



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Women's Wednesday is tonight!

Come tonight at 7pm and let's discuss the future of this group and its purpose.



Men's Breakfast this Saturday

June 6th

8:00 a.m. at Kim & Patty's

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Mobile Food Pantry at St. Paul's!

Saturday, May 30th

Despite the rain, cold and wind, St Paul's Church hosted its first Mobile Food Pantry. The day was a complete success thanks to your commitment to the project. All contributed and made it possible. We have changed our focus from trying to fill pews to trying to touch as many lives as possible. Saturday's event highlighted the wisdom of this new approach. Many lives were touched in providing food to those in need. More so, however, our lives were touched and enriched. It was a joy-filled day. Together we experienced the vast difference between going to church and *being the church*. In so being, we were fed. Saturday was only the beginning...

Deb Lang





Thoughts from Lori

I just want to echo what Deb has said about our first Mobile Food Pantry event, and that is: THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the \$1200, and thanks to everyone who volunteered to help before, during, and after. It was, as I said in my sermon* on Sunday, a great day! We were all fed.

I have written a thank you letter to the mayor, Sue Low, expressing our gratitude for the support offered by the city. The use of the parking lot at the public works building on the corner was invaluable. I've also expressed our thanks to Panera Bread Company for their generous donation of bagels, and I assured them that we would give them our patronage. So stop in and give them your business.

Saturday was also an occasion for the three McHenry County Episcopal churches to come together in mission and ministry. Not only did all three churches contribute to the cost, but volunteers from all three were on site to pitch in. God willing, this cooperation and unified presence in our community will become our common practice.

One of the most important side effects of this project was and is the energy it has generated in us. It's been palpable at every planning meeting, on Saturday morning, and even now. Such energy is evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in this place. Thanks be to God for that and for you all!

Faithfully,

Lori

[*Lori's sermon, Trinity Sunday](#)

Many thanks to
Marilyn Reihansperger
for beautifying the church
with flowers in the planters!



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!



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.



Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 pm
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
Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm
Vestry - Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 pm

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, June 7th
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 5 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Track 1: I Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15) 16-20, (11:14-15) Samuel gives instructions for the king of Israel. Psalm 138: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart."

Track 2: Genesis 3:8-15. This tells the story of Eve tempting Adam and God's disappointment at their behavior. Psalm 130: "Out of the depths I have called to you, O Lord."

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. 569. "God the Omnipotent." This hymn is actually two hymns written by two different people, Henry Chorley and John Ellerton and joined together by the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) for the Anglican Hymnal of 1871. I love the tune because of its stately movement which isn't surprising because it is the imperial national anthem of Russia-written by Alexis Lvov at the command of Czar Nicholas I in 1933. The tune has been used in many settings, most notably the conclusion of Tschaikowsky's "1812 Overture."

Sequence Hymn: No. 628. "Help Us, O Lord, to Learn the Truths." This hymn was written by William Watkins Reid, Jr. (1923-2009), who earned degrees from Oberlin in 1945 and 1947, and then obtained a degree from Yale Divinity School. He served the Methodist Church not only in local parishes but also through his involvement in annual conferences and membership on various commissions and boards of that denomination. The hymn extols the benefits of studying Holy Scriptures and therefore is in this section of our hymnal. The tune, "St. Ethelwald," was composed by William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Presentation Hymn: No. 209. "We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight." This hymn was written by The Most Rev. Henry Alford (1810-1871), Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. Three of his hymns were printed in the 1940 hymnal and this hymn is new to our 1982 version. Roughly based on the appearance of Jesus to Thomas it pleads for faith beyond what we can see or touch. The tune, "St. Botolph," was composed by Gordon Slater (1896-1979).

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. 594. "God of Grace and God of Glory." Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this hymn in 1930 for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City. It was first sung at the opening service, October 5, 1930, and at the dedication on February 8, 1931. The tune, 'Cum Rhondda' was composed by John Hughes. The hymn is a great one to close our worship by asking God to "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage."

June 7th Servants

Ushers: Terry and Don Jaworski

Lector: Rick Carlstedt

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer

Vestry Person of the Day: Rick Carlstedt

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



100 Ways to Save the Environment
Number 54

*Use a ceramic coffee mug instead
of a disposable cup.*