



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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St. Paul's
Episcopal Church



Mobile Food Pantry The Big Day is Here!

This is it! This Saturday is the big day for our first Mobile Food Pantry. Volunteers must be here no later than 9am in order to park as directed. This is essential so we can use every inch of our parking lot for the truck and guests. All volunteers will be given a lanyard identifying them. Those who will be directing traffic will be issued safety vests. As soon as the event is over, which should be about 11:30am, volunteers are asked to meet in the parish hall for refreshments and to debrief. Thanks, everyone, for your enthusiasm and support.

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Thoughts from Lori

The place has been full of energy lately! The run-up and planning for this Saturday's Mobile Food Pantry has generated meetings, conversations, emails, phone calls, and excitement! Okay, and a little anxiety, too. So now the date is upon us and I have every confidence that it will be an experience of ministry that will move us and shape us in the months, and possibly the years, to come.

On this past Saturday, we had a very successful clean-up day. (Anytime we fill up a dumpster it's a successful clean-up day!) The debris from the remodeling on the chapel and the Seaton Room was removed; the old playground equipment was taken down; and a real dent was made in The Upper Room. By way of explanation: the playground equipment was very old and in bad condition. It was potentially dangerous and presented an "attractive nuisance." We're hoping to replace - and maybe relocate it - in the future. As for The Upper Room: the attic was emptied (TBTG!) and the kitchen cleaned out. Part of the room is now piled up with things to sell or donate and another part is stacked up with more stuff to put in the dumpster (as soon as there's room). Even the area around the church sign out front was much improved! Altogether, it was a very productive day, and everyone who pitched in gets extra jewels in their heavenly crowns.

Then Sunday - Pentecost, Baptism, and Memorial Day weekend - well, what a great day! We had 72 people here and most of them wearing red, which looked amazing, especially with the new red paraments and vestments that were purchased with donations given in memory of our dear George Boehlke. There was no question that the Holy Spirit was present.

Speaking of which, that Spirit is the power that fills and empowers us to do all these things; in fact, to live faithfully. Thanks be to God that we here at St. Paul's are indeed filled with the Spirit!

Faithfully,

Lori

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

About two years ago, your leadership determined that our vision statement - that which describes how we see ourselves as a parish - would be this:

**SEEKING God in Christ.
SERVING other for the sake of Christ.
GROWING in God's image along the way.**

After a year of discernment about our mission and ministry - and growing clarity that our ministry at this time is about food and hunger - we have identified a mission statement. The purpose of a mission statement is to serve as a plumb line whenever we are considering an activity or program. Here is our new mission statement:

The mission of St. Paul's Church is to feed the hungry in mind, body, and spirit.

May God give us the wisdom, hope, and courage to do what we are being called to do!



This past Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, we baptized Winter Sinclair Nardi, son of Betsy and Steven. Welcome to the newest member of Christ's Body!



St. Paul's is blessed to have a new set of red paraments and vestments thanks to the generous donations given in memory of George Boehlke. In his own hand, George had specified that any such donations be given to the Altar Guild, whose ministry was near and dear to his heart. They arrived just in time for Pentecost! George's daughters were present for the occasion and to see them blessed: (left to right) Carol Holland, Diana Longley, and Terri Zawanda.



Altar Flowers

Please contribute to the beauty of our worship by dedicating the altar flowers. The suggested donation is \$35, and your dedication may be "in memorial for..." or "in thanksgiving for..." There is a calendar of Sundays on the bulletin board in the narthex where you can sign up. Your dedication will be listed in the Sunday service bulletin on the appropriate date. Thank you so much for adding to our worship in this way.



Mobile Food Pantry Truck

Saturday, May 30, 10-Noon

Women's Wednesday - June 3, 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, June 6, 8:00 am

Vestry- Wednesday, June 17, 7:15 pm

Women's Wednesday - July 1, 7:00 pm

Office closed - Friday, July 3

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, July 6, 8:00 am

Office closed- July 13 through July 17th

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, August 1, 8:00 am

Women's Wednesday - August 5, 7:00 pm

Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm

Vestry - Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 pm

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, May 31st

(Trinity Sunday - Year B)

by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8. This passage describes vividly Isaiah's encounter with the Lord's appearance and call for him to serve as a prophet. The familiar 'sanctus' in our Eucharist is taken from this passage: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The Psalm: Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13. The Psalm calls for us to ascribe to the Lord, "Glory and Strength." Canticle 2 (page 49 in the Prayer Book) is taken from the Apocrypha, "The Song of the Three Young Men," with seven blessings to God. Canticle 13 is similar but instead of "Blessed," it uses the phrase "Glory to You."

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-17. Paul affirms that everyone who is led by the Holy Spirit is an intimate part of God's family ("Children of God") being adopted by Jesus the Christ.

The Gospel: John 3:1-17. Here we have the encounter of Jesus with the intelligent Nicodemus who wants a rational explanation of the Holy Spirit.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 362. "Holy, Holy, Holy." This hymn was written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826) an Anglican priest who became the bishop of Calcutta in 1823 and was given the pastoral care of all of India. His image is among those carved into the reredos of our cathedral in Washington D.C. The tune, "Nicaea," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), whose genius at composition is that not a note of it has been altered since it was composed.

Sequence Hymn: Instead of a traditional hymn, we will sing a Celtic Alleluia before the Gospel.

Presentation Hymn: No. 365. "Come Thou Almighty King." Students of hymnody have searched far and wide for the true author of this hymn. Some feel it has the composition style of Charles Wesley's music. The 1982 hymnal simply calls it "Anonymous" (ca. 1757). The first three verses present each person of the Trinity and the final verse begins, "To thee, great one in three."

Communion Hymn: No. 707. "Take My Life and Let It Be." What better hymn to sing upon sharing God's Holy Sacrament than one of complete and total surrender? This hymn was written by a woman, Frances Ridley Havergal, who was the daughter of an Anglican priest who also wrote many hymns. She wrote her first hymn at the age of seven and suffered from extremely frail health most of her life. She is the author of four hymns in our hymnal and composed the music for "On Our Way Rejoicing" in the 1940 hymnal. The tune is one of over two dozen composed by the Anglican priest-musician, the Rev. John Bacchus Dykes. It's gently flowing melody reflects the offering towards God of our whole person: "Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee."

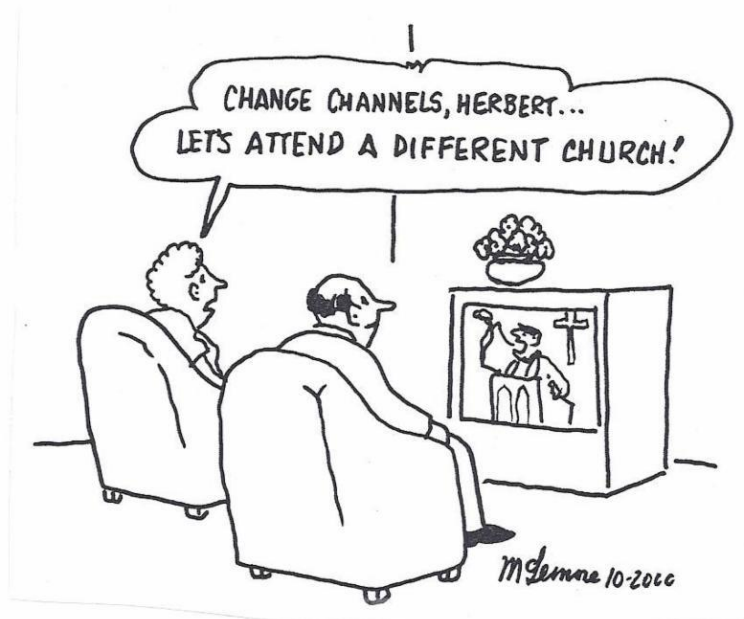
Recessional Hymn: No. 371, "Thou Whose Almighty Word." According to his son, this hymn based on Genesis 1:3, was written by John Marriott around 1813. It was not published during his lifetime, but was quoted six weeks after his death in a speech given to the London Missionary Society. The tune "Moscow" was composed by Felice de Giardini in the 18th century. God's healing is

mentioned in the second verse of this hymn, "Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, heal to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light."

May 31st Servants

Usher: Bill Lang
Lector: Jim Lukas
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: Bev Jannotta

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore
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100 Ways to Save the Environment
Reason 15

*Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees in winter
and 78 degrees in summer.*

