



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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St. Paul's
Episcopal Church



SURVEY *To Women of the Parish*

The women of the parish will be receiving a short survey in the mail. It's asking some questions about Women's Wednesday; what works and what doesn't. Please return your survey by mail (envelope provided but postage must be added) or bring it with you to church and put it in the basket provided. For your convenience, copies will also be available in the narthex. Thanks for taking a couple of minutes to give us your feedback.



Thoughts from Lori

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It's truly summer... finally! Every year, I expect things to slow down, and every year, they don't. Not that there's a crisis or anything like that; just a lot going on in the life of the church - both St. Paul's and the larger church. In fact, in the world.

- Bill will be here with you Sunday morning and I'll be at Holy Communion in Lake Geneva for our pulpit swap.
- The next weekend is the Fourth of July holiday weekend, and then we really are in the middle of summer!
- We are planning a food drive in the month of July (more on that next week) and working to set up a date for the next Mobile Food Pantry.
- General Convention kicks off today in Salt Lake City. Here are a couple of websites you can check out (and follow the links to items of interest:
 - <http://www.generalconvention.org>
 - <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/general-convention-executive-council>
 - You might also like to subscribe (free) to Episcopal News Service.

Remember that the House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop this Saturday, June 27th.

All this, plus we are still reeling in the aftermath of the tragedy on Charleston. All this, and we are hearing more and more reports of the dire consequences of climate change. All this, and sometimes it's hard to keep some semblance of balance, some hopefulness. Beginning the second weekend in July (Sunday the 12th) we'll dedicate Coffee & Conversation to the subject of climate change and the environment; then in August, to racism. (I hope to have a guest speaker in August to help us get started on that topic.)

Meanwhile, make the best of the nice days of summer, and on a rainy day, read. It's a sacred activity - no matter what you read!

Faithfully,

Lori

*An Invitation from St. Mary's
in Crystal Lake*

Lawn Chair Theologians

Sharing Each Other's Faith Journeys & Their Snacks

7:00 pm

July 21st & August 18th

What to Bring ...

- Your Questions
- An Open Mind
- An Ability to Listen to Others
- Your Lawn Chair
- Your Favorite Beverage
- A Snack to Share
- Friends

How it Works ...

Write your questions or a topic on a slip of paper
Place your questions in the hat
A question will be pulled at random
Spend the next hour socializing and discussing topic
There are no "right" answers

Where We'll Be ...

On the Lawn at
Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
210 S. McHenry Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL

If it is raining we'll be in the Great Hall.



Office closed - Friday, July 3

Office closed- July 13 through July 17

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

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm

Vestry - Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 pm

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, June 28th
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 8 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24, reminds us that God doesn't rejoice at people dying, but people living. Lamentations 3:21-22, says that the Lord can cause grief which the Lord answers with compassion.

The Psalm: The 30th Psalm is about exalting the Lord who offers many kinds of redemption.

The Epistle: II Corinthians 8:7-15. The apostle calls for people to express the same genuine love for others that they receive from God through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 5:21-43. Here we have the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jarius and a woman suffering from a hemorrhage.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 518. "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation." This hymn is ancient in Christian hymnody probably dating back to the 6th or 7th century A.D. The image of a heavenly Jerusalem is a favorite medieval theme for hymns and this particular version has many lost and left out verses of the Latin original. The current translation is by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). The tune "Westminster Abbey," was composed by Henry Purcell (1659-1695).

Sequence 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."

Presentation Hymn: No. 493. "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), May 21, 1739, upon the first anniversary of his spiritual conversion. Wesley was ordained an Anglican priest in 1735 and came with General Oglethorpe to Georgia as his private secretary and chaplain. Because of the adverse reaction to his new environment, he returned to England. Even though tagged a "Methodist" for his support of a highly organized ministry, he refused to leave the Anglican church. He wrote over 6,500 hymns and 500 are still in common use. The fourth verse reveals the depth of his very personal conversion experience: "He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the death receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe." The tune, 'Azman,' was composed by Carl Gotthilf Glaser (1784-1829).

Communion Hymn: No. 711. "Seek Ye First" This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

Recessional Hymn: No. 411, "O Bless the Lord My Soul." This hymn was written by James Montgomery and is based upon Psalm 103. The text has been in our hymnals since 1826 without any alterations over the years. The tune "St. Thomas" was composed by Aaron Williams and is used in its abbreviated form for this hymn. The words call forth our faith in the deepest sense, "O bless the Lord my soul."

June 28th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang
Lector: Michelle Wiejaczka
Intercessor: Barb Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore
1965 - 2014



100 Ways to Save the Environment
Number 91

*Use reusable plates and utensils
instead of disposable ones.*