Francis?
 - 3) What keeps you coming back to and attending St. Francis?Now you are allowed to have a prepared answer at the interview. The only rule is you cannot “Bash” someone or something else. If you should have any questions about this, Please see Bill Schwartz.
- On Sunday September 25th we will have a bag stuffing party after Mass and fellowship. This is for the “Goodie bags” which will be given away at the pet blessing. Please stay around for a little bit to help out if you can, it shouldn’t take too long if we get enough people. Please see Barb Fichter or Frank Matzell for more information.
- On Saturday October 1st, we will celebrate the St. Francis Feast Day with the “Blessing of the Animals” here at church from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Please bring you pets to the church to have them blessed by our very own, Fr. Victor Ray.
- We will be sponsoring VIP Pet Rescue this year in honor of St. Francis Day. A wish list is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall for items which can be donated. We will be collecting donations through Sunday October 2nd. You can place your items in the box in the church lobby. Thank you.
- As another part of our St. Francis Day celebration this year, we will have an Italian Potluck luncheon in the social hall immediately after Mass on Sunday October 2nd. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board for anything which you would like to bring. Thank you.
- We will be accepting nominations for our 2017 Church Council from October 3rd through October 30th. Please prayerfully consider this important opportunity to help serve our parish of St. Francis ECC. If you should have any questions, please see any council member for more information. Thank you.

That is all for this week’s council letter. Please let us know if you should have any questions or concerns or comments. Please feel free to e-mail us or contact any member of the church council. Thank you and as always, we look forward to seeing you in church!!!

In God's Peace, Your Church Council,
Leo, Barbara, Jon, Larry & Jim