

Pass the word.

## PET BLESSING

Sunday, October 4  
3:00-4:00 pm



Haven Lutheran Church  
1035 Haven Road  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

All safe pets welcome for an individual blessing.  
Refreshments and door prize.  
Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and  
God's creatures, great and small.

Questions? Call Pastor Alessandri 301-733-5056

Each day our pets bless us with unconditional love and joy. Every year on a Sunday close to October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, many people of faith around the world host events where animals are blessed. This year Haven Lutheran Church will sponsor a blessing of pets on Sunday, October 4, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Why a pet blessing? It's an opportunity to celebrate God's compassion and concern for all creatures...It's an occasion to meet neighbors and enjoy easy conversation about a common interest – pets we love.

A tent will be set up on the church lawn so it can be seen from Pennsylvania Avenue. We'll ask folks to sign the register on behalf of their pet. Each pet will be individually blessed. There will be treats and water bowls for the animals. Even a door prize!

Any pet that is safe to bring is welcome. Please get the word around and invite friends and neighbors to bring their pets along. Any questions, please call Pastor Linda Alessandri (301-733-5056).

\*St. Francis of Assisi lived a life of simplicity, charity and humility in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. He is remembered as a champion of justice and lover of animals.